VANCOUVER WALDORF SCHOOL

TUITION AND FEES AGREEMENT

TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE 2027-2028

CLASS / GRADE	DAYS / WEEK	TUITION / YEAR[1]	ACTIVITY & SUPPLIES FEE[2]	TOTAL ANNUAL
Grade School 8	5	$ 18,280	$ 1,500	$ 19,780
Grade School 4 to 7	5	$ 18,280	$ 1,080	$ 19,360
Grade School 1 to 3	5	$ 18,280	$ 520	$ 18,800
Kindergarten – Full Days [3]	5	$ 18,280	$ 1,080	$ 19,360
Kindergarten – Half Days [4]	5	$ 12,900	$ 260	$ 13,160
Preschool Morning [5] 8:30am-12:00pm	3 (Mon–Wed)	$ 5,240		$ 5,240
	2 (Thu–Fri)	$ 3,870		$ 3,870
Daycare – Full Days[6] 8:00am-5:00pm (until Aug 2027) 8:00am-5:30pm (from Sep 2027)	5	$ 1,200 / Month		
	3	$ 1,000 / Month		
	2	$ 700 / Month		
Parent & Tot [7]	1	$ 45 / Session		$ 1,134
Out of School Care:[8] 3:00-5:30pm, Thu 2:30-5:30pm	5	$ 21 / day		$ 3,465
International & Non-Residents	5	$ 26,010	Based on grade level Varies	Based on grade level

All amounts are per student, are in Canadian Dollars, may be rounded to the nearest ten dollars, and are subject to change without notice. Early Childhood program fees may vary slightly based on actual program days.

Sibling discount

A discount is applied to individual students in families with more than one child enrolled in VWS (Kindergarten to Grade 8 only):

- Second oldest child: 20%
- Third oldest and each additional child: 30%

Processing fee for monthly payment option

A $250 annual processing fee per family will be charged with the first month's payment to cover administrative costs for paying tuition monthly. Daycare families are exempt from this fee.

Admission fees and deposits

- Parent-and-Tot
  - No Application or Registration Fees
- Daycare
  - No Application Fee
  - Registration Fee and Deposit Upon Acceptance to Program: $275 plus one month's tuition and fees
- Preschool
  - No Application Fee
  - Registration Fee Upon Acceptance to Program: $275 [9]
- Kindergarten to Grade 8
  - Non-refundable Application Fee: $275 ($400 for international students)
  - No Registration Fee [9]

Annual re-enrolment deposit

Re-enrolment for existing daycare and preschool families is done by completing the re-enrolment form in the OpenApply system by December 11, 2026.

Re-enrolment for existing Kindergarten to Grade 7 students is automatic. Each returning student is enrolled in the program for the following year unless the family opts out by emailing admissions@vws.ca by December 11, 2026.

A non-refundable $250 deposit is charged in January to secure the student's space and is credited against the first tuition payment for the upcoming school year. Families who opt out by the deadline will not be charged the deposit.

Families enrolling after the re-enrolment deposits are paid, are exempt from the deposit that year and are assumed to be automatically re-enrolled for the following year. If withdrawing, an email must be sent to admissions@vws.ca before May to ensure tuition for the following year is not charged.

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[1] See Terms and Payment Requirements for inclusions and exclusions.

[2] Activity & Supplies Fee covers materials, activities, and other program-related costs and is billed separately from tuition. It is not eligible for Tuition Adjustment. Grade School Schedule: First bell: 8:15 am. Second bell: 8:25 am. Dismissal 3:00 pm (except 2:10 pm Thursdays).

[3] Kindergarten full-day program runs 8:15 am–3:00 pm (8:15 am–2:10 pm Thu) and includes hot lunch.

[4] Kindergarten half-day program runs 8:15 am–12:30 pm and does not include lunch.

[5] Preschool morning program runs 8:30 am–12:00 pm. Tuition and fees reflect the BC Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI), applied at $14.34 per morning for each day of attendance.

[6] Daycare program currently runs 8:00 am–5:00 pm (early dismissal on last Friday of the month). Tuition and fees reflect a CCFRI reduction up to $545/month for group care.
Starting September 2027, the Daycare program moves to the Lynn Valley campus and runs 8:30 am–5:30 pm.

[7] Parent and Tot classes may run 9:00 am–11:00 am during the week or 9:30 am–11:30 am on Saturdays. Schedule varies, depending on teacher availability and sufficient registration. Parent and Tot operates on three terms, with the Total Annual amount reflecting a 10% discount for registering for all three terms.

[8] Out of School Care (OSC) runs from dismissal until 5:30 pm (Mon-Fri). OSC is unavailable on certain early dismissal days as communicated by VWS from time to time.

[9] If registration occurs after the start of tuition payments on May 1, any tuition and fees owed to the date of registration will also be charged at registration or, at the parents/guardians request, pro-rated across remaining payments in the year.

1. **Tuition payments**

   A child is permitted to attend Vancouver Waldorf School (VWS) programs when tuition and fees payment(s) is received, and the family's account is in good standing.

2. **Method and terms of payment**

   Tuition and fees are paid as follows:

   Parent and Tot - Payment Requirements

   The Parent and Tot program runs in three terms. Payment is due 28 days before the start of each term. Families who register for all three terms, paying upfront for the year ahead of the first term, are eligible for a 10% discount.

   Daycare - Payment Requirements

   Pay in calendar month instalments, in advance on the 15th of prior month, with the first payment occurring on the 15th day of the month of enrolment start date.

   Monthly payments will be processed as automatic debits from your bank

   account. All other VWS Programs - Payment Requirements for Resident

   Option 1
   Full payment is due by the latter of: the signing of the Enrolment Agreement, or May 1.

   BC resident families may claim a 5% Early Payment Discount (minimum 5-month contract). Early Payments can be made by cheque or e-transfer. Early Payments made by credit card are not eligible for a discount. Early Payment Discounts are not available to accounts with adjusted or international tuition.

   Option 2
   Pay in monthly instalments with the first payment occurring on the latter of: the signing of the Enrolment Agreement, or May 1 or 15, and with the final payment occurring on April 1 or 15.

   Monthly payments will be processed as automatic debits from your bank account. An annual processing fee (listed in the Tuition and Fees Schedule) will be charged with the first month's payment to cover administrative costs.

   All other VWS Programs - Payment Requirements for International/Non-Resident
   Tuition and fees must be paid in full prior to receiving an official letter of acceptance for visa purposes. Payment may be made via bank transfer, certified cheque, or international money order.

3. **Midyear admission**

   Students enrolling after May 1 will be required to make tuition and fees payments in accordance with the schedule outlined in item 2, Method and Terms of Payment.

4. **Re-enrolment deposit**

The non-refundable re-enrolment deposit outlined in the Tuition and Fees Schedule is charged in January to secure the student's space and is credited against the first tuition payment for the upcoming school year. Families who opt out by the deadline will not be charged the deposit. If a family opts out and later confirms they wish for their child to remain enrolled at VWS (assuming capacity remains), the student will instead be charged the application and registration fee for their program.

5. **Costs included in tuition and fees**

Costs for items normally purchased and distributed to students by VWS on behalf of the parents/guardians are included in the tuition and fees. This includes items purchased in bulk such as flutes, gym strips, most handwork and practical arts supplies, main lesson books, some fine art supplies, specialized Waldorf art and writing supplies and field trips. For Kindergarten to Grade 8, tuition and fees include some learning support services for students identified as in need of support. For early childhood programs up to and including Kindergarten, the tuition and fees include food costs for snacks and lunch (please note, meals provided are program-dependent). Tuition and fees also support community, educational, and promotional events and activities offered by VWS from time to time, such as festivals, educational lectures, workshops, and school social events. These are provided in addition to, and separately from, the student's formal program. All of these included costs are apportioned from the tuition and fees each year. Any shortfall will be covered by reallocating funds in the budget, and no further fees will be requested from parents/guardians (except in relation to the items known to not be included in tuition and fees as outlined in clause 6 below). Any surplus in a year from tuition and fees will be used for other operational or capital expenses such as facilities projects, classroom supplies or equipment as needed; no refunds will be issued.

6. **Costs not included in tuition or fees**

The following are not included in tuition and fees: additional ELL and learning support or tutoring beyond the limits set in the *Student Support Policy*; musical instruments (except recorder flutes); morning and afternoon school bus fees; materials for extraordinary special projects; or certain materials that are selected by students based on personal preference and are not normally purchased in bulk by VWS. These may include material for individualized handwork projects. The purchase of emergency medical insurance coverage beyond BC Medical Services Plan coverage for field trips outside of BC is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Emergency medical coverage will not be purchased by VWS. Similarly, students who do not qualify for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) are responsible for purchasing medical coverage through VWS' insurance provider at an additional monthly cost.

7. **New students**

Each student's acceptance is provisional; all new students are subject to a 3-month probationary period. The teacher will observe and assess the student's needs and abilities during this probationary period. The teacher may recommend that the student be placed in a grade commensurate with the developmental level of the student, and/or the parents/guardians may be required to provide academic, ELL, remedial, and/or therapeutic support as a condition of remaining in the class. VWS reserves the right to ask for withdrawal (See clause 9 below). Parent and Tot participation does not guarantee a continuous enrolment at VWS. To proceed to the daycare or preschool program, an application to the relevant program must be submitted.

8. Bus transportation (Kindergarten to Grade 8 students only)

Bus fees are in addition to the listed tuition and fees in this document, for the families of students who use the morning and afternoon bus service only. Bus fees are invoiced at the same time as a family's other tuition and fees. Bus eligibility is subject to the terms of the *Bus Agreement*.

9. Withdrawals/refunds

Families enrolled in all programs and services wishing to withdraw are required to provide written notice to the Admissions Office via admissions@vws.ca. No refund is granted if a student is expelled. VWS reserves the right to request the withdrawal of a student as outlined in the terms and conditions of the Enrolment Agreement. Following receipt of notification, withdrawal fees will be charged as laid out below.

Parent and Tot & Daycare

Notice of withdrawal is required 28 days in advance for Parent and Tot & Daycare students. If withdrawal is provided with less notice, tuition and fees for the full 28 days is still payable.

All other VWS Programs - Residents

Withdrawal Date*	Withdrawal Fee - % of listed full tuition and fees**
Up to September 1	Lesser of 25% or tuition and fees paid to date
Up to December 31	Lesser of 50% or tuition and fees paid to date
Up to March 31	Lesser of 75% or tuition and fees paid to date
Up to April 30	Lesser of 100% or tuition and fees paid to date

Example 1: Family paying full tuition and fees for a Grade 3 student withdraws on November 15; thus, withdrawal fee = the lesser of 50% of $18,800 or the tuition and fees paid to date for the school year. In this case, there would be a small refund.

Example 2: Family paying adjusted tuition and fees withdraws on November 15; thus, withdrawal fee = the lesser of 50% of $18,800 or tuition and fees paid to date for the school year. In this case, there would be no refund.

**Note: Withdrawal date is the latter of the date of receipt of written notification or the child's last day of attendance*
***Listed full tuition and fees as published on Tuition and Fees Schedule*

Please note that, for Preschool families only, parents/guardians may request to have their withdrawal fee held by VWS as a non-refundable credit towards future tuition and fees.

All other VWS Programs - Non-Residents
Before the student has attended, refunds are granted upon submission of evidence of government denial of student authorization. Upon receipt of such evidence, VWS will retain a minimum fee of $400 and will refund the remaining paid tuition and fees. Refunds are also granted depending upon the proportion of the stay completed. If a student withdraws during the first quarter of the intended stay, 50% of the total fees paid will be refunded. If a student withdraws after the first quarter of the stay, 25% of the fees will be refunded. Once a student has completed half of the stay, no fees will be refunded.

10. **Tuition adjustment**

    Tuition is adjusted based on financial need and is solely granted through application to the Tuition Adjustment Program. Only Kindergarten to Grade 8 programs are eligible for tuition adjustment. For full details of tuition adjustment eligibility, please see the Tuition Adjustment Program Policy.

    Tuition reductions or adjustments will not be granted based on partial attendance due to program change requests nor the implementation of Individual Education Plans, such as athletic, artistic, or learning needs programs.

11. **Loss of student government grant (Kindergarten to Grade 8 students only)**

    If a K-8 child does not attend 600 hours (approx. 112 days) of school between the first day of school in September and May 15, VWS will lose a portion of the government Education Grant.
    Parents/guardians will be responsible for replacing the lost grant funds unless a doctor's certificate justifying an extended absence can rectify the situation with the Ministry of Education.

12. **Late payments and NSF charges**

    A charge of $25 will be applied for any cheque or automatic debit that is returned to VWS by your financial institution because of insufficient funds. The family must make immediate arrangements for replacement of refused payments. If acceptable arrangements are not made, the account will be considered to be in arrears, and the student may be asked to withdraw (See clause 1 above).

    Accounts in arrears may be charged a $10 fee per communication required to bring the account into good standing. The accounting office will notify the account holder by email or letter of an impending charge, giving the account holder the opportunity to bring the account into good standing and avoid the charge.