

# Streamline Back-to-School Purchasing with Group Purchasing

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Having innovative education products for your learning spaces is key to the day-to-day success of students and teachers. Whether you're a procurement leader in K-12 schools or higher education institutions, it's imperative to have a purchasing plan that provides your schools with immediate access to top of the line supplies for each of your classroom or campus' unique needs.



As your procurement team searches for solutions that can be tailored to help students reach their full potential, there's a strategy to speed up and streamline your purchasing process. By partnering with a [group purchasing organization \(GPO\)](#), you can provide your school or university with a diverse set of educational products and services quickly while staying within your budget.

All our back-to-school contracts are easy to access in one place for a seamless experience as you prep for next school year. The pre-negotiated and competitive contracts allow you to bypass the lengthy RFP and free up time for other priorities.

**Let's dig into how your procurement team can take advantage of opportunities within group purchasing to help your students excel this school year.**

## Procurement's Secret Weapon

Group purchasing can transform your procurement strategy in ways you, as an individual purchaser, cannot achieve on your own. By combining the spend of schools, universities and other public entities across Canada, a GPO receives a lower cost for goods and services for the most important items in education, IT, facilities, office & school supplies and more. Your schools can benefit from the robust buying

power and purchase from group purchasing contracts that have already [met national and regional trade agreement requirements](#).

## Immediate Access to Education Solutions

The [group purchasing contracts](#) provide the following back-to-school products and services for schools and higher education:

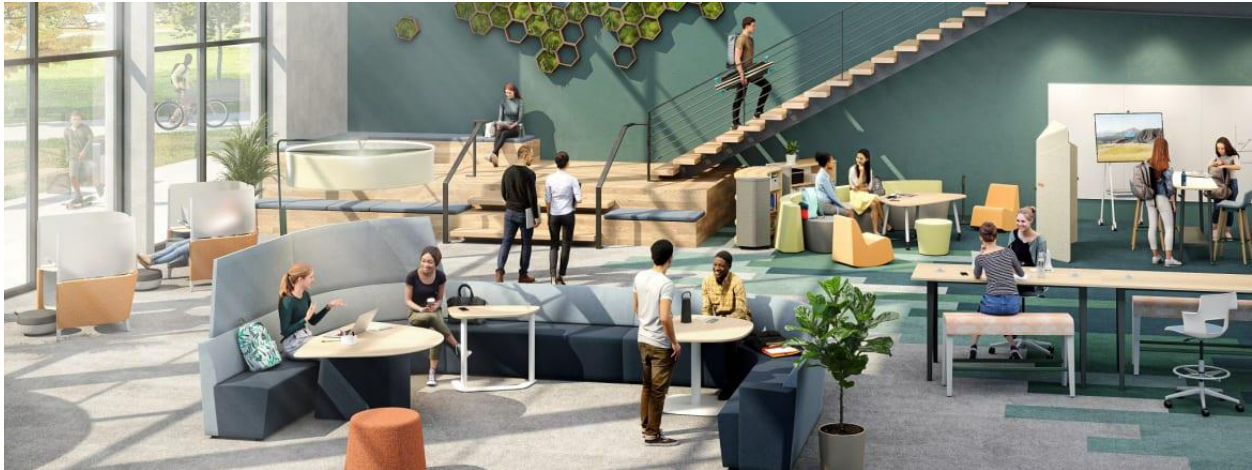
<b>Education</b>	School supplies, office products, paper, furniture, and managed print services
<b>Facilities</b>	Maintenance (MRO), HVAC, grounds maintenance, building supplies, energy & power, EV charging stations, roofing, & janitorial supplies
<b>Information Technology</b>	Hardware, software, cyber security, data storage and management, facilities technology, audio visual, cloud solutions, telecommunications
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	Grounds maintenance, sports surfaces, playground equipment

## Trending in Back-to-School Purchasing

What are the latest solutions that purchasers are gravitating toward for the upcoming school year? Let's take a look at some of the trending themes as you prepare for classes to resume.

Considering ergonomic furniture continues to be part of the process in helping students find a position where they work and learn best. This type of furniture is designed to flex and move with ease.

Kinetic GPO supplier [Steelcase](#) is passionate about helping to create the conditions for lifelong learning. Their insight-led solutions and settings inspire people to become engaged, active learners within and beyond the classroom.



Not only are flexible and responsive furniture items changing the way that students are learning, but ergonomics items are helping propel students forward. Kinetic GPO supplier [ESI](#) provides ergonomic accessories that keeps students active, healthy, focused, productive, and engaged, throughout the day. They provide monitor arms, crank and electric height adjustable tables, keyboard combinations, power solutions, sit-to-stand solutions, wall mounted and mobile workstations, laptop solutions, and task lighting.



Kinetic GPO supplier [Wintergreen Learning Materials](#) has been sourcing and supplying school supplies and related products to Canadian education customers for over 40 years. They have a vast selection of over 15,000 early learning and school supplies.

For the last two years, your procurement team has collaborated with your facilities managers for an increased awareness surrounding the health and safety of your

students and staff. Through group purchasing, schools and higher education institutions can ensure compliant and well-equipped buildings to reduce health and safety risks. The suppliers mentioned above are just a few of our partners working to bring you the best offerings at competitive prices for a successful school year.

## Let Group Purchasing Establish an A+ School Year

A group purchasing organization can take your strategy to the next level. Group purchasing is a best practice among districts, universities, and other public sector entities, and gives you the ability to facilitate a seamless purchasing experience that benefits your organization.

All contracts are awarded utilizing industry best practices, processes, and procedures. [Kinetic GPO](#) adheres to the highest standards of public procurement so you can feel secure knowing that you are in full compliance with regional and national trade agreements.