

Frontier Charter School

Student Fund Account Basics

Students enrolled in Frontier's homeschool program receive a student fund account that can cover a wide variety of resources needed to accomplish a student's annual academic plan.

Depending on the approved academic plan, homeschool students enrolled full time by October 1, 2019 may receive a student allocation based on these grade levels:

K-4 \$1800
5-8 \$2100
9-12 \$3000

- 1) Fund accounts are intended to supplement one year of a student's homeschool education. The annual deadline to purchase all that is needed for the school year is March 1.
- 2) The amount of the annual student fund account will be determined each spring for the upcoming school year. Student funding is subject to change from year to year.
- 3) Fund accounts are intended to be used for educational purposes during the school year in which the funding is provided. For those students that do not use their entire allotment during the current school year, and who re-enroll for the next year, up to \$1000 may be carried forward to the new school year.
- 4) Siblings of preschool age (4 years old by September 1 of the current school year) may receive up to \$300/year. Please contact your advisor for details.
- 5) Students may utilize a sibling's fund account after their own funds are depleted. Additional rules apply so please contact your advisor for details.

Purchasing Standards

The following standards constitute appropriate and allowable expenditures of a fund account:

Expenditures must reflect what is on the student's ILP:

- 1) Each school year, an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) must be developed for each subject before allotment funds can be accessed. The ILP outlines goals and objectives and lists instructional materials and methods to be used throughout the school year for each student. Course materials will be reviewed by the advisor to be in alignment to state standards and compliant with regulations.

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2) Discuss purchases with your academic advisor to assure they are fundable by Frontier Charter School. Frontier is required by Alaska state regulation to have final approval in the spending of funds.

3) Please be aware that non-consumable items purchased/reimbursed with Frontier funds remain the property of Frontier Charter School/ASD, except that families are allowed to keep the computers and technology equipment that have been reimbursed.

Allowable Expenditures:

1) Books (textbooks, workbooks, novels, audio or e-books) and Curriculum Packages (Book Shark, Math-U-See, Timberdoodle).

2) School supplies (paper, pencils, note books).

3) Instructional Services (academic courses, tutoring, music, fine arts and PE instruction).

4) Entrance fee to a facility / field trips when listed as a part of the individual learning plan. (Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage Museum, Seward Sealife Center).

Expenditure Limitations:

The student fund account may not be used to pay for any item considered excessive by the administrator or excluded below:

1) Services with fees that exceed the basic requirement to adequately learn or assess knowledge in the subject area.

2) Religious, partisan, sectarian, or denominational textbooks or other curriculum materials. Frontier Charter School welcomes faith-based homeschool families. Although faith-based curriculum cannot be purchased using Frontier funds, nothing prevents a parent from teaching their own child using materials of the parent/guardian's choice, if the materials were not purchased with money provided by Frontier Charter School.

3) The fund account may not be used by the school or the parent to supplant district funds or obligations for IEP services.

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Expenditure Limitations:

- 4) Sales tax.
- 5) Payment for services provided to a student by a family member: the student's spouse, guardian, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, child, uncle, or aunt.
- 6) Testing other than district-required assessments. Examples: ACT, SAT, PSAT. However, funds can be used for test preparation. See an advisor for details.
- 7) Students who enroll for their fifth year or more of High School can use allotment funds only for courses required for graduation or to meet I.E.P. requirements.
- 8) Annual passes or family memberships to a sports or recreational facility. However, funds may be used for student membership if that membership is a part of the individual learning plan and the cost of the membership is prorated to include only the cost for the student.
- 9) Competitive after-school sports.
- 10) Sporting equipment accessories or maintenance.
- 11) Family travel (transportation, food, lodging).
- 12) Purchases of supplies, materials or services that will be used for profit cannot be purchased using the fund account (example: purchasing warming lights for chickens of a profitable 4-H project, supplies to make bracelets to sell, or soil and seeds to grow plants to sell).
- 13) Personal use items. Examples: tools, food, cookware, utensils, appliances, and cleaning supplies.
- 14) Toys, software or media without educational value or is customarily used for entertainment. Examples: gaming devices, dolls, Star Wars Lego kits.
- 15) Permanent items that adhere to or enhance the value of a non-school facility.
- 16) Furniture.
- 17) Pets and livestock.

Cf. [4 AAC 33.421. Correspondence study program requirements](#); [4 AAC 33.422. Fund accounts](#).