



DIAMOND SCHOOL 2019-2020 TUITION & FEE SCHEDULE

PAYMENT OPTIONS

In Full: Tuition fees in full are due at time of registration via cash or cheque post-dated March 4th for returning students, and upon acceptance for new students. The PAD Payment Processing Fee is waived for tuition fees paid in full.

2019-2020 Tuition Fee Schedule			
	1 st Student	2 nd Sibling	3 rd + Sibling
K-6	\$6,400	\$4,300	\$3,200
7-9	\$6,550	\$4,400	\$3,200
10-12	\$6,700	\$4,400	\$3,200

Five (5) Payment Installments: A \$200 PAD Payment Processing Fee for each student is applied for tuition paid in five (5) installments. Returning students pay the first tuition installment at time of registration via cash or cheque post-dated March 4th. For new students, the first tuition installment is due upon acceptance. A PAD form that pre-authorizes automatic debits from your bank account will be required at this time, along with a void cheque, and the \$200 per student PAD Payment Processing Fee. The remaining four (4) tuition installments will be withdrawn on May 1st, July 1st, September 1st, and November 1st.

Please make all cheques payable to: **Diamond Schools Society**

SIBLING DISCOUNT

Siblings pay discounted tuition at our schools as follows: The oldest child is the 1st student and pays full fees, the next oldest child pays the 2nd sibling rate at their grade level, and all subsequent siblings pay the 3rd+ sibling rate. *This sibling discount is only available to students with a shared parent or guardian i.e. cousins are not eligible.*

NEW STUDENT ENTRANCE FEE

New students are required to pay a *non-refundable* Entrance Fee of \$350 upon acceptance. *This is not an application fee and should not be included with the student application.*

CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGY, RESOURCE & BUS FEE

A Consolidated Technology, Resource & Bus Fee (CTRB Fee) is required by April 1st, 2019 for all students as follows:

Kindergarten to Grade 3: \$450 **Grades 4 to 6:** \$525 **Grades 7 to 10:** \$585

This *non-refundable* fee provides funds for purchases of special technology and educational resources outside of the regular school program, such as robotics equipment, school garden supplies, supplementary books & computer programs, and other incidentals designed to enrich and enhance our school programs. Also included is a bus transportation fee for educational field trips (excluding extended trips.) *This fee does not include field trip admissions, instrument rentals, special lunches, or basic student school supplies.* A cheque for the *non-refundable* CTRB Fee, post-dated April 1, 2019, should accompany registration.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We believe that financial considerations should not determine who is able to attend our schools. If you wish to request financial accommodation, please write to the Finance Committee explaining your situation. All requests for financial accommodation will be kept strictly confidential. Please note that there are also opportunities for parents with specialized building or technology trades to engage in a service-tuition exchange. For further information about tuition assistance, or for assistance in writing a letter to the Finance Committee, please contact the school office.

NSF FEES

There is a \$50 administrative charge applied to all payments returned by the bank. If a second payment is returned by the bank, the NSF \$50 charge will be applied and payment of the remaining tuition fees in full may be required. Please make sure to notify the Finance Committee in advance if you will be unable to make a payment.

REFUND POLICY

The school makes provision for instruction costs a year in advance. The first five months' tuition and fees are therefore non-refundable. If a student withdraws or is asked to leave for any reason, our refund policy applies:

- 50% tuition refund if student is withdrawn on or before August 31st, 2019.
- 40% tuition refund if student is withdrawn on or before September 30th, 2019.
- 30% tuition refund if student is withdrawn on or before October 31st, 2019.
- No refund will be given if student is withdrawn thereafter.

B.C. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

The above tuition fees are dependent on the school receiving a provincial per student operating grant. To qualify for this grant, a student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be permanent residents of British Columbia and either a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant. **EXTENDED ABSENCE:** *Students with extended absences from school may not be eligible for the full provincial grant. If a student does not qualify for this grant, either in full or in part, the parents/guardians of the non-qualifying student are responsible for paying the full amount of the grant lost.*