



Oakdale Joint Unified School District

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Why offer PaySchools services?

It's convenient for parents, simple for students and cost-effective for schools. Other attractive features include:

- Parents will be assured that monies will be utilized for the correct purchases.
- A wide variety of detailed reports are available for reconciling.
- Receipts are automatically e-mailed to parents eliminating lost checks or cash.
- Less administrative time will be spent on depositing checks or cash.
- Internal controls are enhanced when checks or cash go directly into the school district's designated account.
- Data is secure. PaySchools does not maintain credit cards or electronic check information.

Who will manage money in the PaySchools account?

Payments are routed to the designated school district account within four (4) days of a purchase. This is a standard credit card or electronic check transaction processing time.

Will PaySchools cause more work for anyone at the district?

The initial set-up can be accomplished within one (1) day. The finance office will save time in processing bounced checks, deposits, reconciling and keeping track of purchases from various buildings, points of purchase, etc.

How will Payschools save money?

The 3.50% transaction fee is offset by the savings in staff time at the building level and a reduction in bank fees. Your district will also experience cost savings through the following features:

- Greater financial controls in the business office.
- Fewer delinquent accounts, resulting in increased cash flow.
- Online transactions are less expensive to process.

Other than the 3.50% transaction fee, are there any other costs that a school district might incur?

There are no other costs for PaySchools. If a school district wishes to purchase a point-of-sale system PaySchools will integrate with most point-of-sale and accounting systems.

What type of purchases can be made utilizing PaySchools?

Schools can accept online payments for virtually anything they currently accept cash or checks for. Products are organized by categories within PaySchools. School can set up a single category for each school within a district, or by individual program types such as: Transportation Fees, Outdoor Education, yearbooks, etc. PaySchools allows districts the flexibility to determine which programs to accept online payments for.



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If parents have more than one child, can purchases be made for each child, and are detailed reports available?

Parents can access the PaySchools system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the school district's website. The parents can designate which purchases are for each student; parents also have access to their online purchase history. The system can also support items which have no student designation, such as alumni purchases.

Who has access to the PaySchools system on the school district side?

The PaySchools program allows the school district to set security levels or rights based on internal control requirements of the school district.

How is the system secure from identity theft exposure?

Unlike many online payment systems, PaySchools only retains the name, address and phone number of participating parents/guardians. Sensitive information such as credit card numbers and electronic check bank numbers are not maintained after a transaction is completed.

If a credit card or check information is not maintained, how are disputes resolved?

Detailed reports are generated and maintained on the system which show exact times, dates, amounts of purchases and description of the purchases. A transaction ID is also stored which can be used to resolve any issues.