

**Richmond Friends School
Tuition and Fees
2011-2012**

TUITION

Full-Day (all grades).....\$5,500
Half-Day (Pre-K/K only).....\$3,000

BOOK AND SUPPLY FEES

Pre-K.....\$100
Grades 1-2.....\$100
Grades 3-6.....\$100

APPLICATION FEE

New student fee.....\$75
Returning student fee.....\$35

TUITION REMISSION

First sibling tuition remission25%
Second sibling tuition remission50%

Scholarship Assistance is available and based on need.

EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Morning care is offered from 7:45 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., and afternoon care is offered until 5:30 p.m. every school day.

Students are given guidance and support as needed for completing homework, exploring creatively, and playing cooperatively. A healthy snack is provided.

Extended care is \$3.00 per hour. The sibling rate is \$2.50 per hour.

Payment

PAYMENT OPTION

Monthly Payment Plan

Tuition is billed on a 10-month schedule. Your first payment is due following receipt of your acceptance letter and will act as your non-refundable deposit. All applicable fees are also due then.

Payments made after the 10th of each month will incur a \$5 late fee for every month the payment is late. All payments are non-refundable.

* You are welcome to pay for tuition in advance of the coming month. Any pre-payment will be reflected as a credit on your next invoice.

HOW DO I PAY?

RFS accepts checks, money orders, and cashier's checks. You also have the option to use your credit card via PayPal®. You are responsible for paying the PayPal® fee. See our web site for details.

If you would prefer to have your payment automatically withdrawn from your checking account, contact the bookkeeper to make arrangements.

ARREARS

If, at any time, your family experiences difficult times and/or hardships, contact the bookkeeper or School Coordinator ASAP. The matter may be brought to the RFS Board's attention.

Any balance remaining as of August 1st corresponding to the end of the academic year will be forwarded to our attorney, who will work with all parties to see that the tuition balances are paid in full.

**Where Your
Tuition Dollars**

Go

The Whats and Whys
of your RFS Investment

Pre-K/K through Grade 6

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The Bottom Line...

Priorities

11% of all U.S. children are in independent education. Of those, only 20% are from wealthy families.

Council for American Private Education

Let's Face it,

An independent education requires a large financial commitment on your part.

But...

We believe that the funds you invest will pay dividends throughout your child's life.

So...

Let's answer some questions and examine the fees.

Why does independent education cost so much?

Unlike the public school system, RFS, like other independents, receives no funds from the state. We rely on tuition, grants, and other gifts to maintain our program.

What about financial aid?

RFS actively seeks families of every race, creed, nationality, and social or economic background. Aid is awarded on the basis of financial need and availability of funds. Award decisions are announced in May. RFS is constantly trying to secure more scholarship monies to meet the needs of as many qualified applicants as possible.

What else could I be asked to financially support?

The Annual Giving Campaign is a far-reaching RFS Board initiative that solicits funds from alumni, area businesses, Quaker Meetings, and current parents. These monies support the operating budget and scholarship fund.

The Readathon is a parent fundraising initiative that challenges our students to read not only for sake of learning and literacy but also to benefit the school. Parents help by supporting their children to solicit sponsors from friends, family, and local businesses. This month-long endeavor is an excellent way for our entire community to come together to support the school.

Endowments and Planned Giving allow us to seek gifts to secure a future that offers our program to generations of children.

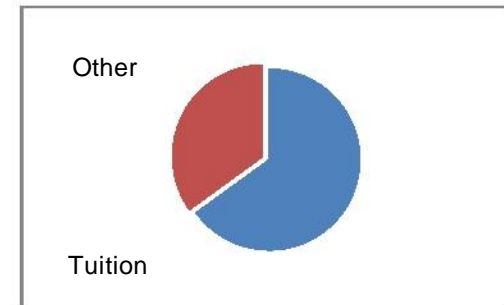
I pay tuition. Why isn't that enough?

We want to maintain a tuition that is as affordable as possible for the broadest number of people in our community. The operating budget responds to the day-to-day running of the school: instructional materials, salaries, utilities, rent payments, and so on. Tuition covered 65% of the operating costs for the 2008-2009 academic year. Meeting the budget without considerable raises in

tuition requires looking to the community for additional funds and a greater enrollment.

Simply put, tuition cannot provide all that our facilities offer, or hope to offer, our children. The more funds we receive in other income, the less chance there will be an increase in tuition, and the more enrollment we have, the better we cover costs.

RFS 2011-2012 Budget



How can I help RFS reach its goal?

This is where proportional giving plays a part. Everyone's commitment, regardless of size, is valuable and contributes to the life of the school. Remember, it's not WHAT you give, but THAT you give that is important.

What are Richmond Friends School's expectations of me?

Our hope is that you will want to become an involved part of our community. Financially, we ask you to consider your resources and contribute accordingly. Again, equally important are your gifts of time and talent are valuable and a necessary part of being with the RFS family. The more you can become involved in your child's school, the more you will want to be.