



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 can spend up to 150 EU's a month on enrichment **OR** PE. Students meeting grade level benchmarks **OR** participating in approved academic supports and interventions, 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 can use up to 150 EU's/month** for PE **OR** enrichment like art, music, or sports.
- **Students meeting grade-level benchmarks** and who are actively participating in approved academic supports can spend **up to 250 EU's/month on enrichment OR PE.**
- 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.
- In-person services must include the vendor's signature.
- 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!