



### **THE BROOKS SCHOOL DEBIT CARD**

New to the school, we've partnered with an online student debit accounts provider that will make it more convenient for parents to supply students with spending accounts at Brooks. Accounts will be managed via the website **MyKidsSpending.com**.

**Please note: Your student's ID functions as the debit card. There is no separate card they need to worry about.**

Here are a few advantages to using this service:

- Fund student debit accounts with an echeck, debit card or credit card
- Make funds available almost immediately to students
- Reduce the risk of payments being delayed in the mail or through a third-party credit card processor
- Monitor student purchases
- Receive notifications when a balance falls low
- Set up auto-funding at a minimum-balance threshold

The computerized student debit card system at Brooks School has eliminated the need for students to carry large amounts of cash for use while on campus. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of this option which will assist you in controlling discretionary spending while providing the student with the flexibility of using a debit card rather than cashing checks or carrying cash. The student debit card system is available for all students.

#### Debit card FAQ's

- Where can a student use the student debit card?  
The student may use their student debit card at the Campus Store to:
  - Withdraw their personal allowance
  - Purchase academic supplies, personal care items, Brooks clothing, novelty items and snack items
  - Purchase snack items at the school's snack bar in-between meal times.
- Where will the students make cash withdrawals using the student debit card?  
Withdrawals can be made from the Campus Store during its normal business hours. By placing a restriction upon a student's card, if needed, many parents use this as a form of personal allowance. There is a \$200 personal allowance limit. If your student will need more than \$200, the campus store requires a three day notice to ensure the funds will be available.
- What is the advantage of the student debit card?  
For students, it provides a realistic experience with managing money. For parents, it can provide control over your child's miscellaneous spending. For the benefit of everyone, it reduces the amount of cash students must carry or keep in a dorm room. In addition, as a protective measure the Brooks student ID is required when withdrawing allowances, purchasing items in the campus store and accessing their mail box.
- Will purchases in the Campus Store be billed home?  
No. Student purchases can be made in the Campus Store with the student debit card, a credit card (Visa, Master Card & American Express), cash or check.

- What happens if the card runs out of funds?  
Purchases and cash withdrawals with the card will not be permitted unless there is a sufficient balance. **It is a TRUE debit card in that sense and will not allow for charges that exceed the amount of money in the account.**
- Who can I contact with any additional questions or concerns?  
MyKidsSpending Support at [support@mykidsspending.com](mailto:support@mykidsspending.com) and their online guidebook for the steps to create an account, log in, make deposits and other helpful information. All store related questions may be directed to Dawn Morrison in the Campus Store. Any questions regarding outstanding deposits, check/cash deposits or money transfers may be directed to Marie Ranfos in the Business Office. Their contact information is as follows:

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