

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24 EQUITY-BASED TUITION SCALE

A leader in private school accessibility, Independence Mission Schools customizes each student's tuition to align with their family's resources and to ensure affordability.

Basically, for families who earn less, their child(ren)'s tuition will cost less; for families who earn more, their child(ren)'s tuition will cost more. Bottom line: cost SHOULD never be the reason families choose not to attend an IMS school.

Please read the back of this flyer to learn more about our sliding tuition scale and how we work with families to meet them where they are! If you have any specific questions, please contact your school's Admissions Office.

| | 1 child attending | 2 children attending | 3 children attending | 4 children attending | 5 children attending |
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| If FAMILY INCOME is... | Annual/ Monthly Cost | Annual/ Monthly Cost | Annual/ Monthly Cost | Annual/ 10 Month Cost | Annual/ 10 Month Cost |
| Up to \$10,000 | \$1,450/\$145.00 | \$2,450/\$245.00 | \$3,300/\$330.00 | \$4,150/\$415.00 | \$5,000/\$500.00 |
| \$10,001 - \$20,000 | \$1,750/\$175.00 | \$2,750/\$275.00 | \$3,600/\$360.00 | \$4,450/\$445.00 | \$5,300/\$530.00 |
| \$20,001 - \$30,000 | \$1,970/\$197.00 | \$2,970/\$297.00 | \$3,820/\$382.00 | \$4,670/\$467.00 | \$5,520/\$552.00 |
| \$30,001 - \$40,000 | \$2,300/\$230.00 | \$3,300/\$330.00 | \$4,150/\$415.00 | \$5,000/\$500.00 | \$5,850/\$585.00 |
| \$40,001 - \$50,000 | \$2,750/\$275.00 | \$3,750/\$375.00 | \$4,600/\$460.00 | \$5,450/\$545.00 | \$6,300/\$630.00 |
| \$50,001 - \$65,000 | \$3,200/\$320.00 | \$4,700/\$470.00 | \$6,150/\$615.00 | \$7,600/\$760.00 | \$9,050/\$905.00 |
| \$65,001 - \$80,000 | \$3,450/\$345.00 | \$5,350/\$535.00 | \$7,250/\$725.00 | \$9,150/\$915.00 | \$11,050/\$1,105.00 |
| \$80,001 - \$95,000 | \$3,750/\$375.00 | \$5,750/\$575.00 | \$7,750/\$775.00 | \$9,750/\$975.00 | \$11,750/\$1,175.00 |
| \$95,001 - \$110,000 | \$4,200/\$420.00 | \$7,100/\$710.00 | \$10,100/\$1,010.00 | \$13,100/\$1,310.00 | \$16,100/\$1,610.00 |
| \$110,001 - \$130,000 | \$4,400/\$440.00 | \$7,900/\$790.00 | \$11,400/\$1,140.00 | \$14,900/\$1,490.00 | \$18,400/\$1,840.00 |
| \$130,001 and above | \$4,600/\$460.00 | \$8,600/\$860.00 | \$12,600/\$1,260.00 | \$16,600/\$1,660.00 | \$20,600/\$2,060.00 |
| WITHOUT APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID IN TADS | \$4,950/\$495.00 | \$9,900/\$990.00 | \$14,850/\$1,485.00 | \$19,800/\$1,980.00 | \$25,750/\$2,575.00 |

***Note: Pre-K 3 and 4 Tuition is \$3,995 and is NOT part of this scale.**

All families MUST apply for financial in TADS by required deadlines and complete CSF requirements where applicable to received stated amounts.

TUITION SCALE FAQ

1. What does “Family Contribution” mean?

- a. The easiest way to think of “Family Contribution” is as the final tuition amount that you’ll be obligated to pay for your child(ren)’s education. The total cost of educating an IMS student is \$8,500 but, thanks to the generosity of donors and PA tax credit programs, we are able to significantly discount the tuition we end up charging families.

2. How do I determine my “FAMILY INCOME” and calculate my estimated “PARENT CONTRIBUTION?”

- a. To determine your family income, you should combine the total value of the items below and find the sum in the column that says “IF FAMILY INCOME IS...”
 - i. W2 income (will eventually need to be verified with your 2022 1040 Income Tax Return and/or all 2022 W2’s)
 - ii. Social Security income (SS or SSDI)
 - iii. Social Security benefits
 - iv. Food stamps (SNAP)
 - v. Cash assistance (TANF)
 - vi. Child support
 - vii. Pensions/annuity
 - viii. Other monthly/yearly income

3. What happens if my “FAMILY INCOME” changes throughout the year?

- a. Because your “Family Contribution” is partly determined by your annual tax returns, mid-year changes to your overall family income will not impact your tuition obligation for the current year. However, when you re-enroll your child(ren) for the following school year, your “Family Obligation” may go up or down.

4. How often will I get charged for tuition?

- a. Most tuition agreements are set up on a 10-month cycle, so you will be billed a regular amount once per month, for 10 months (from August-May). If you enroll a student after August, the total tuition will be billed in 9 installments.

5. I don’t see Pre-K on the tuition scale. What is the tuition for Pre-K?

- a. For a variety of reasons, Pre-K tuition is a set dollar amount and is not included in the K-8 tuition scale above.