# **SECTION 2.04 – PROCUREMENT CARD USE**

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#### A. Overview

The board of directors has authorized the use of a credit card, known as a procurement card, to be used to simplify the purchasing process when buying certain equipment, materials and supplies. It may also be used for the payment of travel expenses (with the exception of meals) while on district business. The following guidelines have been developed for their use to insure that adequate documentation and fiscal control are established to meet legal and auditing requirements.

### **B. References**

Section 2.01 – Purchasing Guidelines and Laws Section 2.02 – Allowable Purchasing Methods Section 2.03 – Electronic Purchase Order Process Section 2.05 – Imprest Checking Accounts Section 2.06 – Reimbursement Vouchers

## C. Issuance Criteria

Issuance of procurement cards can be requested by completing a <u>Request for Issuance form</u> and shall be limited to the following district personnel unless authorized by a deputy, assistant superintendent, the chief financial officer, or the procurement supervisor.

- Superintendent, deputy, or assistant superintendent
- Principals/assistant principals
- Budget authorities
- Primary clerical support position to the above
- Maintenance personnel as approved by the director of maintenance

# **D.** Guidelines and Restrictions

- Procurement cards may not be used for expenditures not allowable under any other expenditure method including purchase of personal items, gifts, charitable contributions, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal substances, or items from district employees or relatives.
- Procurement cards may not be used for cash advances.
- Procurement cards may not be used for payment on contractual services agreements.
- Procurement cards may not be used for the purchase of equipment having a value greater than \$500. (The director of maintenance and operations is permitted an exception to this restriction when necessary for the safe and continued operations of the district.) Theft sensitive items (please see <u>Section 6.03</u> for examples) with a value less then \$500 may be purchased provided they are promptly entered into our inventory system and tagged

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(please coordinate with purchasing). Sites must take extra measures to track and protect these types of items from the risk of loss or misplacement. <u>Board Policy 6570</u> requires the tracking of these fixed assets through our inventory records. These records are contained in the BusinessPlus Financial Software System and are integral with the purchase order process. All efforts should be made to properly purchase and receive equipment (including application of inventory bar code tags) per the <u>BusinessPlus Training Manual</u> and the district inventory process.

- Transactions may not be split. Purchases which exceed the individual per transaction limit are to be made via a purchase requisition.
- Procurement cards may not be used for meals in the local area. An exception would be when purchasing food for a meeting per the district food and beverage consumption guidelines. Additional information regarding the purchase of food or meals can be found in <u>Section 1.02</u> of this manual.
- Business services issues procurement cards at the request of the department or school administrator with budget authority.
- Procurement cards shall only be used by the district employee identified on the card and the confidentiality of the account number shall be maintained.
- Procurement cards may be used for allowable expenditures via telephonic (<u>Documentation of Telephone Order form</u>) or internet orders. The account number shall only be used by the cardholder and not be given to other district employees for the purpose of telephonic or internet purchases.
- Procurement cards may not be used to pay outstanding invoices. Invoices are to be signed, coded and forwarded to accounting for payment.

# E. Reconciliation of Procurement Card Reports

- All purchases must be documented as to the item purchased and its cost, vendor name, date of purchase and amount of sales tax paid. Cardholders must provide original, **detailed** documentation of the use of the procurement card.
- When meals or food for meals are purchased with a procurement card, a copy
  of the meeting agenda and list of attendees must accompany the original
  receipt.
- When purchasing admission tickets, etc. for field trips, a copy of the <u>Field Trip</u> <u>Request form</u> must accompany the original receipt.
- When paying registration fees or other approved travel expenses with a procurement card, please attach a copy of the <u>Travel Request</u> to the original receipt(s).

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Each week, an email containing the following information will be sent to the person designated at each group to process procurement card reports:

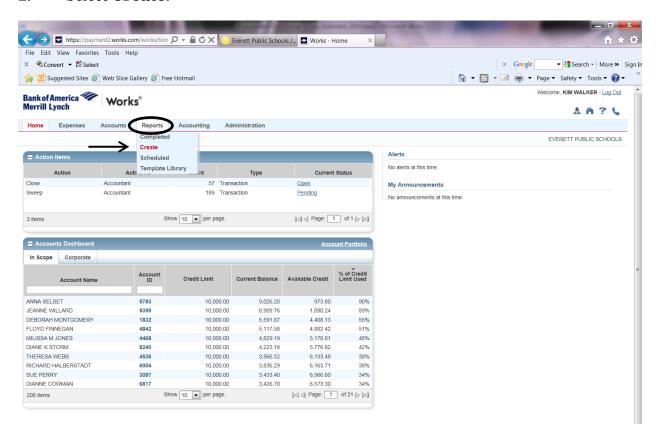
- 1. Dates report will cover.
- 2. Date the report is due to business services.

The group contact will (1) run the report for the dates specified in the email, (2) attach the proper documentation for each transaction on the report, (3) get the signature of the proper budget authority, (4) allocate and sign off on the transactions in Works, and (5) return the report to business services by the due date specified in the email.

#### **RUNNING REPORTS IN WORKS**

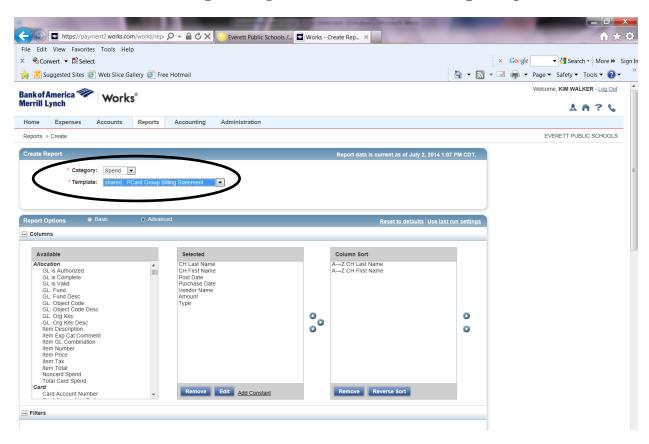
To run the Procurement Card Group Billing Statement in Works:

- 1. Select **Reports** from the pull down menu on the Works home page.
- 2. Select **Create**.

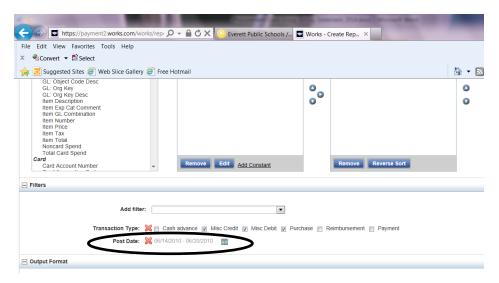


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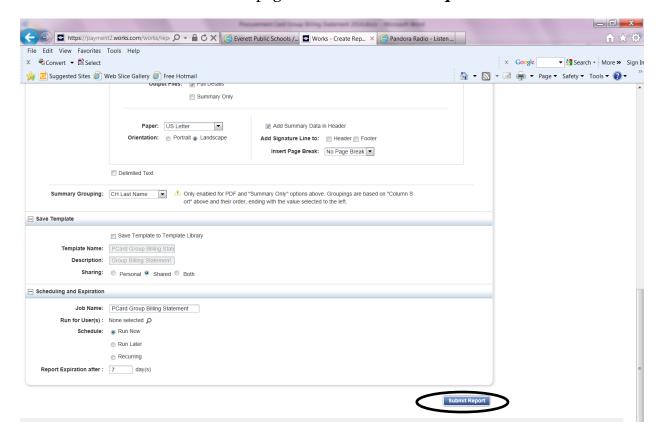
- 3. Select **Spend** from the *Category* pull down menu.
- 4. Select **PCard Group Billing Statement** from the **Template** pull down menu.



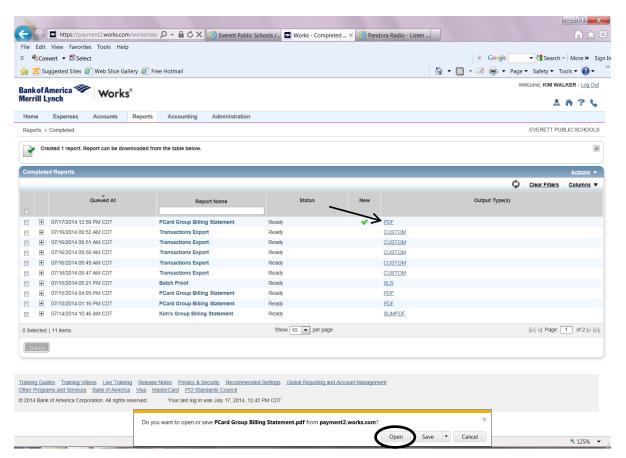
5. Click on the calendar icon for the **Post Date** and select your date range.



6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click *Submit Report*.



7. Select the completed report and open.



### 8. Print the completed report.

Match up original procurement card charge slips to the information on the report. In the event a procurement card is used to make an order by phone, a <u>Documentation of Telephone Order</u> may substitute for a charge slip. If an order was placed via the internet, a copy of the confirmation should be attached.

Note the expenditure codes to be charged by line item and in ink on the face of the report.

Have the site administrator with budget authority sign (in ink) the report as approval of the charges and the expenditure coding.

Return the reports and documentation to business services by the due date.

- Compensating tax will be charged to department or school budgets for out-ofstate vendors when sales tax was not included on the original charge.
- If a procurement card is used to make purchases utilizing grant monies, no purchases should be made less than one month prior to the end of the grant.
- It is important that schools/departments have at least two staff members trained on procedures relating to procurement card processing so that payments are not delayed due to absences, etc. Delayed payments may result in penalty charges assessed by the bank. Such penalty charges will be the responsibility of the school/department causing the delay.

## F. Summer Procedures

 Procurement cards are to be turned into the principal/administrator for safekeeping during summer break. NOTE: Procurement cards may be used at the discretion of the principal/administrator during the summer break <u>provided</u> trained personnel are available to process the resulting paperwork on a weekly basis.

## G. <u>Billing Address</u>

• The billing address for all district procurement cards is:

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