

Metropolitan Educational Council

With school districts struggling to do more with less, it's essential to receive maximum value for every dollar spent.

The MEC Purchasing Cooperative provides schools a way to pool their collective purchasing power -- saving money and improving efficiency.

Affiliations

MEC's partnerships with organizations like the Ohio Council of Educational Purchasing Consortia (OCEPC) and the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) helps bring national purchasing power to MEC members, allowing them to take advantage of deep discounts offered through these affiliated organizations.



Purchasing Cooperative



Lower costs
Utility budget management
Higher satisfaction
Money back in your pocket

These are just a few of the benefits you receive as a member of the MEC Purchasing Cooperative

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Saving Schools Dollars

The MEC Purchasing Cooperative is an autonomous, self-help organization controlled by its members. Our goal is to provide an online marketplace of quality goods and services for schools at substantially lower prices.

By effectively using up-to-date technology and achieving economies of scale, we analyze costs, negotiate with vendors, and make recommendations for products and services that have been submitted for competitive bidding.

With the participation of more than 180 districts and related organizations across Ohio, the MEC Purchasing Cooperative leverages collective buying power in an ever-growing list of goods and services areas.

Finding cost-effective solutions

The MEC Purchasing Cooperative is guided by a Purchasing Committee that studies and evaluates proposals set forth by the MEC Governing Board and/or Executive Director.

The members of the Purchasing Committee and its sub-committees work to bring the best prices, quality, and service to our member schools. Their knowledge and expertise is key in saving districts time and money.



MEC Products and Services

- Air Filters
- Administration Software
- Athletic Surfacing
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Cafeteria Supplies
- Carpeting
- Copy Machines
- Custodial Supplies
- Educational Classroom Supplies
- Electrical
- E-Surplus
- Fire and Security Monitoring
- Food, Bakery and Dairy Products
- Furniture
- Lesson Plans
- Library Books and Supplies
- Medical Supplies
- Modular/Portable Buildings
- Musical Instruments/Supplies
- Office Supplies
- Paint Supplies
- Paper
- Petroleum Products
- Physical Education Supplies
- Roofing
- School Buses and Vehicles
- Science Supplies
- Sporting Goods
- Technology Supplies

Self-Help Programs

MEC helps members realize significant savings through programs such as self-help natural gas, utility audits, electricity deregulation and insurance programs.

Membership

Established in 1972, the MEC Purchasing Cooperative has grown to include hundreds of member schools, libraries and related agencies. As a cooperative, we are owned by the people we serve -- our members.

To learn more about the MEC Purchasing Cooperative and how you could benefit as a member, visit our website at www.mecdc.org, or contact us at 614.473.8300.

Vendor Information

Becoming an MEC Vendor gives your company access to bid opportunities on MEC products and services.



To become an MEC Vendor, visit the MEC website at www.mecdc.org and complete the online registration form.



MEC Purchasing Committee

