



North Star Montessori

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ENROLMENT ELIGIBILITY:

Casa (Preschool)	Children age 30 months at start date and 36 months by end of calendar year
Extended-day Kindergarten	Children age 5 by December 31, 2019 (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-enrolment in February

TUITION:









Grade Level	Total Annual Tuition Fees	Less Provincial Grant **	Tuition Fees Payable 2019/2020
Casa (Preschool) – AM/PM 8:30-11:30 am/12:30-3:30 pm 5 day (Monday – Friday)	7,320	N/A	7,320
Extended-day Kindergarten 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	16,239	\$4,509	11,730
Elementary (Grades 1-7) 8:15 am – 3:15 pm	16,239	\$4,509	11,730

** 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.
-  \$565 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 (graduating students only)
-  \$75 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)
-  \$250-345/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 programs is \$100 and the fee for the full day program is \$250. Applicants who are not offered a space by January of the academic year in which they applied, will be refunded their fee and removed from the wait-pool.

DISCOUNTS:

Sibling Discount

A sibling discount of 10% for the 2nd child is applied to the Tuition Fees Payable from the table above. This discount is applied to the lower tuition amount. (See multiple discounts below.)

PAYMENT PLANS:

North Star offers three payment options to ensure flexibility for all financial situations. Please note that these payment options are for a ***September start only***.

Full Payment

A 2.5 % discount on the Tuition Fees Payable is available for the entire amount of the Tuition Fees received ***by May 1 only***. The Activity Fee, School Supplies Fee and New Student Fee (where applicable) will be added to your total payment.

Example: (not inclusive of additional fees)

Initial non-refundable payment (returning students) due March 1 st	\$ 500.00
Due May 1 st	<u>\$10,936.75</u>
Total Early Payment	\$11,436.75

Standard Payment

One half (½) of the Tuition Fees Payable from the table above, minus applicable discounts, is payable by May 1st. The balance of the amount is payable by September 1st. The Activity Fee, School Supplies Fee and New Student Fee (where applicable) will be added to your total payment.

Example: (not inclusive of additional fees)

Initial non-refundable payment (returning students) due March 1 st	\$ 500.00
Due May 1 st	\$ 5,615.00
Due Sept 1 st	\$ 5,615.00
Total	\$11,730.00

Monthly Payment

10 equal monthly installments of the Tuition Fees Payable paid by Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) or cheques on the 1st of each month, beginning May 1 through February 1. To take advantage of this monthly payment plan, a \$20 per month Administration Fee is required (\$200 total). ***The Administration Fee of \$20 will be added to your monthly payment amount along with the Activity Fee, School Supplies Fee and New Student Fee (where applicable).***



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Example (not inclusive of additional fees)	
Initial non-refundable payment (returning students) due March 1 st	\$ 500.00
10 Monthly Installments due May 1 st	\$11,230.00
Administration Fee	\$ 200.00
Total	\$11,930.00

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 \$18,000 per year, non-refundable, payable by certified check or money order by Sept 1. Students must possess a valid student visa as well as a letter of acceptance and are expected to attend through to the end of the school year.

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: (1) before September 1st you are responsible to pay 50% of the **Total Annual Tuition** (which includes the Provincial Grant); (2) after September 1st but before December 1st you are responsible to pay 75% of the Total Annual Tuition; and (3) after December 1st you are responsible to pay the full amount of the Total Annual Tuition. Please note that the \$500 initial payment for returning students is non-refundable.

Date of Withdrawal	Responsible % of Total Annual Tuition (Including Provincial Grant)
Prior to September 1 st	50%
September 1 st to December 1 st	75%
After December 1 st	100%

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.



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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 and initial \$500 payment for returning students.

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

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 programming 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.