



COME DINE (and more....) WITH US AT BISHOP LYNCH!

Your student's PIN for My Kids Spending (MKS): 1 _____

Please save this message for future reference.

Bishop Lynch is pleased to have SAGE Dining Services® as our food service provider. We take pride in the selection we offer, and we hope you appreciate how much your student enjoys their lunch every day.

You are receiving this email today for several reasons:

1. To identify where on the website you can find instructions on how to set up or replenish your student's spending account.
2. To notify you of your student's PIN. The PIN number, listed above, **in red**, is what is needed to link your student's information to your web account and also to print on the school printer in the library.

THE BISHOP LYNCH CAMPUS SPENDING ACCOUNT is My Kids Spending (MKS)

WHAT IS ***MY KIDS SPENDING?***

SAGE offers parents access to manage their student's dining accounts through a secure website called ***My Kids Spending***. Visit the school's website under Student Life, and click BL Bistro (direct link: <https://www.BishopLynch.org/BLBistro>), to learn more about the food choices, ***My Kids Spending***, register for an account, and add funds to your student's account. No more need to send checks or *cash* to school.

WHY SHOULD I USE MY KIDS SPENDING?

1. To view what your student purchases in the dining hall and other venues on campus.
2. To add funds to your student's account anytime, day or night.
3. Make payment to the account using a credit card or electronic check.

Ready to Get Started? It's Easy!

Go to the [BL Bistro page](https://www.BishopLynch.org/BLBistro) (<https://www.BishopLynch.org/BLBistro>) to complete the **My Kids Spending** registration form. The link to the Sage Dining website is on the left side of the Bistro page.

New this year! As we continue to make progress towards our goal of a cashless campus, **everything** you pay for on campus, including student purchases at the campus bookstore, **The Lynch Locker** (<http://www.BishopLynch.org/TheLynchLocker>), will be deducted from the My Kids Spending (aka MKS, BL Bistro account or Student Spending Account).

Be sure you have enough money in the account to cover your student's charges. If you're not sure, access your Student Dining Account on <http://www.SageDining.com/sites/bishoplynch/> and check the balance. If your account is negative your FriarNET account, where you check grades/attendance/conduct may be put on hold. Additionally, if your account is negative at the start of an academic quarter the student may be declared ineligible for certain school activities, including TAPPS athletics. If your account is negative at the end of a semester the student's account will be put on hold and they will not be permitted to take final exams. Accounts with "auto-funding" enabled will generally not be put on hold except at the end of the year. See below for more information.

What do we mean by "everything?"

Things like club t-shirts, pizza slices for fund raisers, and even, perish the thought, fines for chewing gum in the library. **Everything**.

This means even if you bring your lunch every day, and never eat in the Bistro, you'll STILL need a Student Spending Account.

If you have any questions about the My Kids Spending website or a balance question, please contact Support@MyKidsSpending.com or call MyKidsSpending support at [\(617\) 868-0060 ext. 4](tel:(617)868-0060).

Funding Options for the My Kids Spending (MKS) Account:

<http://www.MyKidsSpending.com>

1. Auto Draft through MKS (Highly recommended) – Auto draft can be set up on the account to automatically fund the account when it reaches a minimum balance. This can be done using your checking account.

NOTE: MKS charges a 4% convenience fee to use a credit/debit card to fund the account and 1% + \$0.75 for electronic checks.

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of the year.

2. Direct Funding - Direct funding can be done by sending in checks or money orders directly to Rebecca Phiffer in the Business Office. They may also be dropped off at the receptionist desk with Marisol Rodriguez.

NOTE: This option is free of processing charges but does take at least 2 school days for processing. Checks should be made payable to BLHS and the students name needs to be on the check in the memo field.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I restrict what my student buys or how much they spend? No. Bishop Lynch High School's goal is help students grow as young adults and prepare for life after high school. Part of that growth includes understanding how to spend money responsibly. Middle schools and junior high schools often permit such restrictions but this is high school and while it may make for some challenging conversations with your student, we do not restrict spending in the cafeteria. Purchases made on the account for things like t-shirts from student groups are not restricted if there is a balance in the account but students cannot "go negative" for such a purchase.

What do you mean by "everything?" Everything (not everything shown here will apply to all students, of course....) includes things like payments for the Band Trip, football and other athletic fees, cookies and chips in the cafeteria, pens and pencils from The Lynch Locker, monthly bus fees, Homecoming and Prom tickets, club pizza sales, Homecoming Mums, National Honor Society t-shirts, tickets to the school play, your annual parking pass, Friar Frenzy Registration, dress down day passes, and even food & gum fines. In short, everything that doesn't come out of a vending machine will come out of the MKS account.

I have two (or three) students at BL. Can they share one MKS account? No. Because other systems use the same information as MKS, such as the printer in the library, every student must have their own, individual MKS account. As a parent, you can set up one web account and link all your students' activity (on their individual accounts) to that one web account.

As always, if you have any questions, please email FriarNET@BishopLynch.org.

Thank you and Welcome to Bishop Lynch!