



Student Fund Account Basics

Students enrolled in Frontier’s homeschool program receive a student fund account, often referred to as an “allotment,” 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, 2022, may receive a student allocation based on these grade levels:

K-6 \$2500 7-8 \$3000 9-12 \$4000

- 1) Fund accounts are intended to supplement one year of a student’s homeschool education. Parents have from July through the month of March to purchase what they need for the year.
- 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) Students may utilize a sibling’s fund account after their own funds are depleted. Additional rules apply so please contact your advisor for details. [Click to view How-To videos for ILPs, Requisitions, Reimbursements.](#)
- 5) Funding is available for PRESCHOOL. Siblings of preschool age (4 years old by September 1 of the current school year) can receive up to \$350 for curriculum and supplies. Interested parents apply for this funding by contacting the Frontier

Academic Advisor, who will then help the parent to enroll the preschool child, and assist the parent with writing an individual learning plan. Your preschooler will not be officially enrolled in ASD. The preschool funds can be used for curriculum and supplies. These funds cannot be used for services (swimming lessons, piano lessons, etc).

Purchasing Standards

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

- 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 with state standards and compliant with regulations.

- 2) Discuss purchases with your academic advisor to assure they are fundable by Frontier Charter School. You should not order items for reimbursement until your advisor has approved the order. Frontier is required by Alaska state regulation to have final approval in the spending of funds.

Allowable Expenditures:

BOOKS (textbooks, workbooks, novels, audio, or e-books);

CURRICULUM PACKAGES (Book Shark, Math-U-See, Timberdoodle)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES (paper, pencils, notebooks).

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES (academic courses, tutoring, music, fine arts, and PE instruction).

ENTRANCE FEES to a facility and for field trips when listed as a part of the ILP (Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage Museum, Seward Sealife Center).

Please Note: 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.

Every purchase must be clearly supported by an appropriate student(s) individualized learning plan (ILP).

Expenditure Limitations

The student fund account may not be used to pay for any item considered excessive by the administrator, or excluded below.¹

1) 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.

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

3) Competitive after-school sports/activities. Examples: HS Football, Club Sports, debate, world language declamation.

4) Purchases of supplies, materials or services that will be used for profit cannot be purchased using the fund account (example: supplies to make bracelets to sell).

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.

¹ The State of Alaska requires charter school programs that provide families with a fund account to establish written standards, consistent with 4 AAC 33.405 - 4 AAC 33.490. [4 AAC 33.422 Fund Accounts](#)

- 6) Sales tax.
- 7) Family travel (transportation, food, lodging).
- 8) Pets and livestock.
- 9) Purchase of music instruments, or fund the maintenance and accessories (we will reimburse for the rental or lease of an instrument).
- 10) Physical education equipment, maintenance, accessories, and uniforms.
- 11) 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 individualized learning plan and the cost of the membership is pro-rated to include only the cost for the student.
- 12) Personal use items. Examples: tools, food, cookware, utensils, appliances, and cleaning supplies.
- 13) Toys, software or media without educational value or are customarily used for entertainment. Examples: gaming devices, dolls, Star Wars Lego kits.
- 14) Furniture to include student desks, file cabinets, storage units.
- 15) Permanent items that adhere to or enhance the value of a non-school facility.
- 16) Horticulture projects require advisor pre-approval; reimbursement only; limited to \$100. Contact your advisor for details.
- 17) Tickets to music and fine arts performances: Reimbursement only; maximum reimbursement for ticket purchases limited to \$40 per eligible student per event.

18) 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. Please consult with your academic advisor.

19) The student fund account may not be used to pay for any item with fees that exceed the basic requirement to adequately learn or assess knowledge in the subject area.

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