



Tuition & Fees Schedule 2025–26

Kindergarten through 8th Grades

NEW FAMILY ENTRANCE FEES *(Non-refundable)*

- **Application Fee:** \$75 per student
A completed application and a \$75 fee are required of all prospective students. Applications are accepted year-round; early applications are strongly recommended.
- **New Family Entrance Fee:** \$625 per family
This is a one-time, non-refundable fee due with your enrollment contract.

ANNUAL FEES

- **Enrollment Fee:** \$300 *(Non-refundable)*
- **Classroom Supply Fee:** \$60

BASE TUITION AND FEE PAYMENTS 2025-2026 Academic Year

Tuition is paid in 11 installments, invoiced monthly from June 10, 2025, through April 10, 2026. A non refundable tuition deposit of \$1,000 is charged on May 10, 2025 and applied to the final tuition payment of the year.

Families who elect to pay their balance in full by July 10, 2025, receive a 2% tuition discount.

Base Tuition	Grade	Start Time	Dismissal Time
\$14,800	Kindergarten	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$14,800	First Grade	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$15,000	Second Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$15,000	Third Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$15,200	Fourth Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
\$15,200	Fifth Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
\$15,400	Sixth Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
\$15,400	Seventh Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
\$15,400	Eighth Grade	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

In order to keep tuition lower, there is an annual campaign to help fund the budget

VOLUNTARY EQUITABLE TUITION (VET) Payments

This is an addendum to your tuition contract that supports increases in faculty and staff compensation and benefits. It also supports the financial aid and Love In Action programs which help to provide increased access to and equitable experiences within Rainbow Community School and Omega Middle School.

- **Tax-deductible**
- **Participation is voluntary**
- **Monthly payments are billed along with your base tuition payments**

Multiple-Student Discount

Families with two or more children enrolled at RCS receive 10% off the second child's tuition and 15% off the third child's tuition (full rate is paid on the highest amount). **This discount applies to tuition only and not to any fees.**

Before and After-school care

K-8 Before School care is available M-F, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m. for a flat rate of \$4 per day.

K-8 Pre-registration Rates: (Charged monthly over 10 months Aug-May)

- **M-F One hour (daily pick up at 4:00-4:15)** COST: \$1,254 per child (\$38 per week 33 weeks)
 - *Note: This includes extended time on Wednesdays allowing for more than an hour in afterschool!*
- **M-F full time (daily pick up by 5:30pm)** COST: \$2,640 per child (\$80 per week for 33 weeks)
- **Wednesday Only (pick up by 5:30pm)** COST: \$693 per child (\$21 per week for 33 weeks)
 - *Note: Club's attendance will be prorated*

Drop In Rate or Clubs Only Participation:

- Wednesday Clubs only (fees based on club fees)
- Drop In Rate:
 - \$18 per day per child drop in rate for an hour or less
 - \$25 per day per child drop in rate for more than 1 hour

TUITION ASSISTANCE K-8

- A limited amount of tuition assistance is available for families with demonstrated need who would not otherwise be able to send their child to RCS. One of the purposes of financial aid is to increase the economic diversity and other forms of diversity on campus.
- Tuition assistance applications are **due February 7** and are completed through ssandtadsfa.force.com/familyportal.
- There is a \$60 application fee. Families whose application shows that they would qualify for free or reduced lunch automatically have this fee waived.
- Financial Aid awards will be announced on **March 7**.
- You may still apply after this date, as sometimes funds are available for families that have a financial crisis during the year, or funds become available when a family offered an award is unable to attend. We also have a Love in Action Fund to help support unexpected financial needs throughout the school year.

- Many families may also be eligible for the NC Opportunity Scholarship .

Additional Financial Assistance Resources to Consider:

- **NC Opportunity Scholarship:** If you have a K-8 grade student attending RCS for the 25-26 school year, you may be eligible to receive this scholarship. All families should review the guidelines to see if they are eligible for this tuition support.

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year opens

February 6th, 2025

Priority Deadline is March 6, 2025

For more information or to apply, please see: <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity>

- **ESA+ Program:** The ESA+ program provides funding for students with disabilities. The application for ESA+ opens February 6th with a priority deadline of March 6th. For more information, please see: <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/>

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

We are an affirmative action school. This means we apply weighted admission, giving preference to children and families of color who would like to join our community. Of course, this is the beginning. We need to ensure that once a family or child of color joins our community, we apply every effort to create a climate of inclusion and belonging. Affirmative Action means we exercise the right to interpret and apply policies differently for children and families of color. A commitment to Affirmative Action implies that when we build a culture of equity, instead of equality, we all benefit because our needs are met in compliance with our individualized experience.

UNENROLLMENT POLICY K-8:

Families have until March 28, 2025, to withdraw from the contract. After that date, the following policy is used.

The Enrollment or Re-enrollment Contract confirms a family's commitment to paying tuition at Rainbow Community School or Omega Middle School. The Tuition Agreement confirms the format preferred for tuition payments.

Families desiring to unenroll from Rainbow Community School or Omega Middle School after the annual enrollment deadline will have their nonrefundable deposit of \$1,000 and non-refundable enrollment and new family fees retained.

At the start of school, families will accumulate "contact time." Any family unenrolling during the school year will be obligated to pay for "contact time" in addition to the nonrefundable deposit and fees. All exceptions shall be at the discretion of the Admissions Committee and/or the Executive Director.

Families who meet one of the following outlined circumstances can apply for tuition forgiveness by submitting a letter and appropriate documentation to the Executive Director.

- The family is moving from the area too far away to commute
- A serious medical complication has arisen since the time of signing the contract.
- A documented extreme financial setback has arisen since the time of signing the contract.
- The enrolled student's special support needs are beyond the capacity of RCS to serve.

All families remaining enrolled for the full school year will have their \$1,000 tuition deposit applied to their final tuition payment of the school year, or have it applied to their re-enrollment for the following school year.

Financial Questions?

If you have specific questions you can contact the Business Manager, Shasta Morgan, at shasta.morgan@rainbowlearning.org
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