

# Aspen 6.9 Release Notes

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## Enhancements to Aspen SIS

Welcome to Aspen 6.9! This release includes several improvements to Aspen Go and other features.

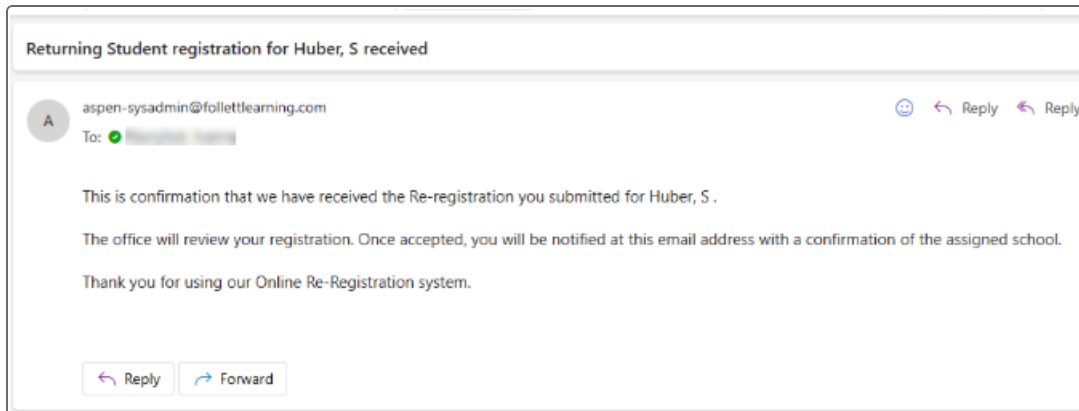
### System, District, and School Administrators

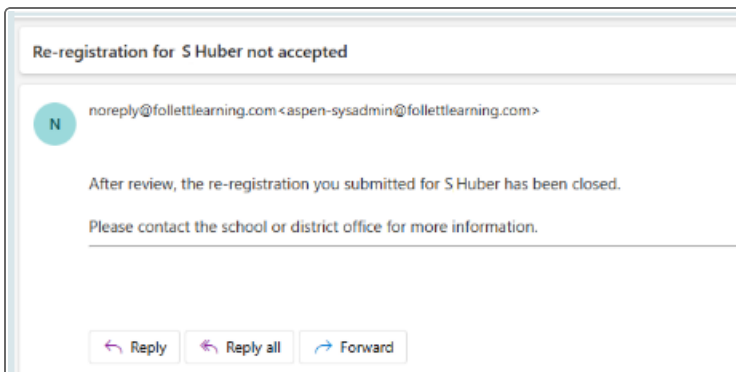
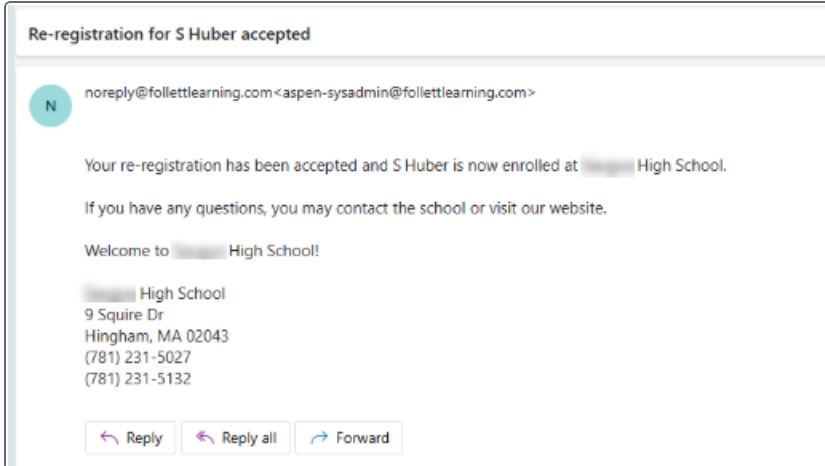
#### Locale field is now Unicode

The Locale field, OLC\_NAME, was updated to Unicode, the information technology standard for text and characters.

#### Returning Student Registration: Email verifications

Code was added to support the email verification process during Returning Student Registration. This includes a confirmation email when a registration is received, an email when a registration is approved, and an email if a registration is not accepted.





## Improvements to Aspen Go

### Ability to sequence reference codes

In Aspen Go, reference codes in drop-downs now appear in the order specified at the 'Sequence number' field (District [Root Organization] view, **Admin > Data Dictionary > Tables > Reference > select reference table > Codes**).

**Example:** A US-based district wants United States to appear first in the drop-down at the Country, 'Country of citizenship', and 'Country of last residence' fields in the New Student (Online) Registration workflow. This would make it easier for users to make that selection.

*Below: The Reference Tables > Country Codes page, showing United States with a SeqNo of 1.*



Pages District Student Staff Attendance Conduct Grades Assessment Schedule Extracurriculars Global Tools Admin

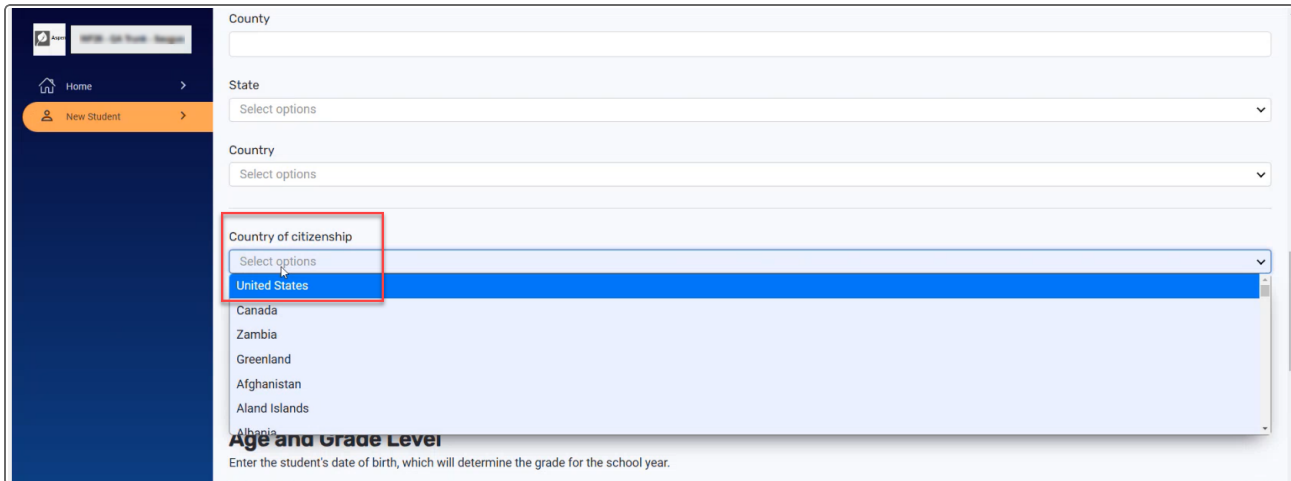
Reference Tables :: Country Codes

Options Reports Help Search on SeqNo

1:1 | United States 0 of 257 selected

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code	Description	Category	State	Fed	CRDC Code	Owner	SeqNo ▲	Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	United States	United States		US			Public Schools (District)	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada	Canada		CA			Public Schools (District)	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zambia	Zambia		ZM			Public Schools (District)	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenland	Greenland		GL			Public Schools (District)	4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Afghanistan	Afghanistan		AF			Public Schools (District)	100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aland Islands	Aland Islands		AX			Public Schools (District)	100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Albania	Albania		AL			Public Schools (District)	100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algeria	Algeria		DZ			Public Schools (District)	100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Samoa	American Samoa		AS			Public Schools (District)	100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andorra	Andorra		AD			Public Schools (District)	100	

Below: Drop-down options at the 'Country of citizenship' field on a New Student Registration form in Aspen Go. United States is first on the list.



Country

State

Country

Country of citizenship

- Select options
- United States
- Canada
- Zambia
- Greenland
- Afghanistan
- Aland Islands
- Albania

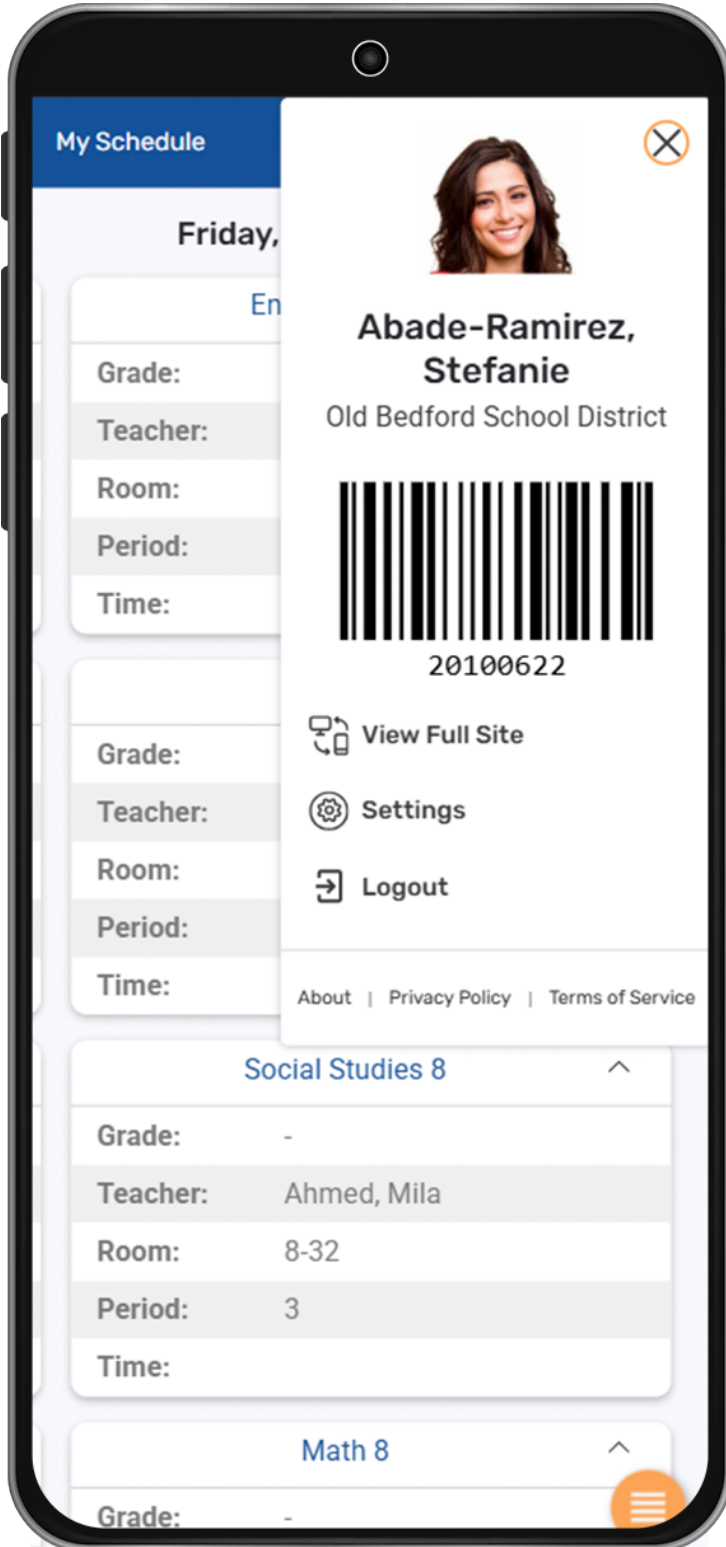
Age and Grade Level

Enter the student's date of birth, which will determine the grade for the school year.

**Note:** Codes appear in the same sequence in Aspen Go and Aspen desktop.

## Barcodes available for students

A barcode and student ID number can now appear in the Student view of Aspen Go. The barcode represents the student's Local ID, and can be scanned for attendance, library usage, and other purposes.



## **Document 'Type' codes restricted**

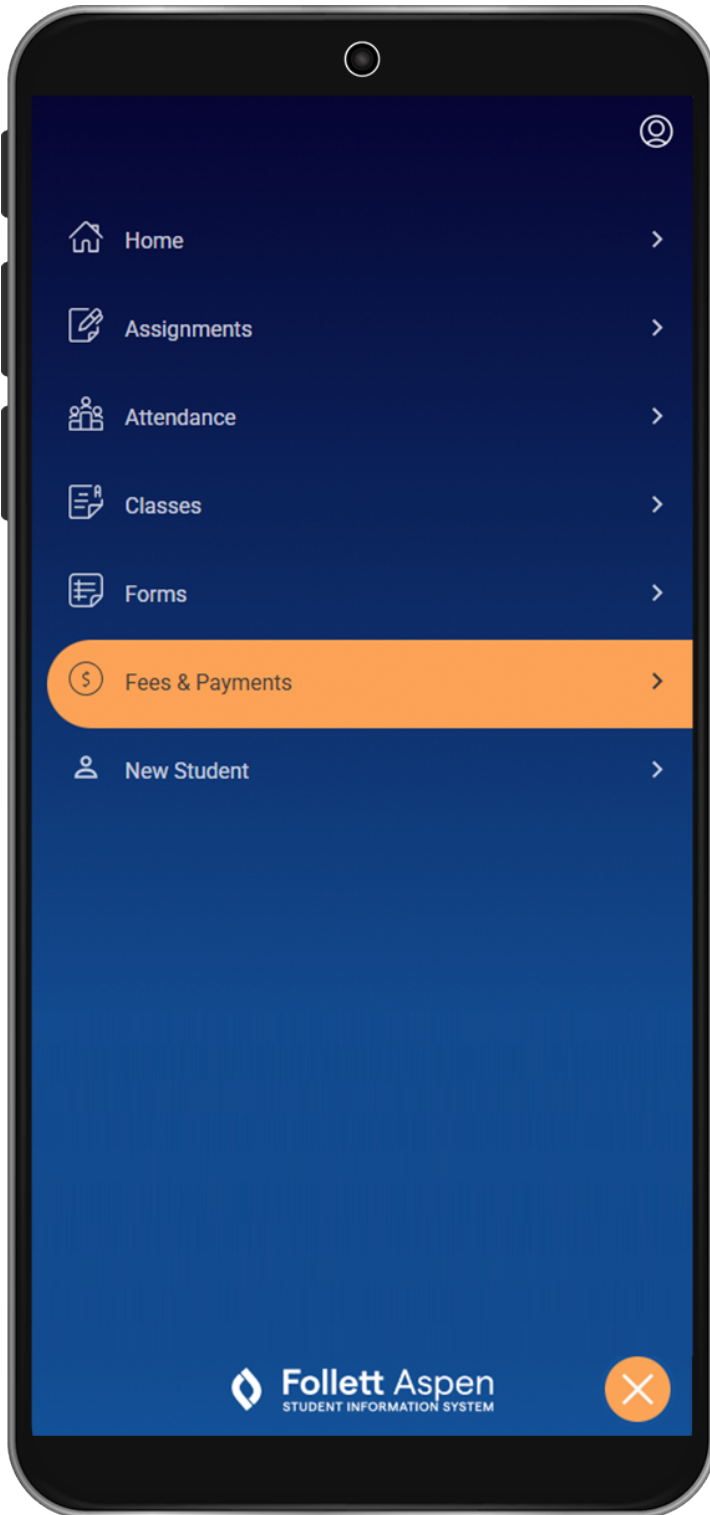
When completing New Student (Online) Registration and Returning Student Registration forms, parents/guardians can upload student-related documents, such as a birth certificate or proof of residency. The document-type codes available at the Type drop-down have been restricted for more efficient selection.

## **Destiny Fee Manager: Online payment processing**

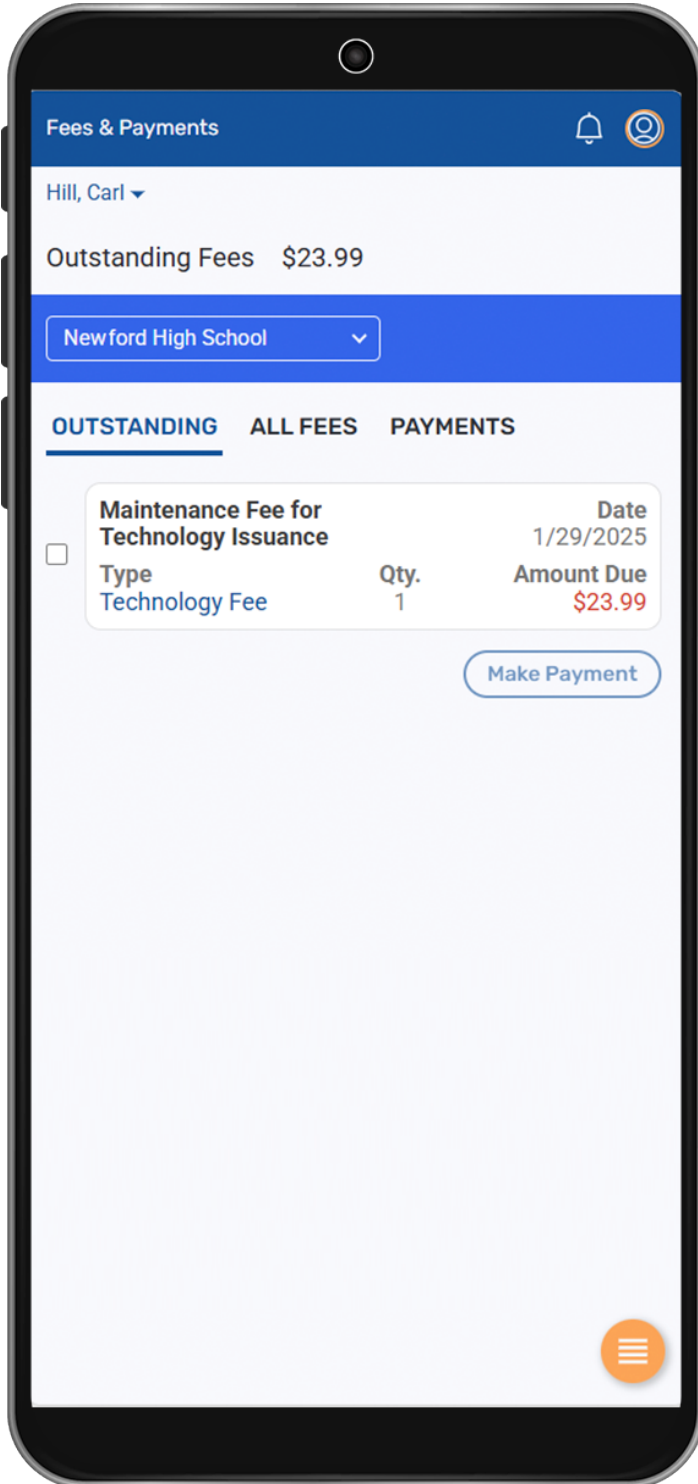
Introducing Destiny Fee Manager, a new payment feature in Aspen.

With Destiny Fee Manager, users can pay fees and fines online using a credit card in the School view and Family portal (Aspen desktop) and in the Family portal (Aspen Go). This feature requires setup. Contact Aspen Technical Support for details.

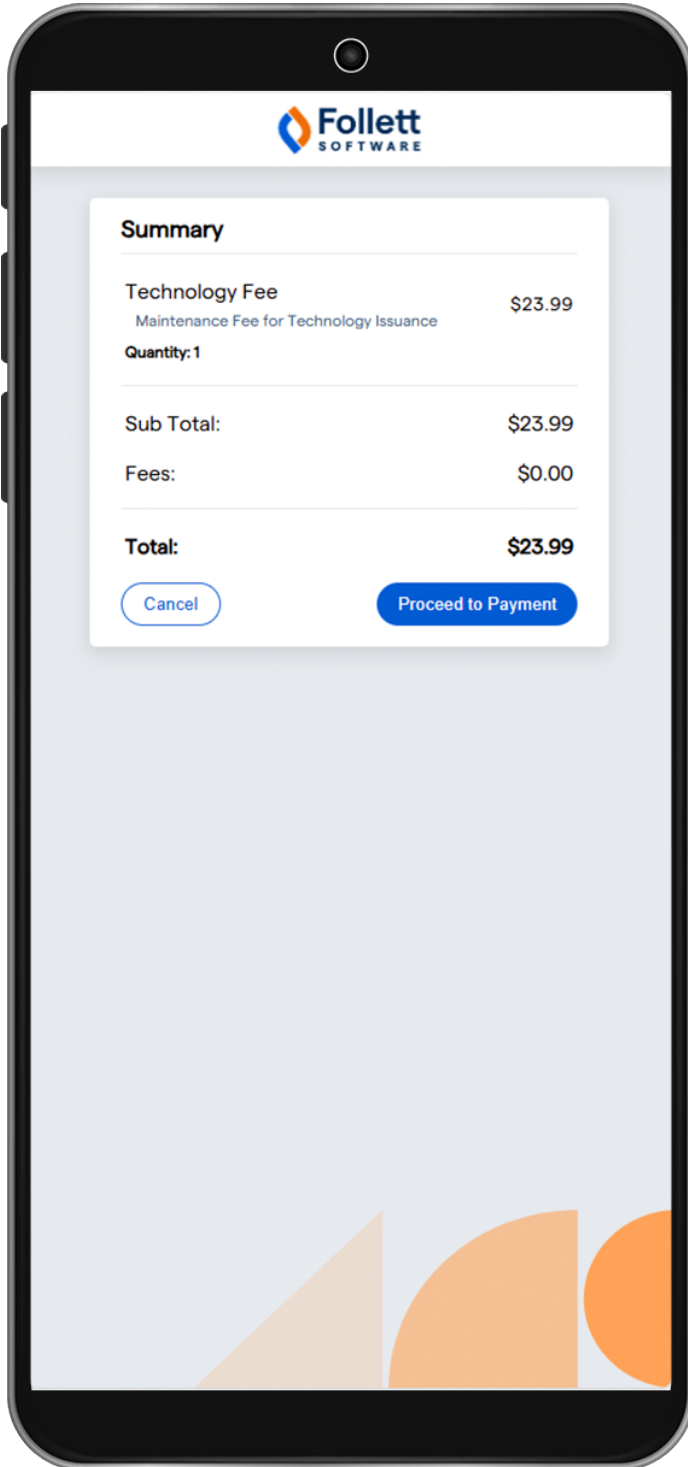
When this feature is enabled, a Fees & Payments menu option appears in the Aspen Go Family portal (for users with appropriate privileges):



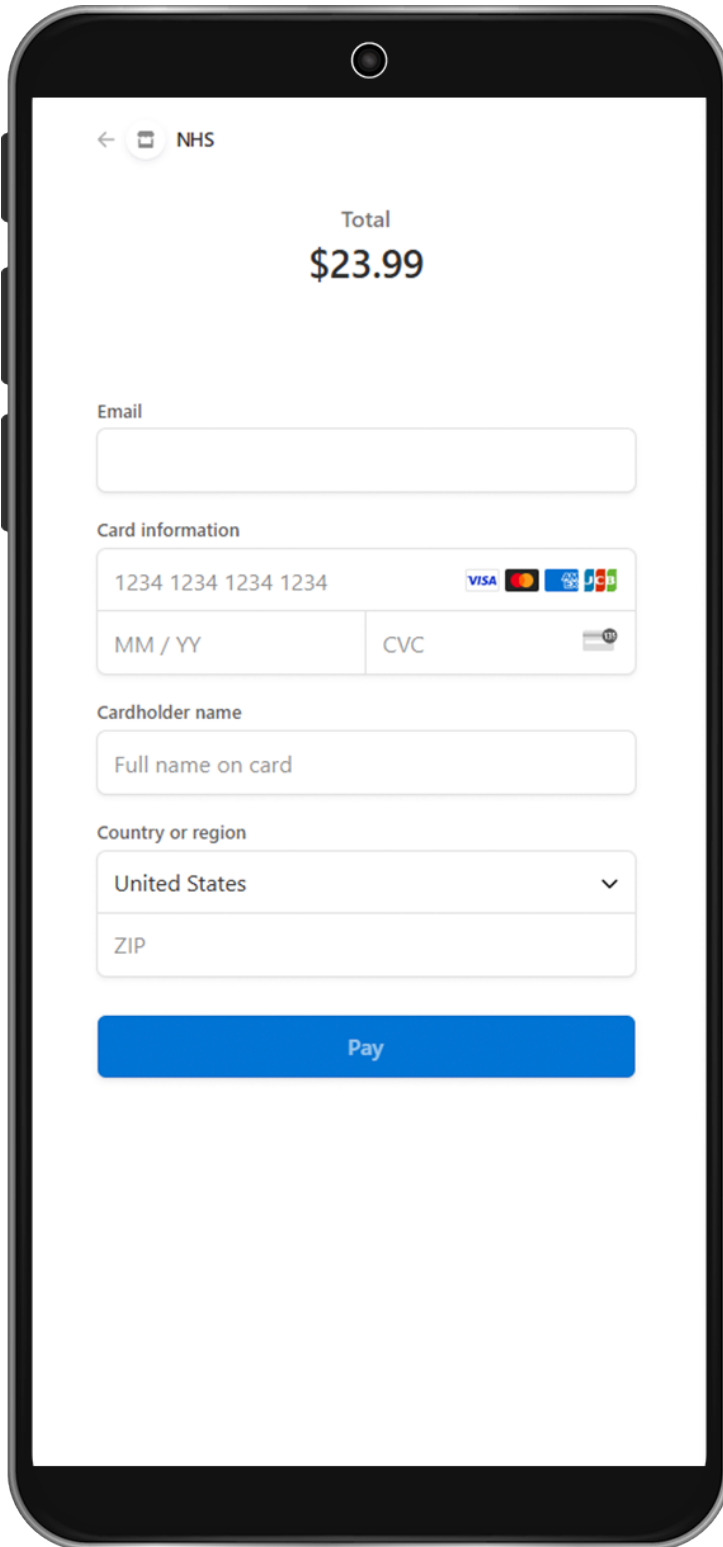
When the user taps **Fees & Payments**, the Fees & Payments screen displays a list of outstanding fees for the student shown:



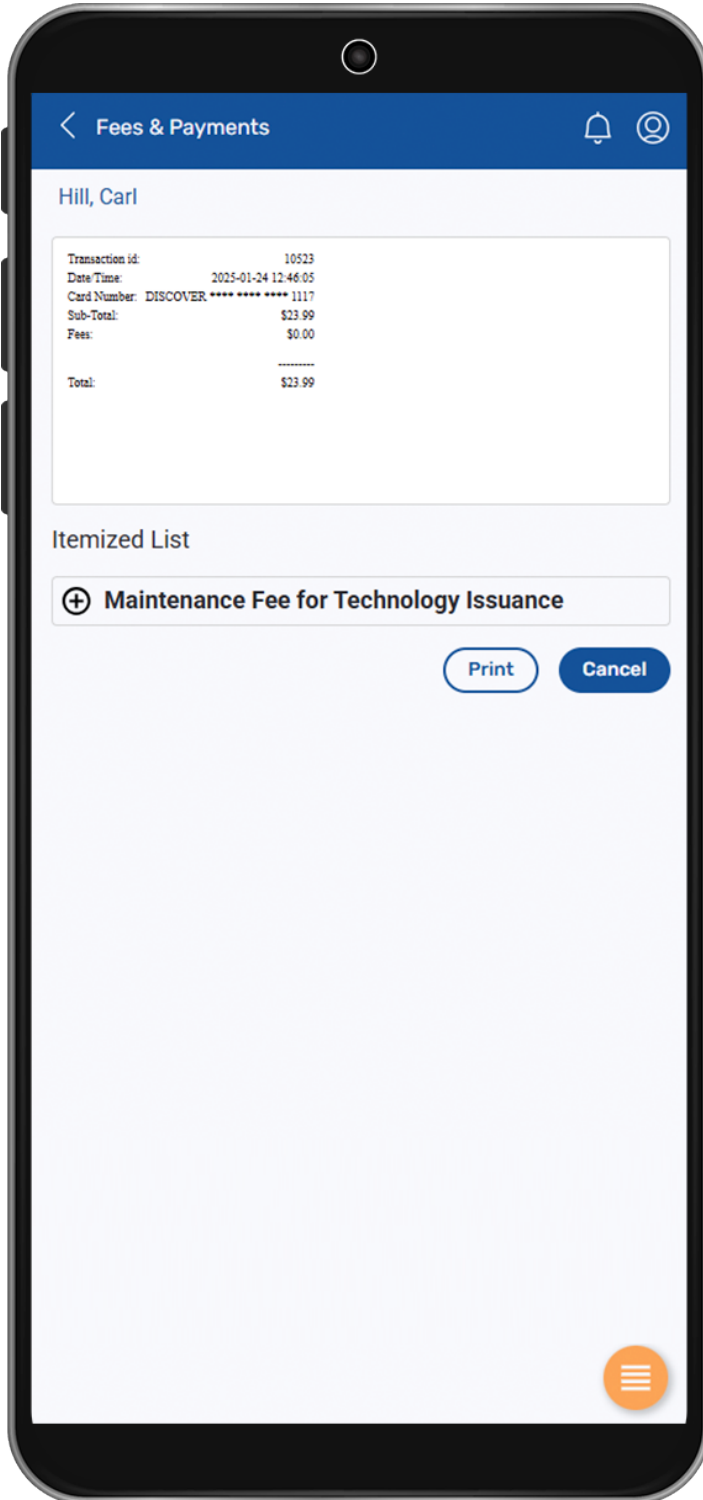
The parent selects the fee(s) to pay, and then taps **Make Payment**. A Summary screen lists the item(s), a sub-total, any fees, and the total amount to pay:



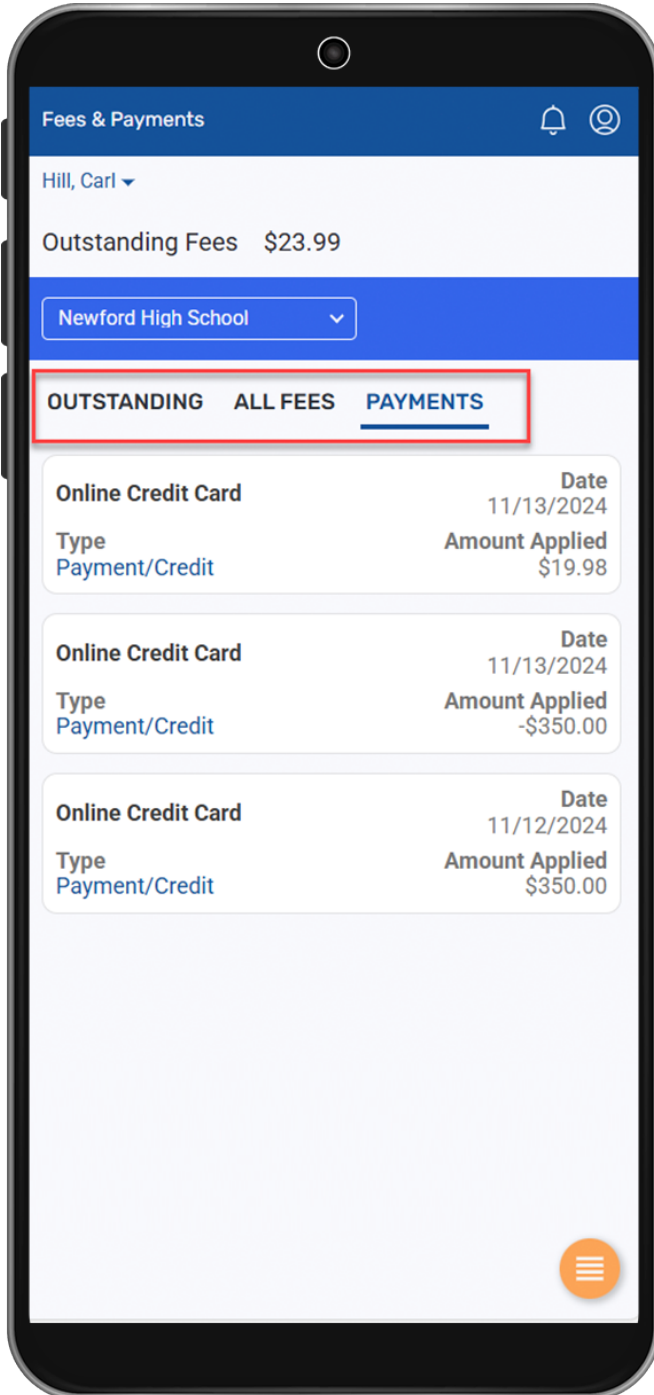
Once the parent taps **Proceed to Payment**, they are taken to the payment processor site, where they enter their payment information:

A mobile payment form displayed on a smartphone screen. The screen shows a back arrow and 'NHS' at the top left. The total amount is '\$23.99'. Below this is an 'Email' input field. The 'Card information' section includes a card number '1234 1234 1234 1234', logos for VISA, Mastercard, American Express, and JCB, and fields for 'MM / YY' and 'CVC'. The 'Cardholder name' field contains 'Full name on card'. The 'Country or region' dropdown is set to 'United States', and there is a 'ZIP' input field below it. A large blue 'Pay' button is at the bottom.

After they tap **Pay** and the payment is processed, the parent is returned to Aspen. A details screen displays information about the transaction, including a Reference Number. From there, the parent can tap **Receipt** to view the receipt:



From the Payments screen, the parent can tap **Outstanding** to view unpaid fees, **All Fees** to view all paid and unpaid fees, and **Payments** to view all payments:



This robust feature provides convenience for busy Aspen families, and makes it easy for districts to collect the funds they are owed. For complete information, contact Aspen Technical Support.