Strategic Purchasing for Health Science Teachers:

MAXIMIZING IMPACT ON A BUDGET

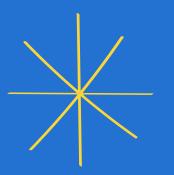








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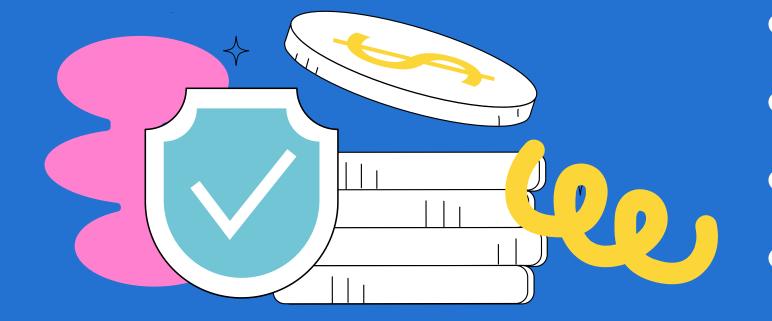


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Doing More with Less

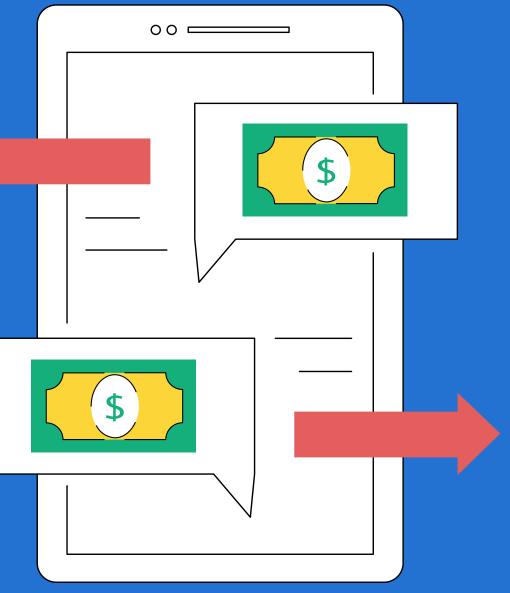
THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

- 1. Rising costs of specialized medical equipment & consumables
- 2. Tighter CTE budgets & limited allocations
- 3. Hands-on & authentic experiences
- 4. Increased size of classes



How do we offer high-quality instruction on tight budget?





Shifting Perspective

FROM SPENDING TO INVESTING

- Define needs, align with curriculum
- Assess Existing inventory
- Focus on durability, versatility, & long-term utility
- Creative Sourcing
 - Outside the Traditional Vendor Box
- Collaboration is Key
- Why did you Purchase this?

How will your purchases enhance student learning?

The Pre-Purchase Checklist 💸



KNOW YOUR SUPPLIES



- 1. Know equipment/supplies needed for each unit (Planning)
- 2. Know what you have a. When is expired ok?
- 3. Purchasing to DIRECTLY support student mastery
- 4. Have a WANTS & NEEDS list. a. WISHLIST
- 5. Purchasing for class GROWTH
- 6. New programs/certifications

Do you need more NONCONSUMABLES OR **CONSUMABLES?**



The Savyy Shopper



EXPLORING ALL YOUR OPTIONS

Existing Discounts/membership

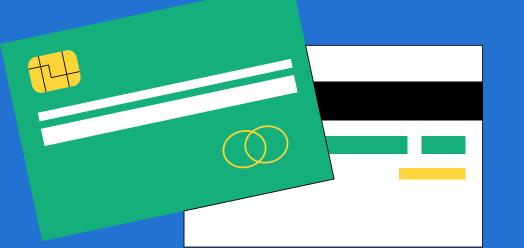
Used/New to you/Auctions

Group Buying: More for Less

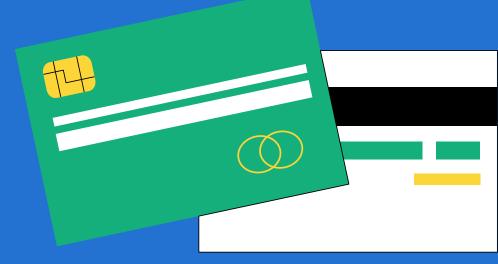
Online Marketplaces?

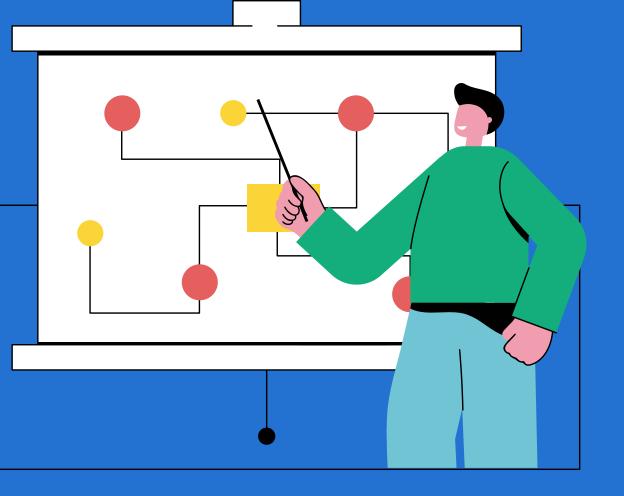
Educational Discounts/Free

AMAZON!!



KNOW YOUR VENDOR
LIST





When you Can't Buy, Create!

CREATIVE & DIY SOLUTIONS

- Household items for models: Pipe for bones, wound care
- Free Online Labs: Virtual and Simulations
- Guest Speakers & Field Trips
 - Parents
 - Activity Funds
- DONATIONS
- Program to Program Collaborations

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT RESOURCES

Stronger Together

YOUR RESOURCE NETWORK

Intra-School Collaboration: Sharing eqipment w other departments

District-Wide Sharing/Swapping: Inter-school lending

Local Healthcare Facilities: Donations; Equipment

Community College/Higher Education Institutions



WISHLISTS!

DO YOU HAVE ONE?

- 1. Do you think about a wish list?
- 2. Do you have one? a. Several?
- 3. Does your wish list change from year to year? Program to program?
- 4. Do you collaborate with your colleagues about their wish lists?
- 5. Do you tour other facilities for ideas
- 6. Can you spend \$1000 in 20 minutes?
- 7. Be ready for any opportunity to spend money and spend it all!



Identify your GRANT opportunities

District, Community, Corporation

Have a compelling PROPOSAL

Follow the DIRECTIONS!

Get Grant writing assistance from colleagues, district

or online



Maintainence & Longevity

- PROPER STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT
- ROUTINE MAINENANCE
- STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY
 - Give your students
 ownership of their
 classroom
- TRACK USAGE:
 - Identify high-use items

 PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT



Key Takeaways

- Assess, Don't Assume
- Research Broadly
- Be Creative & Resourceful
- **Build your network**
- **Explore Grants**
- **Protect your Investments**

Questions?



Thank you!

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