



Tuition Assistance Policy

Choosing to give your child the gift of Jewish day school is a significant commitment for your family. At Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School (Hausner) we are committed to providing your student with an exceptional education. We are equally as committed to making Hausner affordable for families who demonstrate financial need.

Our goal is to make Hausner's exceptional education available to as many students and families as possible. The Tuition Assistance Committee determines awards for new and returning students. Committee members are selected for their thoughtful approach to sensitive matters and complete discretion. The committee discusses each family's financial information with the greatest emphasis on respect and confidentiality and family names are not shared. *Documents are reviewed by the committee only after identifying information has been removed.*

The Tuition Assistance Committee takes seriously its responsibility to enable entry into the Hausner School community and to support every child's continued enrollment at Hausner. The committee considers several factors in determining tuition assistance. These factors include but are not limited to:

- 1) Income from all sources
- 2) Total liquid assets
- 3) Number of children in the family
- 4) Number of children attending Hausner and other tuition-based schools
- 5) Unique family circumstances, including changes in employment status, illness, elder care, divorce, and other factors.

No family receives 100% tuition assistance. Except under extraordinary circumstances, all families are charged a minimum tuition of 25% per child.

Tuition Assistance Application Procedure

The Tuition Assistance Committee expects applicant families to pay their application fee and enrollment deposit and comply with all application procedures. The committee will not consider applications unless they are complete. The Tuition Assistance application will request that:

- 1) The applicant family submits its information, including current and/or prior year tax forms, to Clarity. This application must be completed online on the Clarity Platform.
- 2) The applicant family makes a good-faith statement about their maximum ability to pay tuition.
- 3) At the time of their application, families are expected to be current with tuition payments for the present and prior school years or have set up an acceptable payment plan for tuition that is past due.



Award Procedures

- 1) The Tuition Assistance Committee reviews all applications, with all relevant supplemental materials. The committee reviews and evaluates all information with the greatest emphasis on respect and confidentiality.
- 2) The applicant family receives an email notification describing the form and amount of assistance granted by the Tuition Assistance Committee. This information is provided to the family alongside the enrollment contract for the upcoming school year.
- 3) The Tuition Assistance Committee reviews applications for assistance received after the deadline on a monthly basis. Funds may be limited for applications received after the deadline.
- 4) If the applicant family does not agree with the decision of the Tuition Assistance Committee, the family may request to appeal, and the Committee may revisit their decision.
- 5) The final decision of the Tuition Assistance Committee is binding.

Tuition Assistance Decisions and Admissions to Hausner

The Tuition Assistance Committee makes award decisions **independent** of the Admissions Office.

When a student is accepted to Hausner and the family has submitted all required forms and fees to both the Admissions Office and the Business Office, the school reserves a space for the student in his/her appropriate class. This seat will be held for the student unless the family fails to provide all information or rejects Hausner's offer within one week from the date of award notification. If the applicant family decides to withdraw a student, or does not inform Hausner of their intention to accept the tuition assistance awarded until after the deadline, that student's place in the class may be given to another applicant and any tuition assistance awarded may be assigned to another family.

Open Communication

At Hausner, we always strive to hold ourselves to the highest standard. Consequently, our intention is to always create an open dialogue through our Tuition Assistance process. Please let us know how we can improve the efficiency of the process and how we can better address the unique circumstances and concerns of applicant families.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national and ethnic origin and ensures that they have access to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, or other school-administered programs.