

Payment plans: a powerful weapon in the fight against student debt

A post secondary credential has never been more important.

Graduation is important!

Students who do not graduate:

3X more likely to default on student loans

Median debt for those who default is **\$8,900**.



U.S. Department of Education

More than **40%** of first-time, full-time students do not graduate.

Strong correlation

between states with high default rates & low completion rates at 4-year public colleges

Just 9% of students from the lowest income quartile graduate by age 24, compared to 77% of top income quartile.

Payment plans are a WIN/WIN!

SURVEY SAYS!

A student survey of 2018-19 Transact Payments clients revealed these insightful results.



7 out of 10

payers agree that payment plans have significantly increased their chances of graduating on time with less debt.

Positive payer experience

84%

"excellent" or "fair" payment experience

73%

"very likely" to enroll in a payment plan again

How would you pay your balance if payment plans weren't an option?



Student loans



Credit cards





(e.g., home equity line of credit)

The most successful payment plans:

- Provide instructions & support for first-time payers
- Give payers choices
- Are timed well with bills
- Over communicate

Getting the word out about payment plans is critical!

What is your preferred method of communication about payment plans?



Segment

Freshmen need to be educated, returning users need to be reminded.

Families

Don't assume students will share information with their parents.

Frequency

Use a combination of channels (email, post cards, collateral) to ensure students and families have the information they need about your payment plans.

Transact payments powered by Cashnet offers solutions, services, and the consultation you need to support your students' payments journey.



Payment plans are an effective tool for supporting student success.



Those that participate in payment plans have a positive experience.



Market segmentation is important when promoting payment plans.

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