

PARTICIPATION HOURS AND DEPOSIT EXPLAINED

From the time we began as a parent cooperative school 50 years ago, families have been a very important part of making our school successful. Each year, the families of SPMS are invited to contribute to the enrichment of the school environment - assisting in the classrooms, helping with fundraising events, maintaining buildings and grounds, or purchasing items needed by the classrooms - just to name a few participation opportunities. Your contributions ensure a reasonable tuition rate and allow children to witness family involvement in their education.

We ask all families with one child enrolled at SPMS for at least 30 hours of participation during the school year (August-May). Families with more than one child are asked for at least 45 annual hours of participation. Each family must pay a \$300 per child participation deposit, representing a promise to contribute 30 hours during each school year. Families with two or more children enrolled pay a \$450 deposit and have a 45-hour obligation.

Families are informed of school needs/jobs by reading emails from teachers or the Head of School. Families are responsible for logging participation hours using a Google Doc form. If a family doesn't use Google Docs, they may request a paper form from the Head of School to log their hours.

At the end of your child's final year at our school, your final month's tuition payment will be reduced by the number of participation hours you worked that last year at the rate of \$10 per hour up to 30 hours. For all other years, if you have worked less than 30 participation hours by the end of May, you will be billed for any hours less than 30 at the rate of \$10 per hour.

If the initial payment of the \$300 participation deposit is too great a financial burden as you begin with us, please contact the Head of School to discuss an alternative payment plan. If your family has a special circumstance that would prevent you from completing your participation hours, please contact the Head of School to discuss other arrangements.