

Notice of Credit Card Payment Changes

Due to increasing processing costs, Fargo Public Schools will implement a \$1.00 convenience fee on credit and debit card transactions effective July 1, 2021. This charge will be collected through SchoolPay and be used to offset credit card processing costs. Fargo Public Schools will not keep any part of the convenience fee.

Payments made over \$200 will incur a 3.99% processing fee for charges not related to student registration, food services, or student activities such as:

- Rentals
- Shed Sales
- Tuition
- Advertising
- Printing

Fargo Public Schools will continue to offer other payment methods, including cash and paper checks, which carry no additional charges.

FAQs

Why are you making this change?

While credit and debit card payments offer convenience, the cost to accept payments continues to increase. In an effort to control these rising costs, we are no longer able to absorb the entire cost of processing fees.

Do other schools charge for credit card payments?

Most government entities, including public school districts, charge a similar or higher fee.

If I decide to use the credit card option to make a payment, how will I know how much the fees will cost?

When you process an online credit card payment you will receive a notice of the fees charged prior to completion of the transaction.

Is the convenience fee refundable?

No. The convenience fee is a non-refundable charge.

If I charge more than \$200 for my student's lunch account, will I incur the 3.99% processing fee and the \$1.00 convenience fee?

Lunch account payments will only incur the \$1.00 convenience fee per transaction.

