



NEW for the 2013-14 School Year!

The East China School District is pleased to introduce a new program call *e-Funds for Schools*. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who **choose** to make payments on-line and is extremely user friendly. You will have the ability to have lunch payments electronically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your credit card. The *e-Funds For Schools* service is offered to you by a third party service provider and they charge for processing your payment(s), similar to other on-line banking services. The district does not request or keep records of family checking or credit card account information.

The "*e-Funds For Schools*" electronic payment service is provided to the school by a third party service provider. The service provider has a nominal fee for their service. **There is a \$1.00 transaction convenience fee for each electronic checking payment that you make.** The system carries a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charge if the payment is "bad". **For payments made by credit or debit card, there is a convenience fee of \$2.45 per each \$100 increment in the transaction.** When you set up your account, please review your options carefully.

You are in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you. **No payments will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system.** By providing your home and/or work email address, an email notification informing you of the student's name, purpose of the payment, and the amount of the item will be sent to you each time that a payment is to be processed. The *e-Funds For School* site is secure and uses industry standard data encryption.

How does e-Funds for Schools work?

- Families set up and maintain their own logins, passwords, and payment preferences. Your account information is retained in a password-protected file.
- *e-Funds For Schools* will help to eliminate last minute check writing hassles, improve efficiencies, and help cut costs for both you and the school district
- On-line payments will help eliminate the worry that your children could lose or forget the money intended for school items or that it might be spent on other non-school related items.
- Payments from a credit card or checking account may easily be set up.
- Parents/guardians may establish a reoccurring payment or may opt to make a one-time payment.
- Your payment history for the year is available with a click of the mouse
- For more information on e~Funds for Schools, go to the ECSD district home page at www.ecsd.us and look under Parent Resources.



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