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THE DAWN OF SEAMLESS TRANSACTIONS: UNVEILING THE STUDENT PAYMENT SYSTEM (SPS)

Abstract:

This paper compares the Student Payment System (SPS), a specialized financial management platform for educational institutions, with general-purpose processors PayPal and Stripe. It highlights SPS's unique features, including commission-free transactions, tailored integration, and enhanced auditing, which make it an effective, tailored solution for educational financial management.

Keywords:

The digital payment solutions, educational financial management, transaction fees, financial integration in education, commission-free transactions, payment processing platforms, auditing capabilities, secure transactions.

INTRODUCTION

The world of digital payments has revolutionized various sectors by offering a streamlined, swift, and secure transaction method.

Among the beneficiaries of this digital wave is the education sector, which has experienced a significant transformation through the introduction of the Student Payment System (SPS).

SPS is a groundbreaking initiative designed to alleviate the financial burdens faced by students and their families during the education journey.

This innovative platform facilitates the hassle-free exchange of funds among students, parents, and educational institutions without any commission.

UNDERSTANDING SPS

The Student Payment System (SPS) is a digital platform that empowers students to manage their educational finances effortlessly.

It enables them to send, receive, and pay all education-related fees without being burdened by additional charges. This system is crafted to eliminate the hurdles often encountered with traditional payment methods, ensuring a smooth financial flow between the stakeholders involved in a student's education [1].

The absence of commission is a notable feature of SPS, making education more accessible and less financially straining for many families.

Benefits of SPS [2]:

- Ease of Use: SPS sports a user-friendly interface that makes navigating through the platform a breeze, even for the technologically less adept.

It offers a one-stop solution for all educational payments, thus eliminating the need for multiple platforms or payment channels.

- Cost Efficiency: By eradicating commission fees, SPS makes education more affordable.

It encourages transparency in transactions, ensuring that every dime is accounted for without hidden charges.

- Security: The platform employs robust security measures to safeguard the sensitive financial information of its

users.

Real-time monitoring and alerts keep the users informed about their transactions, aiding in early detection and prevention of fraudulent activities.

- Enhanced Transparency: SPS fosters a transparent environment where every transaction is recorded and can be tracked by the concerned parties.

The system promotes accountability and reduces the chances of financial discrepancies.

Operational Framework:

SPS operates on a secure digital infrastructure that ensures seamless transactions. It incorporates advanced technologies such as blockchain for transparent record-keeping and real-time updates. The platform requires users to create profiles, linking their bank accounts or digital wallets for transactions. Once registered, users can effortlessly handle their educational finances, be it paying tuition fees, hostel charges, or other miscellaneous expenses related to their academic journey. Comparing the Student Payment System (SPS) with established payment platforms like PayPal and Stripe can provide insight into how these systems cater to the educational sector.

However, it seems that there might be multiple systems referred to as Student Payment System or SPS, as evidenced by the mentions of SPS EZpay, and Diamond Student Payment System in the sources [3].

Given this, a direct comparison may be complex, but some general differences and similarities with PayPal and Stripe can be outlined based on typical features of educational payment systems:

Target Audience:

SPS (be it SPS EZpay or Diamond SPS) seems to cater specifically to educational institutions, providing tools that simplify payment processes for tuition, lunch, and other school-related fees [4].

On the other hand, PayPal and Stripe are general-purpose payment processors catering to a broader audience, including individuals, businesses, and online retailers.

Commission Fees:

The Diamond Student Payment System claims to save institutions thousands of dollars annually in processing fees by charging zero processing fees for transactions [5].

PayPal and Stripe typically charge a fee per transaction, which can include a percentage of the transaction amount plus a fixed fee.

Integration:

SPS systems are integrated with educational institution management systems, making it easier to handle school-specific transactions like tuition payments and lunch fees [6].

PayPal and Stripe offer APIs that can be integrated into various platforms, but they may not offer the same level of specialized integration with educational institution systems.

Ease of Use:

SPS platforms often provide user-friendly interfaces tailored to the needs of educational institutions, making it easier for administrators, parents, and students to manage educational payments [7]. PayPal and Stripe also prioritize user experience but are designed for a broader user base, which may not meet the specific needs of educational institutions as effectively.

Security:

All these platforms are likely to have robust security measures in place to protect sensitive financial information. However, the specifics of these measures may vary.

Transparency and Auditing:

SPS platforms often emphasize transparency and improved auditing capabilities, which are crucial for managing funds in an educational setting.

PayPal and Stripe also provide detailed transaction records, though the level of auditing support tailored to educational institutions may vary [8].

While PayPal and Stripe provide robust and versatile payment processing solutions, the SPS platforms, tailored to the educational sector, offer specialized features that simplify the management of educational finances and potentially reduce costs for institutions.

CONCLUSION

The Student Payment System (SPS) is a monumental stride towards simplifying educational finances. By eliminating commission fees and offering a straightforward platform for managing educational payments, SPS contributes significantly to reducing the financial strain on students and their families.

As digital transformation continues to engulf various sectors, systems like SPS are pivotal in ensuring that education remains accessible and affordable for all.

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