



Committee Meeting Item Cover Sheet

Item: Discussion Regarding Credit Card Use

Presented By: Katema Ballentine, CBO

Staff Recommendation:

Move to recommend for Board Approval to adopt new policies and schedule for AIMS credit card use.

Committee Approval:

Yes No N/A

Total Associated Cost:

Yes No N/A

Included in Budget?

Yes No N/A

Over Budgeted Amount?

Yes No N/A

Under Budgeted Amount?

Yes No N/A

Amount Over/Under Budget?

Included in LCAP?

Yes No N/A

Which LCAP?

AIMS CREDIT CARD ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Credit card statements reflect a billing cycle of 15th – 15th of each month. In order to accurately capture the activity corresponding with each reporting cycle the Spending Activity Schedule was developed to be implemented as a part of the Credit Card Use agreement.

AIMS CREDIT CARD ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1ST INTERIM	2ND INTERIM	YEAR END CLOSE
JULY 1-31	NOVEMBER 1-30	FEBRUARY 1-28/29
SEPTEMBER 1-30	DECEMBER 1-21	MARCH 1-31
OCTOBER 1-15	JANAURY 1-15	APRIL 1-30
<i>NO SPENDING</i>	<i>NO SPENDING</i>	MAY 1-30
<i>*OCOTBER 16-31</i>	<i>*JANUARY 16-31</i>	JUNE 1-15 YEAR END CLOSE

EXCEPTIONS:

ANY EXCEPTIONS WITHIN THIS TIMELINE MUST PRE-APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTEDENT AND CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER THROUGH THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM (OFFICEWISE).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
RECEIPT OF CREDIT CARD
AND NOTICE OF CREDIT CARD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

To assist employees in the conduct American Indian Model Schools business and recording of business-related transactions, AIMS has established a Credit Card Program. Your signature below acknowledges you have read and agree to comply with the provisions of the credit card program and its future modifications.

You (Cardholder/Employee) are being entrusted with a company credit card. The credit card is being provided to assist you in paying for those materials and supplies necessary for the performance of your job. This Card may be cancelled at any time at the sole discretion of the American Indian Model Schools. Each card has an account number to allow the tracking of transactions.

The following highlights key provisions of the program.

1. **CARD RESTRICTED TO BUSINESS USED ONLY.** The credit card issued to you must be used for the purchase of those materials and supplies necessary for the performance of your job. Materials and supplies may include but are not limited to classroom and instructional supplies, pre-approved travel, field trips, etc. You must sign the back of the card upon receipt. Use of the card is limited to you and you are prohibited from authorizing its use to any other individual for any purpose. The card shall not be used for personal purchases.
2. **COMPLETION OF MONTHLY PURCHASE REPORTS.** Once a month you will receive a statement listing all purchases charged to the "Account". Within 5 working days of receipt of the statement you will need to (a) verify the amount of the charges with the original receipt and attach the receipt. (b) write the appropriate expenditure account number and brief description on statement. (c) If there is any discrepancy related to a charge you will initiate follow-up with AIMS Katema Ballentine, Chief Business Official at (510)893-8701 ext. 17, (d) sign the statement; and forward to your Approving Manager or Supervisor.
3. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS.** Inappropriate use of the card includes but is not limited to: Use of the Card without authorization. Misuse of the Card in any way: Providing false or misleading information; and loss or theft of the Card due to employee gross negligence. In accordance with AIMS policies and procedures, failure by an employee to follow program requirements may result in disciplinary actions, up to and including employment termination.
4. **LOSS OR STOLEN CARD.** If your Card is loss or stolen, or if you think your Account was used without your permission, you should notify AIMS Credit Card Company (Name and contact information) immediately. Additionally, you must notify the AIMS Business Department at (510)893-8701 ext. 17.
5. **SURRENDER CARD UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.** Upon termination of employment, you must immediately surrender the assigned card to your immediate supervisor.
6. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** I acknowledge receipt of the Card and was provided an opportunity to ask questions of a knowledgeable designate regarding the appropriate use of this card. I confirm that I have read and understand the above requirements and agree to comply with the procedures.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and understand the items discussed above.

Cardholder: _____

Department/Location: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Account (Card) Number: _____

Card Expiration: _____

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PURPOSE:

The Board of Trustees of American Indian Model Schools recognizes the efficiency and convenience afforded the day-to-day operation of AIMS charter school, for payments and recordkeeping for certain expenses, through the use of school credit cards. However, the Board recognizes the need to establish control measures for the use of these cards. The Board agrees that it has a responsibility to ensure that credit card expenses incurred by American Indian Charter Schools must clearly be linked to the business of AIMS schools. This policy addresses and establishes the proper use and assignment of school credit cards. The Board has agreed on the fundamental principles of this policy and has delegated responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of the policy to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

DEFINITIONS:

2.01 Cardholder/User: The person for which the school credit card has been issued.

2.02 School credit card: The physical card and number associated with the card issued to the cardholder.

2.03 Administrator: The accounts payable staff member assigned to perform the online accounting process, follow up as required and file completed statement reconciliations.

SCHOOL CREDIT CARD USERS:

3.01 The following positions are authorized credit Cardholders/Users: The Superintendent of Schools, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Sports Programs and the Head of Divisions of each AIMS charter school. No other employee may use a Celerity school credit card without express written approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

3.02 A list of those individuals issued a school credit card will be maintained by the CFO and the back-office services provider and reported to the Board of Directors annually.

3.03 A Cardholder/User employee who is no longer employed by AIMS charter schools shall return his or her AIMS school credit card upon termination or resignation to the CFO or CFO's designee.

3.04 Credit cards will be disabled immediately upon the termination or resignation or misuse of a Cardholder/User employee by the card administrator. Accounting for credit cards and settlement of credit card billings shall be part of employee separation checklists.

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USER RESPONSIBILITIES:

4.01 Credit Cardholders/Users must take proper care of their school credit card(s) and take all reasonable precautions against damage, loss or theft by adherence to the following provisions:

4.01.1 All Cardholders/Users must keep secure and confidential all school credit card numbers and information.

4.01.2 Cardholders/Users shall not store sensitive school credit card data, including full account number, type, expiration and track data, in any method on computers or networks.

4.01.3 Cardholders/Users shall not transmit in an insecure manner, such as by email, unsecured fax or via mail, school credit card information.

4.01.4 Cardholders/Users shall restrict access to credit card data and processing to the Administrator or other authorized individuals.

4.01.5 Cardholders/Users shall maintain card information in a secure environment accessed only by the issued Cardholder/User.

4.02 Except for the Superintendent, Cardholders/Users shall not be allowed to authorize payment of their own travel expenses. Travel expenses for any Cardholder/ User other than the Superintendent must be pre-approved by the Superintendent and the CFO.

4.03 Cardholders/Users are responsible for retaining detailed receipts and/or supplier documentation for all purchases made with their school credit card, without which the Cardholder/User is responsible for the purchase.

4.04 Cardholders/Users shall submit detailed documentation, such as itemized detailed receipts and/or supplier documentation for services, travel and/or other actual and necessary expenses which have been incurred in connection with school-related business for which the school credit card has been used.

4.05 Failure to take proper care of school credit card(s) or failure to report damage, loss or theft may subject to the Cardholder/User to financial liability and discipline.

USAGE:

School credit cards may only be used for legitimate AIMS charter school's business expenses and in accordance with American Indian Model Schools policies, as defined below.

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5.01 Credit cards shall only be used for transactions for which payment of check disbursement is not accepted or is not practicable, such as if the transaction would cause undue hardship to AIMS schools or the Cardholder/User.

5.02 School credit card usage is limited to the following types of expenses. Any deviations from this usage policy must have prior written approval from the Superintendent or CFO. The Superintendent may also approve expenses.

5.02.1 Business services, including catering or advertising.

5.02.2 Business supplies, including office supplies, educational supplies, operation and maintenance supplies.

5.02.3 Travel, including transportation services, airfare, car rental expenses, or payments to a travel agency.

5.02.4 Payments to educational and charitable organizations, including schools, colleges, vocational schools and membership organizations.

5.03 **EXCLUSIONS:** School credit cards shall not be used for cash advances, ATM, money orders, gift cards, alcohol, jewelry or clothing, medical expenses, or payment of fines or penalties unless prior written approval is received from the CFO. In no event shall a school credit card be used for a Cardholder/User's personal expenses.

5.04 This policy and the schools' use of the school credit cards shall not circumvent AIMS purchasing policies and procedures. A school credit card shall be used as a method of payment only after all required purchasing forms have been completed, including but not limited to check request, purchase orders, travel vouchers and purchase requisitions.

5.05 School credit card transactions are hereby authorized using the following methods:

5.05.1 Card present (Point-of-sale) transactions: The Cardholder/User shall present the school credit card for purchase of goods and services. The Cardholder/User shall obtain a receipt for all purchases and credits, note the transaction with a purchase order number and check request number as required, and attach those approved documents for submission to the Administrator.

5.05.2 Via telephone or mail order: The Cardholder/User shall provide the vendor or merchant the school credit card number, expiration date and other pertinent data necessary to complete the transaction. The Cardholder/User shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that the transaction is valid prior to providing school credit card data. The Cardholder/User shall note and record confirmation data or other supplier documentation, as available, shall note the transaction with a purchase order number and check request number as required, and shall attach those approved documents for submission to the Administrator.

5.05.3 Via internet: The Cardholder/User shall provide the vendor or merchant with the school credit card number, expiration date and other pertinent data necessary to complete the transaction. The Cardholder/User shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that the transaction is valid, and the website is secure prior to providing pertinent school credit card data. The Cardholder/User shall obtain a screen printout of the receipt, confirmation data or other supplier documentation, as available, shall

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note the transaction with a purchase order number and check request number as required, and shall attach those approved documents for submission to the Administrator.

5.06 Purchases shall not exceed the card limits per billing cycle set for school credit card use, or the overall financial credit limit of American Indian Model Schools. Current limits per billing cycle by class of Cardholder/User are: Superintendent (\$1,000), Chief Financial Officer (\$1,000), Director of Sports Programs (\$1,000), and the Head of Division of Schools (\$1,000). The CFO shall monitor and may recommend changes to these limits. The Superintendent limit may be changed only by the Board of Directors. The list of limits by class of Cardholder/User will be maintained by the CFO and reviewed annually to ensure adherence to procurement policy thresholds.

5.07 Any benefits of the school credit card such as membership awards programs are only to be used for the benefit of American Indian Model Schools and shall not be redeemed for personal use.

5.08 Purchases that are unauthorized, illegal, representative of a conflict of interest, are personal in nature or otherwise violate the intent of this policy may result in credit card revocation and discipline of the Cardholder/User.

DOCUMENTATION:

6.01 The Administrator shall ensure AIMS maintains detailed documentation that all expenses charged to school credit cards are supported by: a credit card slip; a detailed invoice or receipt, and any other supporting detailed documentation, from the Cardholder/User as evidence of the validity of expenses; and a check request and any other necessary detailed documentation as outlined by AIMS schools' purchasing policies and procedures.

6.02 The Administrator is responsible for accounting for all purchases within five (5) working days of receiving a credit card statement.

6.03 The Accounts Payable Clerk shall ensure that all school credit card statements are reconciled prior to AIMS payment and recording of expenses in the general ledger.

6.04 The Finance department will retain detailed receipts and documentation for no less than five (5) years following the purchase date.

PAYMENTS:

School credit card statements will be paid in their entirety on a monthly basis or otherwise in accordance with the cardholder agreement with issuing financial institution.

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