

FWM Financial Assistance Policy

Fraser Woods Montessori School believes that diversity enriches our school community and that every child has the right to access a quality education in a Montessori environment regardless of his/her family's socio-economic standing. While it is not possible to ensure this right for all children, it is our objective to institute a program of assistance to avail that right to some children who would otherwise be unable to attend. To this end:

1. The school adheres to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including those that require non-discriminatory practice in administering its financial aid policies.
2. The school operates within the context of both short- and long-range financial aid budget and policy goals.
3. The school provides clear and transparent information to families on all aspects of its financial aid process.
4. The school determines eligibility for admission without regard to a student's application for financial aid.
5. The school commits to providing financial aid dollars to applicants who demonstrate that their family resources are insufficient to meet the full amount of educational costs.
6. A minimum tuition for each child is required of all families. Parents are expected to pay as much tuition as possible.
7. Financial assistance is not available to toddler families. Lower school families are expected to pay a minimum of the tuition for the three day/half day program.
8. The school strives to continue to provide support to students as long as they demonstrate financial need.
9. The school maintains the same standards of behavior and academic performance for recipients of financial aid as it does for non-recipients.
10. The school uses the NAIS SSS system to ensure a fair, consistent, and equitable assessment of each family's ability to contribute toward educational expenses.
11. The school safeguards the confidentiality of financial aid applications, records, and decisions.
12. The Head of School and Business Manager shall report to the Board the amount of tuition that was not collected because of financial aid, along with other relevant information.

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