



# Pacific Charter Institute

## PCI Homeschool Budget Overview for Families

### 2025–2026 School Year

At Pacific Charter Institute (PCI), we're committed to supporting your child's learning through a well-rounded, personalized educational experience. These Education Units (EU's) guidelines are designed to ensure each student has access to academic materials and enrichment opportunities while staying aligned with their learning goals and our school board policies.

This unified approach applies to all PCI schools:

Heritage Peak Charter School • Rio Valley Charter School • Sutter Peak Charter Academy • Valley View Charter Prep

### New for 2025-2026

- The first semester spending cap is 1500 EU's. Work with your teacher to prepare for the first day of school with curriculum and supply purchases.
- All students may spend up to 150 EU's a month on enrichment **OR** PE. Students meeting grade level benchmarks **OR** participating in school approved academic supports, may spend up to 250 EU's a month on PE **OR** enrichment.
- Students may use up to 250 EU's with a single vendor per month.

### Your Student's Budget: How It Works

Every student has an individualized budget to support their academic journey. Here's what to know:

- All students have access to 3000 Educational Units to support their academic and developmental growth in the 25-26 school year.
- All spending must support your child's Master Agreement (MA) and Student Learning Plan (SLP).
- The first semester spending cap is 1500 EU's.
- Items and projects over 100 EU's need pre-approval. Just email your credentialed teacher with your student's name, grade, and a short explanation of how the item supports learning.
- Items that are not consumable must be returned to the school when the student is finished with it.

## PE & Enrichment Activities

- All students may spend up to 150 EU's a month on enrichment **OR** PE. Students meeting grade level benchmarks **OR** participating in school approved academic supports, may spend up to 250 EU's a month on PE **OR** enrichment.
- Activities should happen regularly and help support your child's overall growth and development.

## Field Trips & Special Events

- You can use up to 50 EU's/month for educational outings (like museums or science centers).
- iFly is only reimbursable as part of a school-organized STEM activity.
- Tickets for (non-professional) sports, visual or performing arts events are reimbursable up to 50 EU's per student per event.

## Purchase & Vendor Guidelines

- No more than 250 EU's can be used per month per vendor (unless pre-approved for tutoring or curriculum support).
- Courses like CPR or Babysitting must be from certified providers and match your child's MA.
- No reimbursement for meal kits like HelloFresh.
- Legos must be part of a school-approved lesson and submitted through an Educational Material Request (EMR) form.

## Project-Based Learning

- Educational projects must be tied to academic standards and pre-approved.
- You can be reimbursed up to 100 EU's per project for things like cooking, gardening, or animal science - with receipts and documentation.

## Tips to Stay on Track

- Always submit itemized receipts with vendor name, payment info, and address.
- Meet regularly with your credentialed teacher to discuss your child's academic growth.
- Follow your school's posted deadlines for reimbursements.

## Final Notes

Your credentialed teacher is your main partner in making the most of your student's educational budget. Together, we'll help guide choices that match your child's unique strengths, academic needs, and areas for growth, all while keeping education fun and personalized.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher. We're here to support your family!