

FROST ISD 2025-2026 BENEFITS GUIDE



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This guide contains a summary of the benefits offered by your employer. If there is a conflict between the terms of this outline of benefits and the actual contracts, the terms of the contracts will prevail.

Employee Benefits Center

A guide to your benefits!

Frost ISD and FFGA are excited to provide you with a custom website filled with information about your benefits. Visit the Employee Benefits Center to see current benefit options for your employer as well as find claim forms, important phone numbers and enrollment information.

There's no need to register for site access. Simply type the URL below into your browser and you will be directed to your Employee Benefits Center.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the plans that are available this plan year!

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How to Enroll

Benefits Enrollment

On-Site Enrollment

When it's time to enroll in your benefits, your FFGA Account Representative will be on-site to assist you with making your elections. Visit your EBC for more information.

Online Enrollment

To begin online enrollment, visit ffga.benselect.com/Enroll/login.

Enroll Now

Login & PIN

- Employee ID
 - The Employee ID is either your social security number or your Employee ID.
- PIN
 - Instructions to access your initial Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be provided to you prior to open enrollment.
 - Upon initial login, the PIN will be required to be changed.
 - Remember your PIN as you will use this to sign your enrollment confirmation form and to login in the future.

View Current Benefits

After logging in, you will arrive at the welcome screen. Your current benefits and premium deductions will be listed on this screen.

View/Add Dependents

Click next to view your dependents. It is very important to make sure the social security numbers and birth dates listed are correct. If you plan to add dependents, you will need to enter their legal name, social security numbers and birth dates.

Begin Elections

Click next again to begin making your benefit elections. Remember, no changes to your elections can be made during the plan year unless you have either a qualified mid-year change under Section 125 or a special enrollment event.

Enrollment Assistance Center Instructions

Call (855) 765-4473 and follow the prompts to be connected to your local FFGA branch office. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (local time) Monday through Friday. There is an option to leave a voice message for a representative to call you back. Phone calls will be returned as soon as possible or the next business day if it is after hours.

Benefit Eligibility & Coverage

Employee Coverage

Eligibility

Eligible employees must be actively at work on the plan effective date for new benefits to be effective.

New Employees

You have 31 days from your actively-at-work date to make benefit elections. Insurance coverage becomes effective on the first day of the month that follows your hire date.

Existing Employees

When it's time to enroll in your benefits, your FFGA Account Representative will be available to assist you with making your elections. Your elections can be made anytime during annual enrollment online from your work or home computer. Before enrollment, take time to educate yourself on the available benefits and what options would work best for you and your family by visiting the Employee Benefits Center.

Mid-year Benefit Changes

You may add or cancel coverage during the plan year if you have a change in family status. You must notify the benefits department within 31 days of the change.

Qualifying Life Events Include:

- Changes in household, including marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment, death of a spouse, birth, adoption, placement for adoption or death of a dependent child
- Loss of health coverage, attributable to your spouse's employment, losing existing health coverage including job-based, individual and student plans, losing eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP, turning 26 and losing coverage through a parent's plan

Declining Coverage

If you are eligible for benefits, but wish to DECLINE coverage, please complete the online enrollment either on your work or home computer. Under each option, you will need to select "waive." **You must still complete the beneficiary information.**

Section 125 Plans

Section 125 Plan Information & Rules

A Section 125 Plan provides a tax-saving way to pay for eligible medical or dependent care expenses. The funds are automatically deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis.

Here’s How It Works

A Section 125 Plan reduces your taxes and increases your spendable income by allowing you to deduct the cost of eligible benefits from your earnings before tax. Plus, the plan is available to you at no cost, and you’re already eligible – all you must do is enroll.

Is It Right For Me?

The savings you may experience with a Section 125 Plan are outlined in the example below. For instance, you could potentially take home about \$70 more each month if you participated in your employer’s Section 125 Plan – that’s a savings of \$840 a year!

You cannot change your benefit elections for the plan year unless the benefits office receives notification in writing within 31 days of the status change. If the benefits office is not notified within 31 days of the status change, no benefit change can be made until the next annual open enrollment.

- IRS specified changes in family status include:
- Change in legal married status
 - Change in number of dependents
 - Termination or commencement of employment
 - Dependent satisfies or ceases to satisfy dependent eligibility requirements
 - Change in residence or worksite that affects eligibility for coverage

Section 125 Plan Sample Paycheck		
	Without S125	With S125
Monthly Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000
Less Medical Deductions	-N/A	-\$250
Tax Gross Income	\$2,000	\$1,750
Less Taxes (Fed/State at 20%)	-\$400	-\$350
Less Estimated FICA (7.65%)	-\$153	-\$133
Less Medical Deductions	-\$250	-N/A
Take Home Pay	\$1,197	\$1,267

You could save \$70 per month in taxes by paying for your benefits on a pre-tax basis!

**The figures in the sample paycheck above are for illustrative purposes only.*

Medical Coverage

TRS-ActiveCare



Your medical plans are offered through TRS. From in- and out-of-network options to comprehensive prescription drug coverage and special health and wellness programs, TRS-ActiveCare has been designed to flexibly meet the needs of nearly half a million public education employees.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas | www.bcbstx.com/trsactivecare | (866) 355-5999

TRS-ActiveCare Primary

- Copays for doctor visits and generic prescriptions before you meet deductible
- Statewide Network
- Participants must select a primary care provider who will make referrals to specialists
- No out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive two (2) ID cards (BCBS & Express Scripts)

TRS-ActiveCare HD

- Must meet deductible before plan pays for non-preventive care
- In-network and out-of-network benefits – separate out-of-network deductible/out-of-pocket maximum
- Nationwide network
- Deductible applies to medical and pharmacy
- No requirement for PCP or referrals
- Compatible with health savings account (HSA)
- Employee will receive two (2) ID cards (BCBS & Express Scripts)

TRS-ActiveCare Primary +

- Copays for many services and drugs
- Statewide Network
- Participants must select a primary care provider who will make referrals to specialists
- No out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive 2 ID cards (BCBS & Express Scripts)

TRS-ActiveCare 2 - Closed to New Enrollees

- Copays for many drugs and services
- Nationwide network with out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive two (2) ID cards (BCBS & Express Scripts)

TRS-ActiveCare Plan Prescription Benefits

Express Scripts | info.express-scripts.com/trsactivecare | (844) 367-6108

When you enroll in a BCBSTX Plan, you automatically receive prescription drug coverage through Express Scripts which gives you access to a large, national network of retail pharmacies.

TRS ActiveCare Medical Premiums

Medical Monthly Premiums				
	Primary	Primary+	HD	AC2
Employee Only	\$159.00	\$248.00	\$171.00	\$663.00
Employee + Spouse	\$1,025.00	\$1,205.00	\$1,057.00	\$2,052.00
Employee + Children	\$516.00	\$667.00	\$536.00	\$1,157.00
Employee + Family	\$1,381.00	\$1,624.00	\$1,422.00	\$2,491.00

Monthly Premiums shown above include the Employer contribution of \$350.00

For more information, please refer to the TRS-ActiveCare website.



Dental Insurance

Plan Choices



Ameritas | www.ameritas.com | (800) 659-2223

Taking care of your oral health is not a luxury, it is a necessity to long-term optimal health. Dental insurance can greatly reduce your costs when it comes to preventative, restorative, and emergency procedures. Review the plan benefits to see which option is best for you and your family’s dental needs. A range of procedures may be covered, such as:

- Comprehensive Exams
- Cleanings
- X-Rays
- Fillings
- Tooth Extractions
- General Anesthesia
- Crown
- Root Canals

Dental Monthly Premiums	
Employee Only	\$36.20
Employee + 1 Dependent	\$69.84
Employee + 2 or more Dependents	\$119.88

Vision Insurance

Ameritas | www.ameritas.com | (800) 487-5553

Proper vision care is essential to your overall well-being. Regular eye exams at any age will help prevent eye disease and keep your vision strong for years to come.

Your employer provides you with a vision plan to take care of you and your family’s needs. You must enroll in the vision plan each plan year and premiums are typically paid through payroll deduction. Here are just a few of the areas where you will save money with your plan:

- Eye Exams
- Eyeglasses
- Contact lenses
- Eye surgeries
- Vision correction

Vision Monthly Premium	
Employee Only	\$8.56
Employee + 1 Dependent	\$17.00
Employee + 2 or more Dependents	\$23.88



Flexible Spending Accounts

First Financial Administrators, Inc. | www.ffga.com | (866) 853-3539

Medical FSA

A Medical Flexible Spending Account (Medical FSA) is an IRS-approved program to help you save taxes and pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered under your medical plan. If your plan includes a grace period option, you have additional time to incur and claim against unused funds in the new plan year. Keep in mind that remaining balances after the grace period is exhausted will be forfeited under the use-it-or-lose-it rule.

Your maximum contribution amount for 2025 is \$3,300.

Medical FSA Highlights

- Contributions are automatically deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis, which helps reduce your taxable income and increase your spendable income.
- Your full election will be available to you at the beginning of the plan year.
- Be conservative – any money left in your account at the end of the plan year will be forfeited.
- Use your benefits card to pay for qualified expenses upfront without spending money out of pocket.
- Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes.

NOTE: The IRS requires proof that all expenses are eligible. Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes. Your receipt must include the date of purchase or service, amount you were required to pay after insurance, description of the product or service, merchant or provider name, and the patient's name.

Dependent Care FSA

With a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, you can set aside part of your pay on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible dependent care expenses like childcare, babysitters, and adult day care.

You may allocate up to \$5,000 per tax year for reimbursement of dependent care services.

If you are married and file a separate tax return, the limit is \$2,500.

Dependent Care FSA Highlights

- Eligible dependents must be claimed as an exemption on your tax return.
- Eligible dependents must be children under age 13 or an adult dependent incapable of self-care.
- Funds become available as contributions are made to your account.
- Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes.
- Balances will be forfeited at the end of the runoff or grace period.

FSA Resources

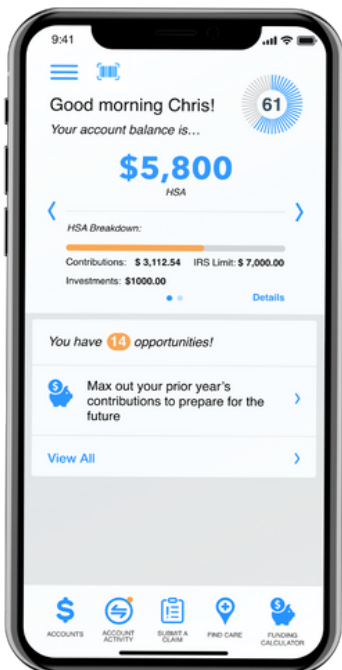
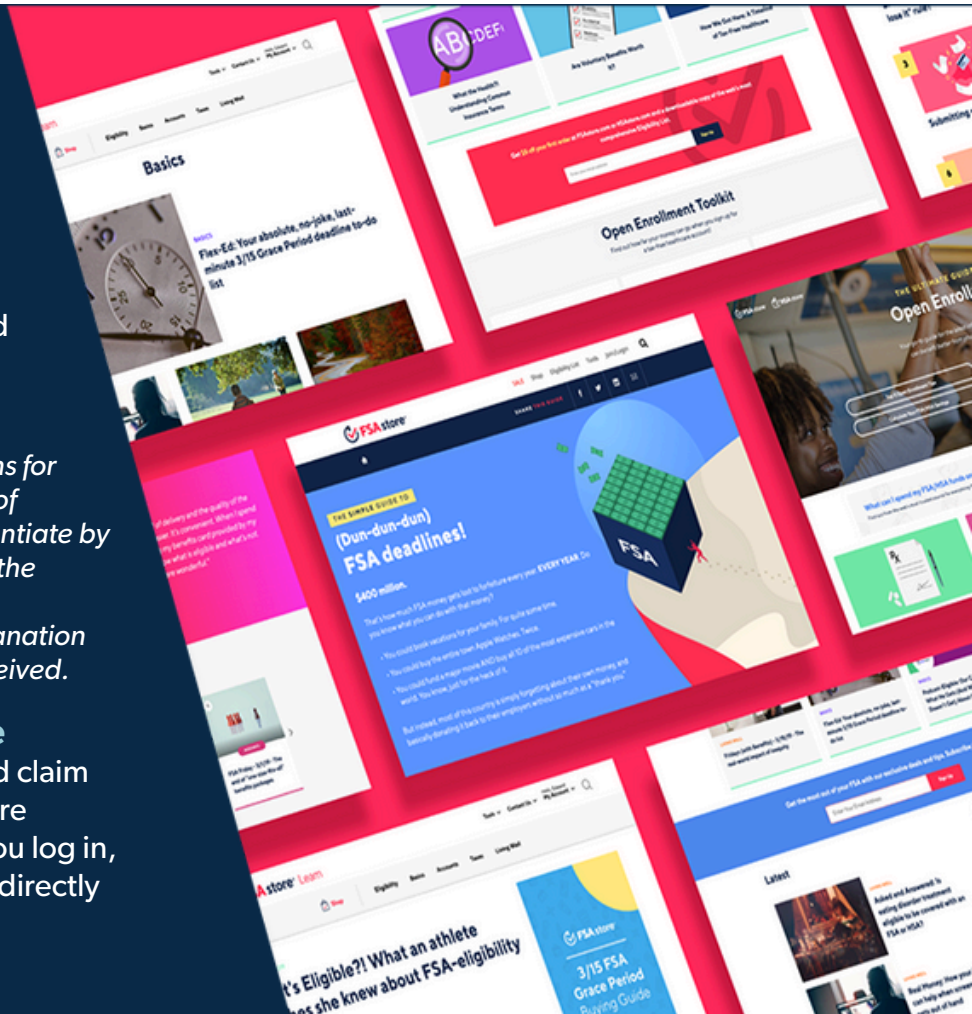
Benefits Card

The FFGA Benefits Card is available to all employees that participate in a Medical FSA and/or a Dependent Care FSA. The Benefits Card gives you immediate access to your money at the point of purchase. Cards are available for participating employees, their spouse and any eligible dependents who are at least 18 years old.

The IRS requires validation of most transactions for FSAs. You must submit receipts for validation of expenses when requested. If you fail to substantiate by providing a receipt to FFGA within 60 days of the purchase or date of service your card will be suspended until the necessary receipt or explanation of benefits from your insurance provider is received.

View Your Account Details Online

Sign up to view your account balance, find claim forms and check claims status on our secure website. Log in at www.ffga.com. After you log in, you may sign up to have reimbursements directly deposited to your bank account.



FF Mobile Account App

With the FF Mobile Account App, you can submit claims, view account balance and history, check claims status, view alerts, upload receipts and documentation and more! The FF Mobile Account App is available for Apple® and Android™ devices on either the App Store or Google Play Store.

FSA Store

FFGA has partnered with the FSA Store to bring you an easy-to-use online store to better understand and manage your account. You can shop for eligible medical items like bandages and contact solution, browse for products and services using the Eligibility List and visit the Learning Center to find answers to commonly asked questions. Visit the store at www.ffga.com/individuals/#stores for more details and special deals.



Texas Life

Permanent Life



Texas Life | www.texaslife.com | (800) 283-9233

Texas Life Insurance - Permanent, Portable Life Insurance

The peace of mind voluntary, permanent life insurance provides is unmatched. It is a solid companion to your group life insurance plan. Texas Life provides life insurance that you can keep for a lifetime. The plan is easy to purchase, pay for, and keep through the convenience of payroll deduction. Coverage is affordable and dependable. Plus, Texas Life has over a century of experience protecting families and giving the peace of mind only permanent life insurance can provide.

Texas Life - Permanent Life Highlights

- You own the policy, even if you change jobs or retire.
- The policy remains in force until you die or up to age 121 if you pay the necessary premium on time.
- It is a permanent, universal life policy which means you can rest easy knowing your loved ones will be well taken care of when you're gone.

Disability Insurance

American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | (800) 654-8489

Why Do I Need Disability Insurance?

Have you ever wondered what would happen to your income if you had an accidental injury, sickness, or pregnancy? That is why you need disability coverage. It replaces a portion of income for the period you are unable to work due to those reasons. You can choose the benefit amount, which is the amount of your income to replace, and the waiting period that you begin receiving payments.

How do you decide if you need disability insurance? Consider these questions when making your decision:

- How much employer leave do you have?
- Do you have savings?
- Do you have other income you can rely on, such as from your spouse or from child support?
- How close are you to retirement?
- Could you go on Social Security Disability or take a Disability Retirement?
- What are your other sources of income?



Critical Illness Insurance

American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | (800) 654-8489

Prepare For the Unexpected

If you've heard of heart attacks, strokes, organ transplants or paralysis, then you're familiar with critical illness. It's likely you or someone you know has experienced one of these life-altering events. Often times, a critical illness has a powerful impact on people's lives, affecting their livelihood and finances.

A critical illness plan can help with the treatment costs of covered illnesses. Benefits are paid directly to you, unless otherwise assigned, giving you the choice of how to spend the money. Plus, there are plans available to provide coverage for you, your spouse and dependent children.

Prepare now for the unexpected with a critical illness insurance plan. The plan helps you focus on getting well rather than worrying about finances. Visit the Employee Benefits Center and view policy for more details.



Accident Insurance

American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | (800) 654-8489

The costs associated with an injury can add up. Between hospital visits, exams and treatment, out-of-pocket costs could put you in a financial hardship. An accident plan pays benefits directly to you so you can determine where to spend the money. It's comforting to know that an accident insurance policy can be there through all stages of your care, from initial treatment to follow-up care. Accident coverage is available to you through payroll deduction and may provide a benefit for costs associated with:

- Concussions
- Lacerations
- Broken teeth
- Emergency room visits
- Ambulance, ground or air
- Intensive care unit



Voluntary Retirement Plans



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403(b) Retirement Plan

Research shows that Americans are living well past retirement years. Are you saving enough to be able to enjoy those years? A 403(b) plan can help you get there.

It’s an IRS-approved retirement plan that allows you to set aside money on a pre-tax basis for your retirement. Contributions are conveniently made through payroll deduction, so money is moved from your paycheck into the account automatically. Plus, you employer may even match your contributions based on how much you put into the plan. Now is the time to take full advantage of this opportunity to maximize your retirement savings!

457(b) Retirement Plan

The 457(b) plan is an employer-sponsored voluntary retirement savings plan that allows you to save money for retirement on a tax-deferred or ROTH basis. One significant way the 457(b) differs from the 403(b) is that distributions are never subject to the 10 percent tax for early withdrawal.

Contribution Limits	
2024	2025
\$23,000	\$23,500
Participants aged 50 and older at any time during the calendar year are permitted to contribute an additional \$7,500.	

All investing involves risk. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

COBRA

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Life is full of unexpected events that may impact your health insurance coverage. Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, better known as COBRA, you have the right to continue your group health coverage such as medical, dental, vision insurance and flexible spending accounts for a limited period of time.

COBRA Highlights

- Temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work, divorce, death or a child no longer qualifying as a dependent. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.
- Either you or your family member are responsible for notifying your employer of a divorce, legal separation or child losing dependent status within 60 days of the event. In the case of termination, death or reduction in hours, your employer will be responsible for letting the provider know that you have the right to continue coverage under COBRA.
- Benefits will remain identical to what you had while employed. However, you will be responsible for paying the full premium, plus any applicable fees.

First Financial Administrators, Inc. provides COBRA administration services for the following plans:
Medical, Dental, Vision, and FSA.



Medicare & Age 65



FFMS | www.ffga.com/medicare-solutions | (800) 523-8422

Questions to Consider Before Retiring

- Do I **plan** to Retire?
- Am I **eligible** to Enroll?
- **When** can I enroll?
- Do I really **want** to enroll?
- **Should** I enroll now or wait?
- What happens if I **don't** enroll when I'm eligible?

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Whether or not you intend to retire yet, these questions and more may occur as you approach age 65.

Planning for your future is important, and you don't have to do it alone.

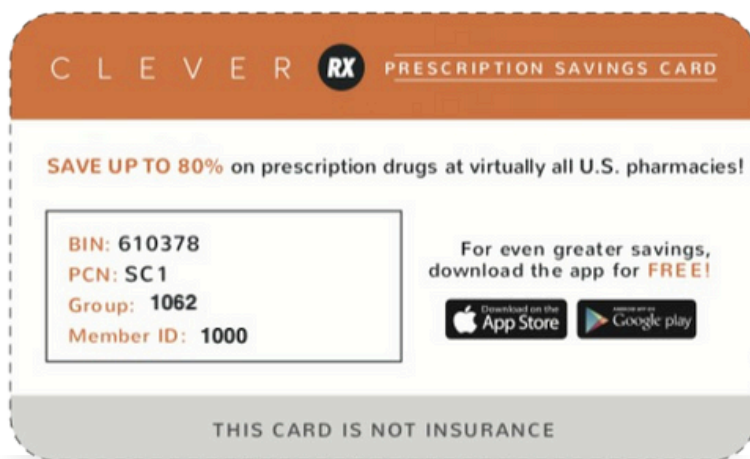
Let the experts at First Financial assist you through this process.

Clever RX

Clever RX | partner.cleverrx.com/ffga | (800) 873-1195

Clever RX helps you save money by using a prescription drug savings card. They partner with the healthcare community to bring state-of-the-art, money-savings tools to participants. It helps you save up to 80% off prescriptions drugs and often beats the average copay. Plus, it's completely free. Thanks to Clever RX, you will never overpay for prescriptions again!

Use Clever RX every time you pay for a medication for instant savings!



Download the app or visit the site to price a drug: partner.cleverrx.com/ffga

Clever RX Highlights

- 100% FREE to use.
- Unlock discounts on thousands of medications.
- Save up to 80% on prescription medication – Often beats your copay!
- Download the Clever RX app by using the information on your card to unlock exclusive savings at over 60,000 pharmacies nationwide.
- Available to use now!

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Medical	BCBS	www.bcbstx.com/trsactivecare	(866) 355-5999
Prescription	Express Scripts	www.express-scripts.com/trsactivecare	(844) 367-6108
Dental	Ameritas	www.ameritas.com	(800) 659-2223
Vision	Ameritas	www.ameritas.com	(800) 487-5553
FSA	FFGA	www.ffga.com	(866) 853-3539
Permanent Life	Texas Life	www.texaslife.com	(800) 283-9233
Disability	American Fidelity	www.americanfidelity.com	(800) 654-8489
Critical Illness	American Fidelity	www.americanfidelity.com	(800) 654-8489
Accident	American Fidelity	www.americanfidelity.com	(800) 654-8489
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