



TUITION SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Fees (*not applicable towards tuition*)

New Students: \$395 application fee due at time of application (refunded if student is not accepted).

Returning Students: \$200 per child due April 15, 2023. Billed and paid through Blackbaud Tuition Management (formerly Smart Tuition) or if you don't have a Blackbaud Tuition Management account, a paper bill will be sent by mail with payment due by cash/check.

TUITION			
Program	Age	School Hours	Tuition
Children's House half-day	2.5-4+ yrs	8:30am-noon	\$ 8,280
Children's House full-day	2.5-6+ yrs	8:30am-2:30pm	\$10,680
Elementary (grades 1-6)	6-12+ yrs	8:30am-3:30pm*	\$12,240
Middle School (grades 7-8) <i>Note: Annual Residential Experience of \$450 not included in Tuition amount. This will be added to your billing.</i>	12-14+ yrs	8:30am-3:30pm*	\$13,980
*2:45pm early dismissal on Wednesdays; included in tuition is classroom supervision until 3:30pm.			
Note: Tuition rates include Earth Experiences for Elementary students. Not included in tuition is classroom fee of \$75. Montessori Aspect (before/after care), athletics and after school programs are not included in tuition.			
Blackbaud Tuition Management: Our online billing and payment system. There is a \$25 annual admin fee charged. The billing includes: Re-enrollment Fee (\$200), Tuition, MA, Residential Experience & Classroom Fees. After school programs are not billed through Blackbaud Tuition Management.			
Sibling Discounts: Families with 2 attending children: 5% discount on total tuition Families with 3 attending children: 7.5% discount on total tuition Families with 4 or more attending children: discount determined by Head of School			

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

Annual (2% discount): One payment in full, due July 15, 2023 by cash/check. Visa/MasterCard payments are accepted. There will be a 3% fee for bank charges. There is a **\$30** fee for failed transactions. MA (before/after care) may be billed monthly through Blackbaud Tuition Management, if preferred.

Semi-annual (1% discount): Two payments of one-half tuition, due July 15, 2023 and January 15, 2024 by cash/check. Visa/MasterCard payments are accepted. There will be a 3% add on for bank fees charged. There is a **\$30** fee for failed transactions. MA (before/after care) may be billed monthly through Blackbaud Tuition Management, if preferred.

Monthly: 12 monthly payments; July 15, 2023 through June 15, 2024 online via Blackbaud Tuition Management. There is a **\$25** per year Blackbaud admin fee.

\$200 re-enrollment fee is due on April 15, 2023. If you currently have Blackbaud Tuition Management account, you will be automatically charged the re-enrollment fee on that date unless you notify Head of school of withdrawal or change in payment option by April 15, 2023.

- Monthly payments are invoiced 20 days before your due date through e-mail from Blackbaud Tuition Management. If not paid after the due date, a late fee of \$40 per month will apply.
- Payments are accepted through Blackbaud Tuition Management via checking account, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. Credit/debit card transactions incur 2.85% convenience fee.
- For failed transactions, Blackbaud Tuition Management bills a \$30 fee.
- Other fees invoiced through Blackbaud Tuition Management includes MA (before/after care), Residential Experience, and Classroom fees.
- For students moving to a new level or starting school after the first instructional day, a prorated tuition is assessed based on the number of instructional days remaining in the school year.

Tuition contract: Contracts are sent in early May via email. Sign and return the contract via mail, e-mail or fax.

MONTESSORI ASPECT (BEFORE/AFTER CARE)

Hours of operation: 7:00 to 8:15am and 2:30-6:00pm (Children’s House) 3:30-6:00pm (Elementary)

Rate: \$8.00 per hour, per child (\$3.00 per minute, per child after 6:00pm) billed monthly.

Pre-registered time cancellation policy: During school breaks parents must pre-register for Montessori Aspect. If illness or family emergency requires absence, a 24-hour notice of cancellation is required for fees to be waived. Without advance notification, fees associated with the pre-registered time will be billed.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE SCHOOL’S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

All families are expected to contribute a minimum of \$200 to the school’s Annual Appeal each year. These monies help close the 8-15% gap between tuition rates and the total cost of educating each student, and support tuition assistance for lower income families. Full participation by families’ aids FMES when seeking matching funds from outside donors and grantors.

EARLY WITHDRAWAL POLICY

We require 30 days written notice before a student is withdrawn. Complete early withdrawal policies are outlined in the FMES Parent/Student Handbook and summarized as follows:

- loss of tuition paid in July and August plus the repayment of any original discounts (e.g. 2% full payment discount)
- loss of paid fees
- a charge of one additional month’s tuition to help defray the school’s fixed annual costs
- payment of all Montessori Aspect and other accrued fees
- completion of all exit paperwork

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is limited and reserved for students beyond their first year of attendance. Parents should consult with the Head of School for more information and help in completing the request. All requests are due by April 15, 2023.

POSSIBLE TAX BENEFITS

Costs associated with the Children’s House Program (pre-kindergarten) and Montessori Aspect (MA) Program (before and after school care) may be considered child care expenses and qualify for the federal *Child Care Tax Credit* or be eligible for *Flexible Spending Account* spending (an account using pre-tax dollars to pay for qualifying expenditures). For more information on the Child Care Tax Credit, visit the IRS website and/or consult a qualified tax advisor. For Flexible Spending Accounts, contact your employer’s Human Resources Department.