

# STUDENT FUND ACCOUNT BASICS

## Student Allotment Fund Account

Students enrolled in Frontier's homeschool program receive a student allotment 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 2023 may receive an allocation based on these grade levels:

**K-6 \$3000    7-8 \$3100    9-12 \$4100**

The amount of the annual student allotment will be determined each summer for the upcoming school year. Student funding is subject to change from year to year.

The student allotment fund account provides a sufficient amount of resources to meet a correspondence study program student's instructional expenses, i.e. an amount that doesn't exceed the maximum annual amount that correspondence study program students are reasonably expected to need to cover their instructional expenses.

Student allotment 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.

Student allotment 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.

Students may utilize a sibling's funds 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.](#)

## Purchasing Standards

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

**Discuss purchases with your Frontier Academic Advisor to assure they are fundable by Frontier Charter School.** Items should not be ordered for reimbursement until your advisor has approved the order. Frontier Charter School is required by regulation to have final approval in the spending of funds.

**Every purchase must be clearly supported by an individualized learning plan (ILP).** Each school year, an 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.

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## Allowable Expenditures

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

**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). Frontier Charter School will pay for one homeschool parent (the student's teacher) to accompany them. Fees for a parent's participation in an activity will not be covered.

**Technology** Computers, Printers, Tablets, e-Readers, etc.

**Musical Instrument** Frontier will reimburse for the rental or lease of an instrument. If the student purchases an instrument, a one-time reimbursement for up to \$400 is available.

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.

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## Funding Available for Preschool

Families with children currently enrolled at Frontier Charter School are eligible to receive \$350 for curriculum and supplies for a sibling of preschool age (4 years old by September 1 of the current school year). These funds cannot be used for services (swimming lessons, piano lessons, etc). An individual learning plan will be required.

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# Expenditure Limitations

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

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) Frontier Charter School families are encouraged to outsource courses that fit the academic needs of their students. However, Frontier is unable to pay for K-12 courses delivered at a sectarian/faith-based 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) 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).

4) 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.

5) Sales tax.

6) Family travel (transportation, food, lodging).

7) Pets and livestock.

8) Physical education equipment, maintenance, accessories, and uniforms. Frontier will allow reimbursement of up to \$50 per student per year for basic PE items (Balls, jump ropes, badminton set, etc.) if connected to an approved ILP.

- 9) 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 ILP and the cost of the membership is prorated to include only the cost for the student.
- 10) Toys, software or media without clear educational value or that are customarily used for entertainment. Examples: gaming devices, dolls, Star Wars Lego kits.
- 11) Furniture to include student desks and filing cabinets.
- 12) Personal use items. Examples: tools, food, cookware, utensils, appliances, and cleaning supplies.
- 13) Permanent items that adhere to or enhance the value of a non-school facility.
- 14) Horticulture projects are limited to \$100; reimbursement only.
- 15) Tickets to music and fine arts performances: Reimbursement only; maximum reimbursement for ticket purchases is limited to \$40 per eligible student per event with a connection to an approved ILP.
- 16) Students who enroll for their fifth year or more of High School can use allotment funds only for the courses required for graduation or to meet I.E.P. requirements.
- 17) 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.

