

Consider approval of the report on purchasing cooperatives

1. Background:

§44.0331 of the Texas Education Code (TEC) requires school districts to provide a written report, annually in an open meeting, to the Board of Trustees which includes memberships, the purpose, and disposition of any fee for purchasing contracts valued at \$50,000 or more under Section 44.031(a) (5), under Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, or under any other cooperative purchasing program authorized for school districts.

2. Process:

§44.031(a)(4) of TEC allows school districts to purchase through interlocal cooperative programs.

3. Fiscal Impact:

The table below illustrates Southwest ISD's membership in twenty-one cooperatives as of May 1, 2025, the direct cost to Southwest ISD for cooperative membership, and the purpose of the cooperative memberships for the 2025-2026 school.

Name of Cooperative	Cost of Cooperative Participation to Southwest ISD	Purpose
US Communities/OMNIA Partners	\$0.00	Retail, Office supplies, grocery
2013 Purchasing Cooperative/Texas 20/ Region 20	\$0.00	Food items, Warehouse supplies (Paper, Other Misc. Items)
TXMAS/ Texas SmartBuy/ Texas Comptroller	\$100.00	Vehicles, Technology
The Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)	\$0.00	Office supplies, General classroom supplies, Furniture, Grocery
BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative/TASB Services	\$0.00	Vehicle parts, Furniture, Warehouse supplies, and Instructional supplies
The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)	\$0.00	Office supplies, General classroom supplies, Vehicle parts, Toner/Ink Cartridges
Region 2 GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative	\$0.00	Construction services

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)	\$0.00	Technology, Cameras, Instructional supplies
HGACBuy	\$0.00	Vehicles
Choice Partners /Harris County Department of Education	\$0.00	Lab and Art materials, Technology supplies
Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)	\$0.00	Computers, Calculators, Copiers, Print presses, Technology equipment, Technology supplies
Allied States Cooperative/ Region 19	\$0.00	Technology, Contracted Services
Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative /Region 5	\$0.00	Commercial Printers and Print Presses
Texas Procurement and Support Services	\$0.00	Various
Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative	\$0.00	Online Curriculum, Curriculum Management Systems
Texas Correctional Industries (TCI)	\$0.00	Various
Texas Institute for the Blind and Handicapped (TIBH)	\$0.00	Various
Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA)	\$150.00	Fence repair, Electrical supplies, Medicaid billing, Retail
1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA)	\$0.00	Contracted services
Sourcwell Purchasing Cooperative	\$0.00	Telecommunication services, Uniform and mop rental
We Go Public Purchasing Cooperative	\$0.00	Cybersecurity, Employee benefits

4. Recommendation:

That the board approve the Purchasing Cooperatives report as presented.

5. Required:

Board action.