



St. Mary Parish School

Tuition Policy 2023-2024

Tuition Rates for the 2023-2024 school year:

	Non Parishioner Tuition Rate	Parishioner Tuition Rate
4K through 8th grade		
First Child	\$6,300	\$4,740
Second Child	\$3,800	\$3,800
Third Child	\$3,500	\$3,500
Fourth Child or more	\$3,300	0
4K Half Day (Full day rate above)	\$4,950	\$3,390
3K Full Day		
5 Days per week	\$7,420	\$5,860
3 Days per week	\$6,540	\$4,980
2 Days per week	\$5,670	\$4,110
3K Half Day		
5 Days per week	\$4,950	\$3,390
3 Days per week	\$4,430	\$2,870
2 Days per week	\$3,910	\$2,350
Playground Fee	\$48 / Child	\$48 / Child
8th Grade Graduation	\$75 / Child	\$75 / Child
Technology Fee	\$80 / Child	\$80 / Child

PAYMENT DUE DATE AND OPTIONS:

Tuition is paid through Blackbaud Tuition Management. **We estimated this process has saved the school \$20,000 in 2022-2023.** The tuition contract must be completed online by **July 21, 2023**. There are two payment options available:

1. Pay in full by check or credit card by **August 1, 2023**.
2. Enter a monthly payment plan with automatic payments from either credit card or bank account.

PLEDGING PROCESS:

Pledges are made only to the Parish Operating Fund. It is from the Operating Fund that the Parish subsidizes the School. For the tax reporting of charitable giving, our annual pledge cycle follows the calendar year, not the school year.

Note: Setting up a monthly ACH transfer from your checking or savings account is considered an ongoing pledge of support until it is canceled by you. Doing this means you do not have to issue a new pledge form every year because an ACH is considered an ongoing pledge of support.



St. Mary Parish School

Tuition Policy 2023-2024

529 and EDVEST:

Private grade school tuition may be paid from 529 educational savings plans. For additional information, contact your tax and investment advisors about the tax benefits.

SCRIP PROGRAM - USING GIFT CARDS TO SAVE ON TUITION COSTS:

Numerous families participate in our “SCRIP” program and save hundreds of dollars on their tuition bills. Simply buy gift cards from March of the present year through the following February for your favorite stores and restaurants and a portion of your purchase is credited toward your tuition bill in April. Unapplied tuition rebates (families with students who graduate or leave) will be credited to the Tuition Assistance Program for families in need.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Parishioners may apply to our Tuition Assistance Program for help with temporary financial difficulties. Registered parish families interested in applying for assistance should complete the application (available on the School Website) and return it to the Director of Administrative Services at the Parish Office no later than **June 1, 2023**. There is a limited amount of assistance available. Time is of the essence. Your application is kept in strict confidence. Receiving tuition assistance does not negate your stewardship responsibility to the Parish. You must still pledge your support and give as you are able.

TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE:

Tuition refund is calculated based on the month in which the student is withdrawn and prorated based on the number of days of instruction received:

Prior to Start of School	August - December	January	February	March	April - June
100%	50%	30%	20%	10%	No refund

Parents will either receive a refund or may owe additional tuition depending upon when the child is withdrawn and the amount of tuition paid to date of withdrawal. If a tuition refund check is issued, a \$50 administrative processing fee will be applied.

TUITION PAYMENT DEFAULT:

Tuition is a financial obligation of both parents. Families who fall behind on tuition payments should contact the Director of Administrative Services to work out a Tuition Payment Agreement. If there’s a financial difficulty, job loss or other circumstance, approach us in confidence. Simply not paying past due tuition or paying late causes your family to incur late fees and risks your child’s enrollment status. Transcripts, student files and report cards may be held (excluding health records), until payment or payment arrangements have been made. In extreme cases, St Mary will take legal action to collect unpaid tuition.

LATE REGISTRATION:

Families registering after the start of the school year, shall pay a prorated tuition amount based on the number of days their student(s) will attend St. Mary Parish School.