



FEE GUIDE 2022-2023

ENROLMENT ELIGIBILITY:

Half-day Casa	Students 30 months at start date and 36 months by end of calendar year
Full-day Casa	Students age 30 months at start date (limited number of students permitted between 30-36 months)
Extended-day Kindergarten	Students age 5 by December 31, 2022 (September enrolment) & previous Montessori experience
Elementary	Continuous Montessori Experience from Casa

****Children must be toilet trained prior to the start of the academic year****

Tuition for the next school year is set before re-registration in February

TUITION:









Grade Level	Total Annual Tuition Fees	Less Provincial Grant **	Tuition Fees Payable 2022/2023
Half-day Casa – AM/PM 8:30 - 11:25 am/12:30 - 3:25 pm 5 day (Monday – Friday)	\$8,388	N/A	\$8,388
Full-day Casa 8:00 am – 3:25 pm	\$15,530	N/A	\$15,530
Extended-day Kindergarten 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	\$20,819	\$4,833	\$15,986
Elementary (Grades 1-7) 8:15 am – 3:15 pm	\$20,819	\$4,833	\$15,986

** NOTE** Qualifying Student Grant Amount (Extended-day Kindergarten, Elementary)

The above tuition fees are dependent on the school receiving the per student operating grant from the province of British Columbia. If this grant is not received, we would be required to increase fees by the amount of the grant. In the case of early withdrawal, reimbursement of the grant will be required. In order to qualify for the provincial grant, parents must be permanent residents of B.C. and either a Canadian Citizen, landed immigrant or otherwise lawfully admitted to Canada and meet certain attendance criteria including exclusive enrolment in North Star Programs. Please see The Parent Handbook for further details.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

1) In addition to the annual student tuition fee the following will be charged annually:

-  \$850 Activity Fee per Elementary student for field trips, going outs and the enriched PE program.
-  \$750 Activity Fee per Extended-day Kindergarten student for field trips, going outs and the enriched PE program.
-  \$2,000 - \$4,000 Elementary Graduation Trip Fee, if applicable (graduating students only)
-  \$80 per Extended-day Kindergarten/Elementary student fee for non-reusable supplies.
-  \$300 – 500 for purchase of school uniforms (Elementary only).
-  \$50 - \$200 for purchase of PE uniform (Extended-day K only).
-  \$300 New Student Fee (non-refundable)
-  \$275-380/month for After School Care (if applicable)



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2) Application Fee

All applicants to North Star are required to pay a non-refundable application fee. The fee for the half-day & full-day Casa programs is \$100 and the fee for the Extended-day Kindergarten & Elementary programs is \$250. Applicants who are not offered a space by January of the academic year in which they applied will be required to submit a re-application if they wish to apply the following year.

DISCOUNTS:

Sibling Discount

A sibling discount of 10% for any additional child is applied to the Tuition Fees Payable from the table above. This discount is applied to the lower tuition amount.

PAYMENT PLANS:

North Star offers two payment options to ensure flexibility for all financial situations. Please note that these payment options are for ***tuition payments commencing March 1st only.***

Full Payment Plan

A 2 % discount on the Tuition Fees Payable is available for the entire amount of the Tuition Fees received **by March 1st only.** *The non-refundable fees including: Activity Fee, School Supplies Fee and New Student Fee (where applicable) will be added to your total payment.*

Example: (not inclusive of additional fees)	
Tuition due upon registration	\$15,986.00
Early payment discount	\$ <u>319.72</u>
Total Early Payment	\$15,666.28

Monthly Payment Plan

10 equal monthly installments of the Tuition Fees Payable paid by Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) or cheques on the 1st of each month, beginning March 1st through February 1st (no payments July & Aug). All post-dated cheques must be submitted by March 1st. To take advantage of this monthly payment plan, a non-refundable \$100 Administration Fee is required. *The non-refundable fees including: Administration Fee, Activity Fee, School Supplies Fee and New Student Fee (where applicable) will be added to your monthly payment amount.*

Example (not inclusive of additional fees)	
Annual Tuition due in 10 monthly installments	\$15,986.00
Administration Fee	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Total	\$16,086.00

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

North Star Montessori is able to enrol a limited number of International students who are not Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Students must live with at least one of their parents during their stay. Fees are \$19,845 per year, non-refundable, payable by certified check or money order by Sept 1. Students must possess a valid student visa, proof of medical insurance, as well as a letter of acceptance and are expected to attend through to the end of the school year.



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REFUND & WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

Elementary & Extended-day Kindergarten Programs

Students must attend a minimum of 600 hours of school between September 1st and May 15th to qualify for the Independent School Grant. Missing school days for travel or vacation is not a valid absence for grant qualification purposes. The parents/guardians will become liable to the school for the amount of the Provincial Independent School Grant lost by the Society should their child not qualify due to extended absences, withdrawal or dismissal from the school.

A child enrolled is expected to attend through to the end of the school year and parents should fully understand the annual financial obligation. By submitting an application for enrolment, you hereby agree that if a student accepted into the program is withdrawn **all tuition fees paid to date at the time of withdrawal are non-refundable**. If you opted for the **Full Payment Plan** (page 2) your non-refundable tuition fees will be in accordance with the **Monthly Payment Plan** as per page 2.

Written notice of intention to withdraw a student from the school is required to be submitted by the parents/guardians to the Board of Directors and the Head of School.

Casa (Preschool)

Parents who wish to withdraw their child from the Casa Program, must do so in writing 30 days prior to the date of withdrawal (first of the month). Refunds will be based on the amount paid less monthly calculation of **total annual tuition** excluding discounts.

There will be no refunds for Casa students leaving after March 1st

In the event that unforeseen circumstances (natural disaster, weather, labour dispute, etc.) force the closure of schools for an extended period of time, no refund of tuition fees will be paid by the program.

To cover bank charges and accounting & administration costs associated with processing late payments or insufficient funds for cheques and PAD Agreements, a charge of \$50.00 will apply to all returned cheques/PADs and late payments. The outstanding balance, including late payment fee, is due immediately upon notice. Please ensure that you provide North Star with new post-dated cheques or updated banking information if you change your bank account.

As a not-for-profit society, the Board of Directors makes staffing and programing decisions for each school year in March based on projected revenue and expenses. The Board will take necessary steps to recover any losses occurred by non-payment of fees owed.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please contact Jeanne Mayne at 604-980-1205 with further questions regarding tuition or payment plans.