

Frequently Asked Questions

- *What is AEPA/Cooperative Purchasing?*
 - *AEPA stands for the [Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies](#). AEPA is a national organization that conducts bidding processes for many of the products used by schools and other agencies. EducationPlus contracts with vendors who have been awarded bids through the AEPA bidding process, and through local bidding processes. Schools save money because vendors realize the quantity of products purchased by a large group of schools (cooperative purchasing) and reflect that in their competitive pricing. Additionally, districts do not have to bid products purchased through EducationPlus, which is a savings of time and money.*
- *What are the advantages?*
 - *All products available through EducationPlus have been bid either nationally or locally. This gives schools the peace of mind of knowing they are following state statutes regarding the bidding process related to purchasing, and that they are getting high quality products at competitive prices. Districts also save time and money in letting EducationPlus handle the bidding process! Also, EducationPlus facilitates the ordering of products, and handles any issue that may arise with the vendor, such as damaged products or other returns.*
- *What are the requirements for becoming a member of EducationPlus?*
 - *Any school or school district can become an EducationPlus member. Membership would be either full or affiliate, depending on the type of school.*
- *Do you have to be a member to purchase from EducationPlus?*
 - *No, you do not have to be a member to shop our site.*
- *I am a vendor. How do I become eligible to sell through EducationPlus?*
 - *Click on “Becoming an EducationPlus Vendor” in the right navigation bar of the Cooperative Purchasing home page. Or, simply [click here](#).*
- *Is freight included in the cost for products that is listed online?*
 - *Freight is included in the cost unless otherwise specified by the vendors.*
- *Who is eligible to purchase through EducationPlus?*
 - *Pre-K to 12 Education (EducationPlus member or non-member), Public and Private Colleges, Universities, Public Entities, City, County, and State Government along with Non-Profits.*