



Money Education Tips With Prepaid Debit Cards

Because of the added convenience and safety features that debit cards provide, many are now choosing cards over cash for their day to day transactions. But did you know that you could use cards to teach kids about money?

Prepaid VISA® Debit Card is a great tool to teach your children, including your teens and pre-teens, about money management and financial responsibilities. It's become a popular money education tool for parents because they can stay in control while allowing their children the freedom of making purchases and learning how to manage money responsibly.

Benefits of Using Prepaid Cards in Financial Education

With Prepaid VISA® Debit Cards, you only have access to the money you pre-loaded onto the card, so it helps to limit direct access to your full checking account balance. Prepaid VISA® Debit Cards offer less risk than a traditional debit card or credit card.

Prepaid VISA® Debit Cards are easy to open. There is no need to fill out paperwork or go through an approval process — all you have to do is purchase the card and activate it.

Parents can also enjoy peace of mind knowing that they can monitor the transactions with an online account, just like any other debit or credit card. They can also suspend the card online at any time.

Prepaid VISA® Debit Cards are convenient for various situations such as traveling, sporting, night out with friends, shopping online, and more.

Tips for Using Prepaid Cards in Financial Education

Make sure to set clear expectations with your children on their allowance. Talk about how much money they will get and how often. Have a discussion that involves listening to your children's opinions about money and spending rather than lecturing or creating set expectations without consideration.

You will want to avoid leading your children into thinking you are their unlimited source of money. Talk about the allowance's intended purpose, how to budget, a plan to set aside for saving, and why this process is essential. For younger kids, you can consider preparing the allowance in cash to show it to them and then walking them through loading the money onto the card.

Budgeting Example for Kids:

- 10-30%: Savings
- 10%: Donation to an organization of their interest (animal shelter, church, etc.)
- The rest of the allowance: Free to Use

After the first month, review the statement with your children. Talk about what they did well and the areas to improve and repeat the review process. Don't forget to reward them for their progress or achievements!

Using a Prepaid VISA® Debit Card is a fantastic way to get your children ready ahead of time for financial wellness, with a safety net, as they begin to make their own financial choices. It's an excellent first step to get them to feel comfortable with basic money management before moving onto the phases that involve more responsibilities, such as a debit card or a credit card.

Ready to begin? The Prepaid VISA® Debit Card is available at Lampco Federal Credit Union's South Brand at 1815 E. 53rd Street, Anderson, IN 46013. Please visit or call 765-649-9226 for more information.

After purchasing the Prepaid VISA® Debit Card, please check out the terms and conditions and register the card here: <http://www.innovativecardservices.com/>.