

Sliding Scale Tuition (for K-6th grade)

At Willowwind we continue to strive to make our educational experience accessible to all. As operational costs continue to rise, our current financial aid pool is simply not enough to support the multiple types of diversity that we cherish at our school. In an attempt to attract more families with varying socio-economic means, and to further close the gap between tuition and true operating costs, Willowwind will move to a sliding-scale tuition for the 2017-18 school year in the Kindergarten through 6th grade program.

Why sliding scale tuition?

- Last fall Willowwind began to search for a new way of financing the school, based on the precept that the school is one community of individuals joined in the common task of educating children. The sliding-scale tuition model was the result.
- Our commitment to diversity rests firmly upon this tuition system.
- Sliding-scale tuition enables all Willowwind families to educate their children as equal members of an economically, racially, and culturally diverse community.
- We believe that diversity provides the basis for exploring multiple perspectives throughout our curriculum.

How does it work?

- Sliding-scale tuition is based on the principle that a family's financial commitment should be in equitable proportion to its financial resources.
- The same financial information is asked of all parents.
- The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment is used to determine each family's contracted tuition for the coming year. All financial information is shared with an independent, third party service, FACTS. There is a \$27 charge for this service. This fee will be returned to families as a credit that will be applied towards your August tuition/fees. Upon the completion of the FACTS form, and submission of your 2016 Federal Income Tax form and/or other supporting financial documents, FACTS completes and delivers to Willowwind the collected financial data which will be used to determine the appropriate tuition for each individual family.
- Applying for sliding-scale tuition is optional. **Families that choose not to apply for sliding-scale consideration will be assessed the Tier I tuition.**

Click here to start the Sliding Scale Tuition application: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3ZGRZ>

What if I have more than one child enrolled at WW?

- Families enrolling more than one student at WW will receive a sibling discount for each additional child. A sibling discount in the amount of 3% for the second child enrolled will be applied. A 6% discount will be applied for the third child and for any additional children. The highest percentage discount applies to the child with the lowest tuition paid first. Preschool families are eligible for multi-sibling discounts.

What are K-6 tuition costs?

- Maximum fees are set annually by the Board of Trustees
- For the 2017-2018 school year, maximum K-6 tuition is set as follows: \$10,815
- For the 2017-2018 school year, minimum K-6 tuition is set as follows: \$ 7,800
- A limited pool of additional financial aid resources are available to those that qualify

- Families that choose not to submit financial information will be assumed as top tier household income and will be assessed tuition in the top threshold.
- Additional services such as K- 6 Before School Programing (BSP) and After-School Programing (ASP) will continue to be contracted monthly at the following rates: \$125 mo. (FT-BSP), \$300 mo. (FT-ASP), and \$175 mo. (PT -10 visits-ASP). No PT BSP will be offered. 10% discount to those enrolling in both BSP and ASP.

Is additional financial aid available?

- Yes. A limited pool of financial aid dollars is available to those that qualify. Families with household incomes of less than \$75,000 are encouraged to designate financial aid interest, an option that is given on the Re-enrollment Survey. If you are interested in being considered for need-based financial aid, please mark “Yes” on the applying for aid question on the Re-enrollment Survey.

K-6 Tuition scale for the 2017/18 school year

	Household Income	K/6 Tuition Scale
Tier I:	\$150,000+	\$10,815
Tier II:	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$10,300
Tier III:	\$75,000-\$99,999	\$9,475
Tier IV:	\$50,000-\$74,999	\$8,965
Tier V:	less than \$50,000	\$7,800

Schools replicating our tuition model

Over the years, many schools have sought new tuition models as part of their own efforts to increase diversity in mission-consistent and sustainable ways. Sliding-scale tuition has proven to meet these needs in the private sector across the country. Here are just a few schools that currently employ this model:

- Friends School of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN
- Boulder Valley Friends School in Boulder, CO
- Roycemore School in Evanston, IL
- St. Philip’s Academy in Newark, NJ
- Harmony School, Bloomington, IN
- Dawson School, Boulder, CO
- Waldorf School in Baltimore, MD
- Creative Learning Community in Tallahassee, FL
- St. Elizabeth’s School in Denver, CO
- Children’s Day School in San Francisco, CA
- Soulard School in St. Louis, MO
- The Freedom School, University City, MO