

Purchasing Card Audit Accounting Department

<u>Objective</u>: To assess school and cardholder compliance with established protocols, procedures, documentation and oversight for District Purchasing Cards (P-Card).

Scope: We evaluated the existence of adequate P-Card records, the appropriateness of expenditures, and assessed compliance to ensure purchases were tax exempt, split transactions did not occur, and single transaction limits were maintained.

Cards Reviewed: 1 Transactions Audited: 38 Transactions with Errors: 19

Expense Reports Reviewed: 9 **Expense Reports Not in Compliance**: 4

	Process	Findings
1	Security	No security issues were noted.
2	Spending Limits	There were no split transaction or spending limit findings.
3	Purchases	Sales tax was paid on three purchases. Purchases were made with vendors that were not District contracted vendors.
		Recommendation: The District is tax exempt and sales tax should not be paid for any P-Card purchase. Recoup any sales taxes paid. Refer to the Purchasing Department SharePoint website or call Purchasing to ensure a negotiated vendor contract does not exist before making purchases.
4	Documentation	Sales receipts, invoices and packing slips were not consistently retained. Also, photocopies of receipts were maintained, but the original receipts were not available.
		Recommendation: Retain original orders, sales receipts, sales credits and packing slips for all purchases and returns. Scan and upload all documentation to CentreSuite to support the transaction.
5	Reconciliation – Cardholder	Expense reports did not consistently contain detailed transaction descriptions.
		Recommendation: Comply with policy for completing expense reports and include detailed descriptions for all purchases.
6	Approval – Supervisor	There was one instance where the supervisor did not approve by the 12 th of the month.
		Recommendation: Comply with policy for approving expense reports by the 12^{th} .

<u>Conclusion</u>: The Accounting Department paid sales tax on three purchases and purchased contracted commodities from non-contracted vendors. Original sales receipts, invoices and packing slips to support the P-Card transactions were not consistently retained. Expense reports lacked detailed transaction descriptions for reconciled items and one expense report was not approved timely.