

Dear Amity Regional Parents/Guardians:

We would like to thank all of you for your participation in the MealpayPlus program and would like to inform you of an important change that will be effective on **July 1st 2009**. MealpayPlus and Amity Regional School District #5 are proud to announce that Effective July 1, 2009 Amity parents will now be able to **View and Pay for several High School related Fees and Activities through MealpayPlus!!** Paying for parking permits will be the first opportunity to pay online for student activities at the high school. The online payment option will be added for other high school events as the school year progresses. The program will then be extended to the middle school level for parents to pay online for middle school events. This enhancement will now allow parents/guardians of Amity students to view several Fees and Activities and allow for payment anywhere they have internet access. The same forms of payment will continue to be accepted through MealpayPlus. Parents can soon pay for their High School Fees and Activities via Credit/Debit cards through the MealpayPlus website and their current login and account.

To enable the additional capabilities, users will **not** require any download or upgrade as the website will automatically reflect the additional capabilities. Students will no longer be required to carry checks/cash to pay for many Fees and Activities. Parents will no longer worry about sending checks/cash with their students or have to personally bring the money by their schools in order to pay for the Fees or Activities. **Parents can log in and pay for their Students Fee's at one time as well as make a payment to their lunch account through one safe, simple and secure transaction!** This reflects another way that Amity Regional Schools and MealpayPlus have partnered to offer cutting edge technology in order to better serve the needs of both Parents/Guardians and students!

As part of the enhancement and due to steadily increasing credit card processing and development costs, **the Program Fee associated with deposits made through MealpayPlus will now be 4.75% of the total transaction.** The new rate will be for both Meal and Fee and Activity payments through MealpayPlus.

MealpayPlus has maintained the same program fee since its inception in 2003, and have taken precautions to ensure that this switch is in line with current industry practices – in fact, the 4.75% program fee for the service offered through MealpayPlus is lower than national standard ATM fees to withdraw cash from your bank account. Additionally, due to the addition of various credit card programs (including rewards programs), our Visa/MasterCard processing rates have steadily and consistently increased over the past several years. It is always our goal to help you better manage your student payments, and the new program fee ensures that we can continue to develop state-of-the-art technology to do so.

Also as part of the enhancement, Amity parents will soon notice a new option on the menu on left hand side of MealpayPlus for “School Fees and Activities” page which will now allow parents to view all Fees available and allow for quick payment and registration for their students. Combining the services offered by Amity Regional Schools with the convenience and ease of use of MealpayPlus!

Sincerely –

MealpayPlus & Amity Regional School District #5