

2017-18 Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

For the 2017-2018 school year, M-DCPS will use the ClassWallet platform to distribute the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program funds to eligible employees.

1. What is ClassWallet?

ClassWallet is an on-line platform that enables teachers to receive and spend funds designated for classroom supplies.

2. Will teachers be required to complete some type of acknowledgement/acceptance before the payment is issued?

YES. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1012.71, eligible classroom teachers must provide acknowledgment/acceptance of the terms of use of these funds before the 2017-18 Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program funds are made available to them. **Eligible employees must log in to the Employee Portal and provide acknowledgment/acceptance on-line during the period of September 5, through end-of-day on September 11, 2017 (seven (7) days).** Complete detailed instructions can be found on the Payroll Department's web page at payroll.dadeschools.net, and click on "HOT NEWS".

3. Does the date that I purchase my supplies matter?

YES. Because the funds are appropriated for this fiscal year, the purchases must be made on or after July 1, 2017, but before the February 28, 2018 deadline.

4. What is the amount of the funds that will be available to each teacher?

The amount of the funds available varies each year, based upon the funds appropriated by the legislature and each school district's proportionate share of the state's total "un-weighted" FTE student enrollment. Further information will be forthcoming regarding the exact funded amount.

5. How do I access ClassWallet?

All eligible employees that completed the required acknowledgement by the stated deadline will receive a "Welcome E-mail" from ClassWallet with pertinent log-in credentials and instructions. On September 20, 2017 employees can access the available funds through the ClassWallet marketplace and begin making purchases.

6. What can I buy with these funds?

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1012.71, "The funds are for classroom teachers to purchase, on behalf of the school district, classroom materials and supplies for the public school students assigned to them and may not be used to purchase equipment. The funds appropriated shall be used to supplement the materials and supplies otherwise available to classroom

teachers.” The purchase of food for consumption or as incentives is not an eligible classroom supply. Please refer to Appendix A for supply eligibility criteria.

7. Are all teachers eligible to receive this allocation?

An eligible employee is described as a certified teacher employed on or before September 1, who’s full-time or job share responsibility is the classroom instruction of students in eligible Pre-K (ESE) through Grade 12, including full-time media specialists and guidance counselors serving students in eligible Pre-K (ESE) through Grade 12. Additionally, pursuant to Florida Statute, only eligible Pre-K (ESE) through Grade 12 teachers who are funded through the Florida Finance Program are eligible to receive this payment. Therefore, not all job titles are eligible. Some examples of ineligible job titles are: Pre-K Teachers (non-ESE), Activities Directors, Athletic Directors, etc.

8. Do I need to keep receipts for purchases of classroom supplies?

YES. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1012.71, each classroom teacher must keep receipts for no less than 4 years to show that funds expended meet the statutory requirements.

9. Are all items available for purchase on ClassWallet allowable?

NO. Items that are available on ClassWallet do not automatically qualify for allowability under the specified guidelines. It is the employee’s responsibility to ascertain that items purchased meet the stated criteria for eligible supplies.

10. What vendors are available on ClassWallet?

ClassWallet has more than 40 of the nation’s top vendors including Office Depot, Staples, Best Buy, Scholastic, and School Specialty.

11. Do teachers need to pay for taxes?

NO. All purchases will be tax-exempt.

12. Do teachers need to pay for shipping?

Shipping costs are indicated on each store’s tile when visiting the ClassWallet marketplace. Certain vendors may offer free shipping with a minimum purchase.

13. What if I purchase ineligible supplies?

Employees purchasing ineligible supplies or submitting fraudulent receipts will have to reimburse the District via a personal check or payroll deduction.

14. Who do I contact if I have questions about the ClassWallet platform?

Please contact ClassWallet directly at <https://www.classwallet.com/help-nav> or by calling their support team at 1-877-969-5536.

15. When is the last day to make purchases or upload receipts for reimbursement?

The last day to make purchases through ClassWallet or to upload eligible receipts will be February 28, 2018.

16. What happens if I do not spend all the funds by the deadline?

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1012.71, funds not spent by the specified deadline are to be returned to the school's ESSAC Committee.

17. How do I receive reimbursement for items already purchased?

You can upload eligible receipts using the mobile app (available on iPhone or Android) or computer to your ClassWallet account. Purchases will be subject to audit and review. Once approved, funds will be deposited into your bank account with 4-5 days.

18. Can I purchase food for incentive or consumption for the students?

Food cannot be purchased for consumption or for behavior rewards.

19. What if my purchases exceed the amount/balance allocated in ClassWallet?

If you desire to spend more than your available funds, you will be asked to enter a credit/debit card to pay the difference.