

2025-2026 Tuition & Program Policies

This document outlines the tuition structure, payment schedule, teacher compensation, and policies for the upcoming academic year. We have adjusted pricing to include necessary facility and trailer maintenance costs while keeping fees competitive and manageable for families. Returning families will receive a discount as a token of appreciation for their continued support.

Program Names by Grade Level

- **Primary Foundations:** Grades K–3
- **Junior Explorers:** Grades 4–6
- **Dialectic Scholars:** Grades 7–8
- **Rhetoric Mastery:** Grades 9–12

Tuition & Fees

All tuition fees include the cost of facility rental, insurance, taxes, and classroom supplies. Additional optional programs and extracurricular activities are available at an extra cost.

Program Tuitions	Annual Tuition
Primary Foundations (1 day/week)	\$990/year
Junior Explorers (1.5 days/week)	\$1,320/year
Dialectic Scholars/Rhetoric Mastery (1.5 days in person + virtual classes)	\$1,860/year

Registration Fees

- **Family Registration Fee: \$250 per family (non-refundable)**
- **Application Fee: \$55 per student (non-refundable)**
- **T-Shirts: 1 shirt included per student (required); polos for upper level students**

Discounts & Family Incentives

To support our families and acknowledge their commitment, the following discounts apply:

- Families with 3 or more students receive a 10% discount on total tuition.
- Returning families from last year will receive a \$100 discount per student.
- Parents who volunteer for key roles (e.g., administrative support, class assistants) can earn up to \$250 in tuition discounts per student on top of other discounts as well as free registration.

- Families can participate in fundraising opportunities (T-shirts, popcorn sales, car washes, yearbooks) to reduce their costs for enrichment activities.

**Families may combine discounts, but total tuition reductions cannot cover the cost of Registration or be more than 75% off of tuition.*

Payment Schedule

Tuition payments can be made in four equal installments throughout the year. The schedule is as follows:

Grade Level	Total Tuition	Quarterly Payment
Primary Foundations	\$990	\$247.50
Junior Explorers	\$1,320	\$330
Dialectic Scholars/Rhetoric Mastery (except Seniors)	\$1,860	\$465
Rhetoric Mastery Seniors (includes fees)	\$2,615	\$653.75

Payments are due on the following dates:

1st Payment: August 1, 2025

2nd Payment: October 1, 2025

3rd Payment: January 1, 2026

4th Payment: March 1, 2026

A \$25 late fee applies if payment is not received within 10 days of the due date. If tuition remains unpaid for more than 30 days, students may be placed on an academic hold.

- No refunds will be issued after the first two weeks of the semester.
- Families who withdraw mid-year are still responsible for any unpaid tuition.

Teacher Compensation & Payment Model

Teacher compensation is structured as a tuition discount rather than direct payment. Discounts are based on the number of classes taught, ensuring affordability for families while maintaining program sustainability.

Discount Structure Based on Teaching Commitment

- Teaching 3+ classes per week: 50% tuition discount
- Teaching 2 classes per week: 35% tuition discount
- Teaching 1 class per week: 20% tuition discount
- Classroom Assistants: 15% tuition discount

Class Requirements & Enrollment Minimums

- A minimum of 5 students per class is required for the class to run.
- Discounts are determined strictly by the number of classes taught, based on the tiered system outlined above. Changes in student enrollment do not impact the discount amount provided to teachers.
- Families may combine discounts, but total tuition reductions cannot cover the cost of Registration or be more than 75% off of tuition.
- Families who leave mid-year will be responsible for repaying any applied discounts.

Mid-Year Withdrawal & Discount Repayment Policy

Families who receive tuition discounts for teaching or assisting agree to complete the full academic year. If a family withdraws before the end of the school year, they must repay the prorated portion of any applied tuition discounts. Repayment is calculated based on the percentage of the academic year remaining at the time of withdrawal.

- If a family withdraws after 50% of the year, they must repay 50% of the discount.
- If they leave after only one quarter, they must repay 75% of the discount.
- Tuition discounts are applied quarterly, so if a family leaves before the next quarter starts, they will not receive the next installment of their discount.
- Families who do not pay the remaining balance will have records withheld until the amount is settled.

Substitutes & Teaching Responsibility Policy

To ensure program consistency, teachers are expected to fulfill their full teaching commitment. The following policies apply:

- **Frequent Substitutes:** If a teacher constantly seeks a substitute (more than twice per quarter), their tuition discount may be **reduced or revoked** based on review by leadership.
- **Substitute Eligibility for Discounts:** Substitutes do not automatically receive the discount. If a sub fully takes over a class for the remainder of the year, leadership may approve them for a pro-rated tuition discount.
- **Mid-Year Resignation:** If a teacher quits mid-year, their tuition discount will be revoked, and they must repay the prorated portion of any discount already applied.
- **Chronic Tardiness & Absenteeism:** If a teacher is consistently late or absent, causing another parent or staff member to cover for them repeatedly, they may lose their discount, and their role will be re-evaluated.

Quarterly Discount Application

To align with tuition collection, discounts will be applied at the start of each quarter:

1. August 1, 2025 (25%) – After first tuition installment
2. October 1, 2025 (25%)
3. January 1, 2026 (25%)
4. March 1, 2026 (25%)

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- Families who leave mid-year will be responsible for repaying any applied discounts.

Quarterly Discount Application & Security Policy

To ensure fairness and prevent financial loss, tuition discounts for teaching will be **applied quarterly** rather than upfront. This means:

- Instead of receiving the full discount at the start of the year, the tuition reduction will be applied **in four equal portions** at the start of each quarter.
- Families who **withdraw before completing the year** will not receive discounts for the remaining quarters, reducing the amount owed upon departure.
- **If a family leaves mid-year, they must repay the prorated portion of any tuition discount already received.**

Security Deposit for Families Using Discounts

- Families receiving a **50% tuition discount or more** must provide a **\$500 security deposit at registration.**

- If they **complete the year**, this deposit is **credited toward next year's tuition or refunded**.
- If they **withdraw early**, the deposit is **used toward any outstanding balance owed for early departure**.
- If the balance owed exceeds the deposit, the family will be required to pay the remaining amount before withdrawal is finalized.

Agreement for Families Paying in Full & Receiving Discounts

Families who pay tuition in full at the beginning of the year while also receiving a teaching discount must **sign the following agreement** acknowledging their financial responsibility if they withdraw early:

Tuition Discount & Early Withdrawal Agreement

I, **[Parent/Guardian Name]**, understand that by receiving a tuition discount for my teaching commitment at Soaring Preparatory Academy, I agree to fulfill my role for the full academic year. If I withdraw early, I acknowledge the following:

- My tuition discount is applied **quarterly**, and I am only eligible for the discount for the quarters I actively teach.
- If I leave before completing the year, I must **repay the prorated portion of any discount already received**.
- If I paid tuition in full, my **security deposit will be applied toward any owed balance** before any refund is issued.
- If my outstanding balance exceeds my deposit, I agree to **pay the remaining amount in full before withdrawal is finalized**.
- If I fail to make the required payment, I understand that Soaring Preparatory Academy **reserves the right to take necessary collection actions** to recover the owed amount.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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- Parents who commit to teaching or assisting in the classroom may receive tuition discounts based on their level of involvement.
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- Maximum discounts per family apply to ensure fair distribution of benefits.
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Fundraising Commitment

- Families are required to participate in at least one fundraising event per semester (e.g., t-shirt sales, car washes, etc.) or contribute a \$100 opt-out fee.

Parent Commitments & Policies

To ensure the success of the program, families must acknowledge the following commitments:

- A signed commitment contract to confirm participation for the entire academic year.
- Background checks and reference checks are required for all program leaders.
- Enrollment is only available to families with at least one child in kindergarten or higher.
- Younger siblings (under 3rd grade) may only attend if an older sibling is enrolled.
- Students in grades 3 and under attend one day per week.
- Grades 4-6 students attend 1.5 days per week.
- Grades 7-12 students attend 1.5 days per week, with additional virtual classes.

Fundraising & Optional Participation

We are moving towards a minimal fundraising approach. Small fundraisers such as T-shirts, popcorn, car washes, and yearbooks will be available, and families can participate voluntarily to help reduce tuition costs.

- Families in special classes and clubs like Aviation, Theater, Teen Club and Student Council may be required to participate in at least one fundraising event per semester (e.g., t-shirt sales, car washes, etc.) or contribute a \$100 opt-out fee.
- Fundraising helps cover additional costs for materials, special events, and facility expenses.

We appreciate your commitment to our program and look forward to a successful academic year! For any questions, please reach out to the administration.

