

BUYQ COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT



What is a cooperative purchasing agreement and what does this mean for you?

A cooperative purchasing agreement can be used to obtain services and contracts in an economically beneficial way. In First Student's case, we offer a driver training platform, transportation services (including but not limited to students with special needs and hard-to-serve trips), transportation route coverage, transportation technology (including tracking, scheduling and parent/faculty communications), compliant vehicles, and compliance with current state education regulations. The contract is available to more than 4,000 private and charter schools across the country.

Contract #:

BQ-AT-001

Contract Term:

09/23/2024 – 8/30/2027

Renewable Through: *Contract allows up to three additional years*

First Student Contract Highlights

First Student's alternative transportation division, First Alt, provides districts services for students with special transportation needs: Students with Special Needs and Hard-to-Serve Trips.

Available Products

- Alternative transportation services
- Transportation routing
- Compliant vehicles
- Driver vetting
- Driver training program
- Custom technology
- Transportation for students with special needs
- Transportation for hard-to-serve-trips

Who is BuyQ?

BuyQ is the only group purchasing organization devoted specifically to charter and private schools. In coordination with a committee of school representatives, BuyQ selects group purchasing vendors through an open and competitive RFP process that ensures charter and private schools receive the greatest value.

- These contracts save members time by providing a legal exemption from conducting their own bid or request for proposals (RFP).
- Provides charter and private schools the ahe greatest value available on the national market and the lowest total cost of ownership.
- BuyQ provides significant discounts and other service benefits.
- As an independent, mission-driven organization focused only on charter and private schools, BuyQ adheres to a strict code of conduct that governs their contracting process.

