

## STUDENT FUND ACCOUNT BASICS

Students enrolled in Frontier's home school 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 may receive an allocation based on these grade levels:

**K-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. Please be aware that non-consumable items purchased or reimbursed with Frontier funds remain the property of Frontier Charter School.

Every purchase must be clearly supported by an individualized learning plan (ILP). Each school year, parent-teachers develop ILPs for each subject, with the help of an academic advisor.

An ILP must be completed before the allotment funds can be used for a given course. The ILP outlines goals and objectives and lists instructional materials and methods to be used throughout the school year for each student. ILPs and course materials will be reviewed by the advisor to be in alignment with state standards and compliant with regulations.

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

Be aware that non-consumable items purchased or reimbursed with Frontier funds remain the property of Frontier Charter School/ASD and must be returned when the student withdraws or graduates from Frontier.

Discuss purchases with your advisor to assure they are fundable by Frontier Charter School.



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# Allowable Expenditures

**Art Supplies:** no set limit but presumes reasonable prices & quantities as justified in an ILP.

**Books:** Examples: textbooks, workbooks, teacher manuals, novels, audio, or e-books

**Camps:** Tuition only – Reimbursement only – non-faith based programs only, in-state but out-of-state may be considered on a case by case basis. Advisor preapproval is required.

**Cap & Gown:** Requisition or reimbursement.

**Curriculum Packages:** (Examples: Book Shark, Math-U-See, Timberdoodle)

**Entrance Fees:** Frontier will fund entrance 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 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.

**Fitness Tracker:** Up to \$150/student/every three years.

**Horticulture projects: (NEW)** limited to \$200 – Reimbursement only.

**Internet: (NEW)** Reimbursement only – up to \$100/month, max \$1,200/per family per year July- June.

**Music Instruments:** Frontier will reimburse for the rental or lease of an instrument. No set limit, but must be reasonable and the instrument cost should be student age and skill level appropriate.

**NEW:** Reimbursement of new instrument purchase up to \$400/student/three years.

**NEW:** Reimbursement up to \$200/year/student for supplies and accessories such as strings, rosin, metronome, etc.

**NEW:** Reimbursement up to \$75/student/year for small instruments such

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as recorders, harmonica, etc.

**Lego Robotics:** maximum amount based on kit price from Lego Robotics; should include student involvement with a Robotics team.

**Legos/General Use Legos: (NEW)** \$200/student limit/year, but must be reasonable and clearly tied to an ILP.

**Physical Education Supplies: (NEW)** Frontier will allow reimbursement of up to \$200 per student per year for basic PE Supplies (Balls, jump ropes, badminton set, etc., if connected to an approved ILP).

**School Supplies:** Examples: paper, pencils, notebooks, rulers, ink, basic calculators.

**Season pass, annual pass, family membership:** prorated for student portion only, reimbursement only. Contact your advisor for more details.

**Sports Fees: (NEW)** including ASD after school sports fees are reimbursable. Private school sports fees are not reimbursable.

**Storage and Organizational Items: (NEW)** Reimbursement up to \$100/student/year for basic storage and organizational items.

**Technology:** Computers, Printers, Tablets, e-Readers, etc. For further details refer to the computer/technology policy on page 26 of this handbook.

**Testing Fees: (NEW)** Offsite PSAT/SAT/ACT/AP/First Aid Certification/Lifeguard Certification/Food Safety/etc. Reimbursement only.

**Tickets:** Frontier will fund entrance to music and fine arts performances with a connection to an approved ILP – Reimbursement only. The maximum reimbursement for a ticket purchase is limited to \$60 per eligible student (we may reimburse up to \$60 for a parent. See your advisor).

# Expenditure Limitations

ASD Accounting will not reimburse parent purchases made using:

- Gift Cards
- Digital Wallet funds– Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, Meta, etc.

The student allotment (student fund account) may not be used to pay for any item that is:

- Considered excessive by the Administrator
- Excluded below

**The following items may not be paid for with the student allotment:**

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

**Physical education equipment** (includes maintenance of family owned equipment) and uniforms. Frontier Charter School will allow reimbursement of up to \$200 per student per year for basic PE supplies (Balls, jump ropes, badminton set, etc. if connected to an approved ILP).

**Permanent items** that adhere to or enhance the value of a non-school facility.

**Personal use items:** Examples: clothing, shoes, furniture, appliances, tools, food, cookware, utensils, and cleaning supplies.

**Toys, software, or media without** clear educational value or that are customarily used for entertainment. Examples: gaming devices, dolls, Star Wars Lego kits.

**Pets and livestock.**

**Religious, partisan, sectarian, or denominational** textbooks or other curriculum materials may not be paid for with the student allotment.

**Special Education:** 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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## **Funding Available for Preschool**

Families with children currently enrolled at Frontier Charter School are eligible to receive up to \$350 for language arts, math and other age-appropriate educational supplies for a sibling of preschool age (minimum of **3 years old** by September 1 of the current school year). These funds cannot be used for services (swimming lessons, piano lessons, etc). Individual learning plans will be required.

## **Funding Available for Instructional Services, Anchorage School District, and College Classes**

### **Instructional Services**

- Academic courses
- Tutoring
- Music, Fine Arts, and PE instruction
- Some restrictions apply. Public funds cannot be used for faith-based courses. For further details please contact your academic advisor or refer to the school guidelines in Appendix B of this handbook. Please note that academic credit may be given for faith-based courses purchased by a parent.

### **Anchorage School District Classes**

Full-time Frontier Charter School students may register for classes offered at each school site. Enrollment is contingent upon the space available for the requested course.

- A full time student at Frontier Charter School may take no more than half their course load at the neighborhood schools, not to exceed three classes at the neighborhood school.

- Grade(s) will be assigned by the teacher at the part-time enrollment site. For further details please refer to the [“Part-time Class Enrollment Form”](#) and fee schedule.

**College/University**

Eligible students have the opportunity to receive credit for certain courses through accredited institutions of higher education.

- Courses must correlate with specific graduation requirements.
- It is the student’s responsibility to submit their “Student Schedule/Bill” to the academic advisor in a timely manner to avoid late fees.