



The Division of Financial Operations  
Has Published the Following Article in the  
**March 15, 2011**  
Edition of  
The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



**P-CARD PURCHASING RESTRICTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM CERTAIN  
MERCHANT CATEGORY CODES (MCCs)**

To reduce cost and increase efficiency, the Division of Financial Operations (DFO), in early August 2010, implemented changes in P-Card usage rules. After months of reviewing these changes, DFO determined that some of the restrictions imposed were preventing schools from making certain purchases that would enhance the learning experience. Accordingly, effective March 16, 2011, several restrictions will be removed from certain Merchant Category Codes.

The following MCCs, as well as some other non-educational related codes, will continue to be blocked:

Airlines  
Hotels  
Car Rentals  
Gasoline Stations  
Florists  
Spas  
Liquor Stores

Please direct any questions to:

Joshua Lilly  
[Jlilly@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Jlilly@schools.nyc.gov)

Noli Hourahan  
[Nhourah@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Nhourah@schools.nyc.gov)

Scott Matluck  
[SMatluc@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SMatluc@schools.nyc.gov)