

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 (21) purchasing cooperatives as of May 1, 2026, the direct cost to Southwest ISD for cooperative membership, and the purpose of the cooperative memberships for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name of Cooperative	Cost of cooperative participation by 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, office supplies, 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/retail
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, Medicaid billing
HGACBuy	\$0.00	Vehicles
Choice Partners/Harris County Department of Education	\$0.00	Lab and art materials, technology supplies, construction
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, retail
1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA)	\$0.00	Contracted services
Sourcewell 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 approves the purchasing cooperatives report as presented.

5. Required:

Board action.