

Tiered Tuition for Student Support and Inclusive Education

SMS provides a comprehensive Student Support and Inclusive Education program designed to meet the diverse needs of its students. In order to sustain these services and respond to increasing demand, the School utilizes a Tiered Tuition model for Student Support.

Application of Tiered Tuition

Tiered Tuition may be applied or adjusted at any time during the school year based on a student's documented needs and the services provided.

- If a student begins receiving Student Support services during the school year, Tiered Tuition will be applied on a prorated basis from the start date of services.
- If continued services are required while updated testing is pending (including for students entering Grade 4 or above with a demonstrated need or prior documentation), Tiered Tuition will apply during the period in which services are provided.
- If testing determines that Student Support services are no longer required and services cease, Tiered Tuition will be removed and tuition adjusted on a prorated basis for the remainder of the school year.

Testing Requirements

For students entering Grade 4 or above, updated testing may be required based on demonstrated need or prior evaluations. If testing is required and a family elects not to pursue it, the student may be required to withdraw from SMS and may be subject to applicable withdrawal fees and/or remaining tuition obligations, depending on the date of withdrawal. If SMS determines that it is unable to meet a student's needs, the student will be required to depart.

The following guidelines will be used to determine where students will fall into the tiered learning program and how we will determine what a student will pay if they receive intervention services at SMS.

Tier 1 – Minimal Services (Pre-K–8) Students receive classroom and/or testing accommodations through a Student Support	TIER 1 TUITION Tuition x 1 = Regular tuition for the student at rate based on Catholic grant, Parish subsidy
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Plan, with short-term intervention available in Pre-K through Grade 3 at the regular tuition rate.	grant, and sibling discount, depending on which are applicable.
Tier 2 – Intervention Services (Grades 4–8) Students receive targeted reading and/or math intervention, with continued services after Grade 3 requiring documentation of an identified learning need through educational testing.	TIER 2 TUITION Full Tuition rate x 1.25 = (\$2,568) in addition to student tuition rate after any/all discounts have been applied.
Tier 3 – High Support Services (Pre-K–8) Students receive significant academic support, which may include in-class teaching assistant support, while primarily participating in the general education setting.	TIER 3 TUITION Full Tuition rate x 1.5 = \$5895 in addition to student tuition rate after any/all discounts have been applied.

Hand in Hand Options - (Pre-K - 8)

Students enrolled in Hand in Hand Options, as determined by testing, school, and Diocesan criteria, will be assessed the additional HIHO tuition, regardless of grade level.

Statement Regarding Educational Testing

When a student continues to require intervention services beyond Grade 3 or demonstrates ongoing academic challenges, the school may recommend formal educational testing (in any grade) to better understand the student’s learning profile and to determine appropriate levels of support.

Administrative Review

All determinations regarding testing requirements and the application or adjustment of Tiered Tuition are made at the discretion of the team of Pastor, Principal, Advancement Director, Director of the Business Office, and the Inclusive Education/Student Support Director.

Tuition Assistance

Families who anticipate the need for Tiered Tuition and intend to apply for Tuition Assistance must submit the required EFS application by the published deadline. If Tiered Tuition creates a need for Tuition Assistance after the EFS deadline has passed, an EFS application may not be required.