

## Austin Jewish Academy Scrip Commitment Program Information Sheet

As part of our effort to provide a quality education for our students while remaining affordable to our families, Austin Jewish Academy has established a Scrip component of our enrollment contract. Each AJA family agrees to purchase \$5,000 of goods and services through the Scrip gift card program over the course of the school year. Alternatively, this commitment can also be satisfied by making a payment of \$500 to AJA, or by a combination of Scrip purchases and a payment prorated by the amount of Scrip purchased.

### **What is Scrip?**

Scrip is a term used for gift cards. When purchased through AJA's program, the school receives a percentage of each Scrip card's value as a rebate. For example: when you spend \$100 on your weekly shopping trip at HEB, instead of swiping your debit card, credit card, or paying cash at HEB, you could purchase the same \$100 in HEB Scrip from AJA, resulting in a donation from HEB to the school.

### **Why is there a Scrip commitment in the enrollment contract?**

The Scrip commitment program became part of annual tuition contract several years ago in an effort to keep tuition affordable. It is the hope that families will continue to purchase Scrip even after the commitment portion of their tuition agreement is satisfied, as part of our fundraising program.

### **How can I monitor how much Scrip I have purchased during the year?**

Scrip purchases will be tracked via RenWeb - our school management system. Log into RenWeb and click on "Family Information", and then "Family Billing". You will see a line for the Scrip Commitment with a "Details" button. Click on this button for an accounting of all purchases that have been credited towards your family's commitment. Families new to AJA will receive RenWeb access instructions over the summer.

### **Did I miss a deadline?**

The only deadline that families are required to adhere to is May 31 of the current school year - at which time the Scrip commitment is due.

### **Which Scrip cards are eligible for credit toward the commitment?**

Scrip cards purchased in the AJA office or through [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) are eligible to satisfy the commitment. Scrip purchased with a credit card in the AJA office will count as half of the value towards the commitment. There are over 500 vendors that offer Scrip cards through our program. Information on the percentage of rebate for each vendor is available at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). In addition, we offer Scrip that has been directly negotiated with our local HEB vendor to carry in the office. Occasionally throughout the year, we will be placing special orders for Scrip cards that we don't generally stock. If you need cards that we don't stock, let us know and we'll do our best to fulfill the request.

## How can I purchase Scrip cards?

### 1. Purchase Scrip at the AJA office.

Some Scrip cards are always available in the AJA office. We generally keep the following cards in the office for sale:

HEB/Central Market, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body, Bed Bath & Beyond, Container Store, CVS, Einstein Bagels, Home Depot, iTunes, Jo-Ann's, Lowes, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Regal Cinema, Sprouts, Starbucks, Walgreens, Whole Foods.

### 2. Order Scrip cards with the AJA Scrip Order Form.

Order forms are available for download on the school website at

<https://www.austinjewishacademy.org/scrip-cards/>. Please submit your order form, with payment attached to the AJA Office. Orders in stock may be picked up at the school office.

### 3. Sign up for automatic Scrip purchase.

Fill out an Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments (ACH bank account debits) also available for download on the school website at <https://www.austinjewishacademy.org/scrip-cards/> along with the AJA Scrip Order Form to have gift cards automatically sent home each month.

### 4. Order directly via [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

Register with [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) using AJA's enrollment code, L852B89F2L552. Once registered, you can order physical cards to pick up at the AJA office or get e-gift cards via ScripNow. Families that register to use PrestoPay can receive ScripNow on demand.

## How do I satisfy my family's Scrip commitment?

Purchases toward your \$5,000 commitment can be made from June 1 - May 31. Here is an example of how you could reach \$5,000 (or approximately \$420 a month) during the year:

HEB/Central Market/Randalls/Sprouts - \$350 per month

Walgreens, CVS, The Home Depot, Lowes, Panera, Subway - \$25 per month

Barnes & Noble, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Starbucks, Amazon.com (gifts!) - \$25

Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic, Marshall's - \$25 per month

## Can friends and family members purchase Scrip towards my family's commitment?

Yes, family and friends can help you satisfy your obligation by buying Scrip. Just make sure that you or the purchaser informs the office of which family they would like to credit for their purchase.

## What happens if I don't purchase enough Scrip to fulfill the commitment?

If you find that you have not been able to purchase the \$5,000 of Scrip cards during the year, you can choose the buy-out option of \$500. This will be prorated by the amount of Scrip you purchased during the year. For example, if you purchased \$2,500 of Scrip, then the buy-out option would be \$250 to complete the commitment.

If you have any additional questions about how this program works, please contact Karen Tarantolo, Office Manager at [reception@austinjewishacademy](mailto:reception@austinjewishacademy) or 512-735-8350 or Susan Snyder, Business Officer at [susan.snyder@austinjewishacademy.org](mailto:susan.snyder@austinjewishacademy.org) or 512-735-8368.