

2022-23 TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE

	Toddler/ Primary Ages 1-6	Toddler Part-Time Ages 1-2	Elementary Ages 6-12
Parent Participation Deposit (Paid Once)	\$300/one child \$450/family	\$300/one child \$450/family	\$300/one child \$450/family
Student Materials/ Enrollment Fee (Annual)	\$100	\$100	\$150
Full Payment (Paid July)	\$6880	N/A	\$6880
50/50 Payment Plan (Paid August and January)	\$3550	N/A	\$3550
10-Month Payment Plan (Paid August-May)	\$725	\$435	\$725

The fact that tuition may be paid in multiple installments does not constitute a fractional contract and all contracts are for the full school year. A ½ year contract with a 20% increase in tuition may be negotiated if a family foresees the possibility of not fulfilling a full-year contract.

One childTwo siblingsThree + siblingsBefore Care
(7:30- 8:15)\$5\$8\$10After Care*
(3:00- 5:30)\$5/hr\$8/hr\$10/hr

AFTER/BEFORE SCHOOL FEES AND POLICIES

*Care that elapses past 5:30 will be charged at \$20/hr, calculated at 15-minute intervals. You will be charged the following month for services rendered.



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EXPLANATION OF DISCOUNTS, FEES, AND POLICIES

Discounts

- We hold a 3-star child care license and offer reduced tuition for families receiving subsidies through the Department of Social Services for children ages 15 months- 5 years old. Children are not eligible for subsidy if they attend SPMS for their kindergarten year. Inquire with the Head of School for information about these rates and to determine if you qualify.
- Families with more than one child enrolled will receive a 5% discount for each additional child.
- 50/50 Payments receive a 2% discount if paid by August 1st and January 1st.
- Payment in full receives a 5% discount if paid by July 1.
- If finances are a concern and you do not qualify for subsidies, please ask about work exchange or scholarship. Applications are available by request from the Head of School. Work exchange is a program that allows parents to do needed work for the school at the rate of \$12 per hour in exchange for a limited amount of tuition reduction. Work exchange assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis and based on need. Work exchange families are not eligible for the 5% discount for an annual payment in full nor the 2% 50/50 payment plan discount.

Fees

- Credit card payment options are available. All credit card payments will include a 4% surcharge to cover bank charges to the school. Families who choose to use a credit card for the single annual payment are not eligible for the 5% 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 30th; small claims court proceedings will be filed on all payments not made in full by June 30th and re-enrollment will not be allowed until all payments are made. Please see the family handbook for more information about late payments.
- Parents will be charged a processing fee for any check returned for insufficient funds.
- In the event that a child is withdrawn from the school, the parents' liability for tuition follows the procedures outlined in the Family Handbook. NO REDUCTION OR REFUND OF TUITION OR FEES WILL BE ALLOWED BY THE SCHOOL FOR ABSENCE, WITHDRAWAL OR DISMISSAL. Monthly tuition reflects a payment of one-tenth of the yearly tuition, not services for that particular month. The Board will consider catastrophic events that prevent a family from fulfilling its contract on a case-by-case basis.



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PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS AND DEPOSIT EXPLAINED

From the time we began as a parent cooperative school 50 years ago, parents have been a very important part of making our school successful. Each year, the parents of SPMS are invited to contribute to the enrichment of the school environment - assisting in the classrooms, during fundraising events, maintaining, repairing and even landscaping around the SPMS campus - just to name a few participation opportunities. Your contributions ensure a reasonable tuition rate and allow children to witness parental involvement with their education.

We ask all parents for at least 30 hours of parental participation per family during the school year (August-May). Families with more than one child are asked for 45 annual hours of participation at SPMS.

Parents are informed of school needs/jobs by reading emails from teachers or the Head of School. Parents are responsible for logging participation hours using a Google Drive form.

Each family is required to pay a \$300 per child-parent participation deposit, which represents a promise to work 30 volunteer hours during each school year. Parents with two or more children enrolled pay a \$450 deposit and have a 45-hour obligation.

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 parent 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 parent 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 for this amount.

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