

Whether you are a returning parent who has never tried Scrip, or a new parent who hasn't a clue as to what Scrip is, read further and get on the Scrip band wagon (no pun intended!).

What is Scrip? We work with a company in Michigan which purchases gift cards from a wide variety of retailers. Fast food, dine in restaurants, gas, clothing, airlines, just to name a few. Because they buy in bulk, they receive a discount on the price of the cards and in turn they pass the savings on to non-profit organizations.

How does it work? Let's say you purchase \$100.00 in Bi-Lo cards. Their percentage back is 4%. You write a check out to SDHS Band for \$100.00, you receive a \$100.00 gift card, and \$4.00 is put into your child's band account. \$4.00 doesn't seem like much, but if your family spends \$100.00 a week on groceries, multiply that by 52 weeks, and in a year's time you will have \$208.00 in your band account. That's just by buying your normal family supply of groceries. Add to that all the other retailers involved and your savings just keeps adding up!

When can you order? I place orders on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday of every month. Cards generally arrive on Friday of the same week. I need your check on or before the Monday before the orders are placed. You can either put it in the locked box outside Mr. Majors' office or mail them to me at my home address. Or, you can pay cash when you pick the order up. I also usually have a supply of popular cards on hand at the booster meetings.

To order just go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Check out the list of retailers and the percentages they give back. Setting up an account is very simple. Two things you need to know. The **Enrollment Code is 2LF11AD516885** and when filling out your personal info, it says student name is optional, but please fill this out especially if your student has a different last name than the person placing the order. Keep in mind anyone can order cards for your student. Grandmas, Uncles or neighbors.

Here are a few things to be sure to check out on the website, some of which are new.

**SCRIP NOW** – You can now order scrip and instead of waiting for the cards to arrive by mail, you can within 30 minutes of placing your order, print your “card” off on your computer. This is a brand new program and currently only a handful of retailers are offering this. But, they expect many more to be added in the future so keep checking back.

**RESTAURANT.COM** – This scrip offers a 50% rebate! Some of the local restaurants which accept this are The Station House, The Melting Pot, Vaudeville Café and Riverside Food Works to name a few.

**PRESTO PAY** – You can have your payment taken directly out of your checking account. (There is a 39 cent fee each time you use this).

**RELOADABLE CARDS** – Some retailers offer cards that once you purchase the original one from scrip, future orders can be loaded onto the same card. With these kinds of cards, you can reload any time, you don't have to wait for me to place the twice monthly order. Also, it's the “green” way to use scrip.

Be creative! Scrip can be used for wedding and graduation gifts. Back to school shopping for clothes and supplies. Have a big home improvement project or just planting flowers, check out the Lowes and Home Depot cards. One of our parents recently went on a cruise and paid for it with Scrip! The possibilities are endless.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to email or call me. I'd be happy to help you any way I can.

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