



Spruce Pine Montessori School
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2011-2012 TUITION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Program – Annual Tuition	Enrollment Fee & Participation Deposit	Student Materials Fee	10-Month Payment Plan	12-Month Payment Plan
Toddler- year-round \$6867	\$150 -Enrollment Fee Only		Monthly Only	\$ 572 per month
Primary Full Day \$5229	\$450	\$50	\$523	\$436
6-9 Elementary \$5418	\$450	\$100	\$542	\$452
Primary Full 3-Day (T,W,Th)* \$3137	\$450	\$50	\$314	\$261
Primary Morning* \$3922	\$450	\$50	\$392	\$327

*Priority enrollment will be given to Primary Full Day students. We do not guarantee enrollment in either the Full 3-Day program or the Morning program. Enrollment in non-full time programs will be contingent upon availability with priority given to Full Day students. Please talk to the SPMS office if the Full 3-Day or Morning program is the only option for your family.

Explanation of Fees and Tuition Payment Plans

SPMS offers a choice of payment plans for primary and elementary programs: one annual payment due prior to beginning of school; ten monthly payments due August 2011 through May 2012; or twelve monthly payments due May 2011 through April 2012. Toddler families are billed on a monthly schedule. All payments are due by the 10th of each month; late payments will incur a \$20 per month late fee. The enrollment fees and tuition do not include any (optional) charges associated with extended hour programs or summer programs.

TODDLER PROGRAM: 5 Days per week, 8:00-2:45; **\$572** per month

Upon enrollment, a non-refundable \$150 enrollment fee is due with paperwork.

1. Payments are on a monthly schedule, one month in advance.
2. All payments are due by the 10th of each month; late payments will incur a \$20 per month late fee.

PRIMARY FULL DAY PROGRAM: 5 Days per week, 8:15-2:45; Annual tuition **\$5229**

Upon enrollment, a non-refundable \$150 enrollment fee & (\$300/\$450**) participation deposit is due with paperwork.

There are 3 payment options for this program:

1. One payment of \$5229 (minus a 2% discount if paid in full by July 1, 2011)
2. Ten monthly payments of \$523 due August 1, 2011-May 1, 2012
3. Twelve monthly payments of \$436 due May 1, 2011-April 1, 2012
4. A one-time \$50 student materials fee will be due with first tuition payment

ELEMENTARY 6-9 PROGRAM: 5 Days per week, 8:15-2:45; Annual tuition **\$5418**

Upon enrollment, a non-refundable \$150 enrollment fee & (\$300/\$450**) participation deposit is due with paperwork.

There are 3 payment options for this program:

1. One payment of \$5418 (minus a 2% discount if paid in full by July 1, 2011)
2. Ten monthly payments of \$542 due August 1, 2011-May 1, 2012
3. Twelve monthly payments of \$452 due May 1, 2011-April 1, 2012
4. A one-time \$100 student materials fee will be due with first tuition payment

PRIMARY FULL 3-DAY PROGRAM: 3 Days per week (Mon-Wed), 8:15-2:45; Annual tuition **\$3137**

Upon enrollment, a non-refundable \$150 enrollment fee & (\$300/\$450**) participation deposit is due with paperwork.

There are 3 payment options for this program:

1. One payment of \$3137 (minus a 2% discount if paid in full by July 1, 2011)
2. Ten monthly payments of \$314 due August 1, 2011-May 1, 2012
3. Twelve monthly payments of \$261 due May 1, 2011-April 1, 2012
4. A one-time \$50 student materials fee will be due with first tuition payment.

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PRIMARY MORNING PROGRAM: 5 Days per week, 8:15-Noon; Annual tuition **\$3922**

Upon enrollment, a non-refundable \$150 enrollment fee & (\$300/\$450**) participation deposit is due with paperwork.

There are 3 payment options for this program:

1. One payment of \$3922 (minus a 2% discount if paid in full by July 1, 2011)
2. Ten monthly payments of \$392 due August 1, 2011-May 1, 2012
3. Twelve monthly payments of \$327 due May 1, 2011-April 1, 2012
4. A one-time \$50 student materials fee will be due with first tuition payment..

Enrollment Fee and Parent Participation Deposit

There is a \$450 registration fee and parental participation deposit due upon enrollment. This includes a \$150 non-refundable registration fee and a \$300 parental participation deposit per one child. This \$300 deposit represents a promise to work 30 volunteer hours during the school year. In April, 2012 monthly tuition due for May 2012 will be reduced by the total volunteer hours actually worked x \$10 per hour up to 30 hours. Families enrolling more than two children are only required to pay the registration fee for two children (\$300) and a parental participation fee in total of \$450. If payment of the \$300 tuition deposit is too great a financial burden at the time of enrollment, please speak to the Head of School to arrange an alternate payment plan for this amount.

Payments and Policies

Credit card payment options are available. All credit card payments will include a 3% convenience fee to cover the cost to the school. Families who choose to use a credit card for the single annual payment are not eligible for the 2% discount.

Tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month; late payments will incur a \$20 per month late fee. All tuition must be paid in full by June 1, 2012; small claims court proceedings will be filed on all payments not made in full by June 1, 2012. There will be a \$20 processing fee for all returned checks.

In the event that a child is withdrawn, the parents' liability for tuition follows the procedures outlined in the Parent's Handbook for 2011-2012. **No reduction or remission of fees will be allowed by the School for absence, withdrawal or dismissal.** Monthly tuition reflects a payment of one-tenth/one-twelfth of the yearly tuition, not services for that particular month.

There is a student materials fee due with the first tuition payment due on May 1, 2011 for the primary and elementary programs. The materials fee will cover the costs of materials and supplies needed for each child in the primary and elementary classrooms.

Additional field trip charges will be incurred by elementary parents. Those fees may include gas costs, admission fees, or other costs associated with field trips.

If finances are a concern, ask about our work-exchange program. Financial aid decisions are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Work-exchange applicants are not eligible for the 2% discount for annual payment in full.

Before & After School Care

We will offer extended hours for before and after-school care. Actual hours will be based on our families' needs, staffing considerations, and program enrollment; there will be more information to come. If you are interested in extended hours, please let the office know so we can include your family in our planning. Both monthly rates and drop-in rates will be available.

Summer Program

We are planning an all-summer program for children ages 3-7. Actual programs will be based on our families' needs and on available staffing. If you are interested in a summer program for your child, please let the office know so we can include your family in our planning.

Inclement Weather

On days when the opening of school is delayed due to inclement weather, we will not host before school care. Students may arrive 15 minutes prior to the stated school operating time. If your child is regularly scheduled in our after-school program, please call the school on inclement weather days to check the status of the after-school program. If after-school care is canceled due to inclement weather and you have prepaid, your account will be credited for missed days.

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