

## PURCHASING COOPERATIVES

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Purchasing cooperatives help reduce costs for individual members by using their larger buying power to negotiate lower prices. Shamong Township School District has participated in purchasing cooperatives since the 1990's. By the start of the 2003-2004 school year, the district was an active member in many such ventures, saving money on expenses from electricity and gasoline to janitorial supplies and copy paper. Below is a listing of the co-ops the district has joined and the goods and services they currently offer.

- **The Educational Business Services Commission of New Jersey** – services and trades
- **TCPN Cooperative Purchasing Network**
- **PARK Technology Services** – technology
- **Township of Shamong** – snow removal, interior floor cleaning
- **NJEC New Jersey Energy Cooperative** - utilities
- **BCIPJIF – Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund** – insurance
- **Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission** – general office supplies, physical education supplies, custodial supplies, health supplies, art/craft supplies, science supplies, interactive whiteboards, office furniture
- **Educational Services unit of Burlington County** – O.T., P.T., speech, psychologist, social worker, transportation
- **Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)** – long distance and regional toll services