



FINANCE OFFICE INFORMATION 2024-2025

Tuition levels for the 2024-2025 school year:

Early Childhood- Kindergarten & Nursery (half day 8:30 – 12:30)	\$14,100
Early Childhood- Kindergarten & Nursery (full day 8:30 – 3:00)	\$18,385
Grades 1-5	\$21,575
Grades 6-8	\$22,420
High School	\$24,535

Tuition Deposit: For new students, a tuition deposit of \$1,000 per child. The deposit for returning students is \$1,000 per child without Financial Aid and \$500 per child for those applying for Financial Aid. The tuition deposit is required in order to reserve their seat. **The tuition deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.** The deposit is applied towards the years tuition

New Student Enrollment Fee: All families are required to pay a one-time \$1,300 *non-refundable* New Student Enrollment Fee for each new student enrolled.

Payment of Tuition: The standard payment plans are one payment in June, two payments (June and December) or ten (June - March) monthly payments. Other payment plans are available upon request from the Finance Office. All families are required to complete their Tuition Management Agreement through TADS before their child can attend school. Monthly payments are due on the 15th of each month beginning in the June before the school year starts. Tuition for new families enrolling after June 15th may be scheduled to start at their enrollment date and may result in a shorter payment plan. The final payment for the year must be paid by May 15th.

Financial Aid: The School will consider Financial Aid (FA) for families who demonstrate financial need. This discount applies to tuition only. It may not be possible, however, to accommodate every family's unique circumstance. Therefore, the School asks parents/guardians to pursue all other sources of income for tuition payments. Your Financial Aid process must be finalized, and the Tuition Management Agreement completed on TADS, before your child can attend school. Also see *How to Apply – Financial Aid*.

Sibling Discount: A discount of 10% is applied against the tuition of the younger siblings enrolled in Grades 1-12, whose older siblings are enrolled in Grade 1 or higher. The sibling discount does not apply to students enrolled in the Nursery or Kindergarten programs, or those receiving Financial Aid.

Re-enrolling Families: Re-enrollment for returning students will start on January 8th. The re-enrollment deadline is February 16th for students without Financial Aid and March 16th for students with Financial Aid. Students will be re-enrolled for the following year as long as they are in good standing with the school. **If a family has a past due balance, re-enrollment will not occur until the account is current.**

After School: After School Care registration is per semester for Grades 1-8. Parents are billed monthly at a rate equal to \$22.80/day. The billing is added to the TADS tuition monthly bill. For Early Childhood, registration is for the entire school year and the cost is \$3,995 for the year.

Late Fees: Accounts for which a payment is received five business days past the due date are assessed a late fee by TADS, please see their policy on late fees. When a payment is thirty days past due, a finance charge, equal to 5% of the total invoice, will be added. Parents/guardians having difficulty paying tuition or other fees should contact the Business Director to make alternate arrangements. Also see the *EWS Arrears Policy*.

Parent Teacher Collaborative Dues: There is an annual fee of \$70 for the Parent Teacher Collaborative (PTC) dues. This fee will be added to each family's Tuition Agreement and will be payable on the first tuition invoice.

Returned Check Fee: There is a \$35 charge for all checks made directly to EWS that are returned. This fee is subject to change without notice. For checks or payments made directly to TADS, please see their policy on returned payments.

Other Fees: In addition to tuition, the one-time New Student Enrollment Fee and PTC dues, there are a number of additional fees for which a family may be responsible. These include program fees such as Curriculum Trip Fees, and elective fees such as After School Care, Athletics, Field Trips, Books, Music, etc. These fees are part of your account balance and therefore subject to the Arrears Policy.

Families are responsible for the replacement cost of any supplies, materials, facilities, or equipment that the student breaks, damages, wastes or loses.

Proof of Payment: Parents are liable for proof of payment. Acceptable forms of proof include canceled checks, money order traces from the issuing agency, credit card statements, and School receipts (issued upon request for cash only). In matters of dispute, lack of proof of payment will be construed as non-payment.

Withdrawal of an Enrolled Student: Intention to withdraw a child from the Emerson Waldorf School must be made in writing to the Director of Administration or Registrar and must state the reasons and anticipated actual date of withdrawal. The withdrawal will be effective as of the date of receipt of the letter or the last day of attendance, whichever is later.

In the event a student is withdrawn or dismissed from the School, the financial liability under this contract will be determined as follows:

- You are obligated to pay one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the annual tuition once the agreement is signed.
- After September 1st, one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the annual tuition is due.
- After December 1st, the full annual tuition is due. If a student's last day is requested to be the last day before the December Holiday Break, the Administration must be notified and an agreement must be reached by December 1st or the full tuition will be charged.

Arrears: A student will not be permitted to enter or continue in school if his or her tuition and fees are in arrears more than sixty (60) days. No transcripts, year-end reports, scholastic records, diplomas, or letters of academic reference will be issued until all bills are paid in full. At the school's discretion, a student may not participate in field trips, extracurricular athletics, or graduation/commencement ceremonies if their account is not current. Also, miscellaneous additional fees may not be added to an overdue TADS account. A student will not be permitted to re-enroll until his or her account is current. Families are required to pay attorneys' or other collection fees incurred by the School in the collection of amounts past due. Please also refer to the *EWS Arrears Policy*.