

RCS Scrip Program



What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”.

When you purchase Scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue in your personal Scrip account. It’s kind of like cash-back rewards, except here you are using gift cards.

How Scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center (GL Scrip) acts on behalf of RCS and other nonprofit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. RCS buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount from two to fifteen percent or more – is revenue to your personal Scrip account.

Does it work?

Absolutely!! RCS supporters raised \$60,000 during the 2018-19 school year. Families received tuition credits of anywhere from \$10 to \$4,000. Below is an example of what a family might make. If a family can find some friends or relatives to support them as well, they can really get quite a bit of credit!

	Revenue	Spending per month	Revenue per year
Piggly Wiggly	3%	\$400	\$144
Shell	5%	\$250	\$150
Dining Out	8%	\$50	\$48
Wal-Mart	2.5%	\$250	\$75
Clothing	6%	\$100	\$72
Home Improvement	4%	\$100	\$48
Total		\$1,150	\$537

What happens to the revenue in my personal Scrip account?

Two times a year, the funds in personal Scrip accounts are paid out in one of a few ways:

1. Tuition or hot lunch credit for a specific RCS family (or multiple families). With this option, the designated family receives 80% of the revenue applied to their current tuition (or hot lunch) costs, and RCS receives 20%.
2. The entire amount can be given to RCS general fund or tuition assistance fund.
3. Funds can also be retained in the personal Scrip account for future use.

Who can participate?

Scrip is available to anyone wishing to support RCS or an RCS family. Everyone who signs up will get their own personal Scrip account where they can track and allocate revenue. To open an account, please pick up a form in the school office.

How does ordering work?

There are a few options for ordering. The basics are:

1. **Standard ordering** - Order form and payment can be delivered to school every 2nd and 4th Wednesday before 8:00 am. RCS Scrip Committee will place the order with GL Scrip that day, and have your Scrip cards ready by end of school day the following Monday. The scrip is then either sent home with students or available for pick-up at the school.
2. **Scrip-To-Go** - Our most popular items are available in the school office and may be purchased at any time. See the order form for a list of those items that are also available as "Scrip-To-Go".
3. **Vouchers** – There are a few local retailers that participate through vouchers (listed on order form). You pick up a voucher in the office, and use it when paying the retailer. These retailers will then send a check to RCS for the appropriate amount.

In addition, Great Lakes Scrip offers some other options on their website that are becoming more popular. Visit www.raiseright.com to see all the items available for order and try out some of these options:

1. Online ordering – Place your order online, and then just deliver your payment to school. Your order will be released by the RCS Scrip Committee on Wednesday when they place the order. No need for the committee to re-enter your order.
2. PrestoPay – For just 15 cents, you can also submit your payment online. No need to deliver anything to the school to place your order. RCS Scrip Committee will release your order on Wednesday, and it will be ready end of school day the following Monday.
3. Reloadable cards – A growing number of retailers are offering reloadable scrip cards. So, buy one card, then just go back to the website to add more funds to the card at any time.
4. ScripNow! – GL Scrip's latest offering, some retailers are now offering ways to order and pay for your scrip, then print off a certificate right from your computer!

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. RCS supporters produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.



What if I have more questions?

Check out the GL Scrip website at www.raiseright.com, or look for more information on the RCS website at www.randolphchristian.org. Also, feel free to contact Sarah Seaman at scrip@randolphchristian.org.