

Cedar Way SCRIP Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Cedar Way Scrip Program?

The Cedar Way Scrip Program is a fundraising partnership with local business that generates money for Cedar Way as we make our every day purchases and do our weekly shopping. Without paying one cent more or buying anything we normally would not buy, we are able to give money to Cedar Way Elementary School.

The Cedar Way Scrip Program is composed of gift certificates and debit cards that are purchased directly from local vendors and the National Scrip Center.

2. What are Scrip Gift Certificates?

Scrip Gift Certificates are the same gift certificates that merchants sell directly to their customers. The Cedar Way Scrip Program is able to purchase the certificates at a discount either locally or through the National Scrip Center. The discount varies with the vendors and ranges from 2% to 25%. The certificates come in denominations ranging from \$5.00 to \$100.00 depending on the vendor.

3. How does Scrip work?

You order and pay for Scrip through the Cedar Way Scrip Program and then use the certificates to pay for your purchases instead cash, check or credit card. With over 500 families, the potential is enormous! Our combined buying power is the secret to our success.

4. Is Scrip readily accepted?

Yes, and it is very easy to use! You are using the same gift certificates that you would purchase directly from the store. It's usually faster than writing a check. Please remember that gift certificates are treated like cash since that's what they are!

5. Where can I use Scrip?

We have hundreds of vendors available to us in the Scrip program including grocery stores, restaurants, department stores, gas stations, retail stores, even e-tailers! Because

we do not have enough room to list all the vendors, we have chosen the most popular businesses to be featured on our order form. You can stop by the schools main office if you have a question regarding a certain vendor not listed on the form or you can find a complete list of vendors on-line at <http://school.edmonds.wednet.edu/cwe/>

6. What can I purchase with Scrip?

You can use your Scrip to purchase anything you would normally buy from that vendor including groceries, clothes, pizza, school supplies, birthdays and holiday gifts, CD's, DVD's, large appliances, furniture, garden supplies, toys.....almost anything you might need for your friends or family.

7. Can I give SCRIP gift certificates away as gifts?

Yes and we encourage it! Scrip Gift Certificates are the same as cash. They make great holiday, birthday and appreciation gifts. It is a great gift for anyone on your list and people love to receive gift certificates so they can purchase their own gifts. And business owners, you too can purchase gift certificates for your company employees.

8. How do I order Scrip?

You may order in person at the Scrip desk in the main office of Cedar Way from 9:30 to 10:00am. You can also pick up your order form at the desk and take it home to order and return. Make your checks payable to Cedar Way Elementary School and your child can drop off your order form along with the payment. Orders are due by 2:45pm each Monday. Your orders will then be available by Friday afternoon.

9. Can my child or another person pick up my Scrip order?

We encourage adults to pick up Scrip orders, but that is not always possible. If you would like another adult to pick up your Scrip order, please authorize that person on the back of the order form. We can then give your Scrip order to that designated person. If you would like us to send your order home with your child, please designate that on the back of the order form as well and they can pick up your order at the office.

10. When do Scrip gift certificates expire?

The expiration dates vary and are posted on each certificate, but they are generally good for at least 1 year from the date of issue and in some cases they are good for 3 years.

11. Can friends or family use Scrip?

Absolutely! We welcome use by family and friends of Cedar Way Elementary School parents. They can order through you or fill out a separate order form and order directly for themselves. Order forms can be obtained at the Scrip desk in the main office.

12. What is the goal of the Cedar Way Scrip Program?

Cedar Way Elementary budgets will partially depend on the Scrip Program to provide a portion of the dollars needed in the fundraising component of the annual school budget. The Scrip Program provides an opportunity for all Cedar Way families to contribute to the fundraising and wellness of the school.

Our long-term goal is to grow as the Scrip Program grows in the school community and even more vigorously support the school budget in the years to come. We have to find ways to solidly supplement the school's budget and continue to offer a strong education to our children. Many families are so enthusiastic about Scrip and have found it easy to use. There is tremendous potential in this program.

15. How can I support the Cedar Way Scrip Program?

Try a little Scrip!! We will appreciate every order big or small. Every Scrip certificate that you purchase makes money for the school. We think you will agree that Scrip is an easy way to make your money work twice for you; you buy what you need for your family at the stores that you normally shop and at the same time you make a significant gift to the school with no additional money leaving your pocket! We hope that like many of us, you will decide to buy and use Scrip certificates for as many purchases as possible. If you are a current Scrip user, share your experience with other Cedar Way families and let them know it is a great way to go!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Kirk at 425-670-7864.

**REMEMBER: SCRIP IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE CHILDREN,
THE SCHOOL AND CEDAR WAY FAMILIES.**

