

How much does it really cost to attend OWS/ Vista?



Sending your child to any independent school is an investment. We want you to fully understand parents' financial and personal obligations associated with an Open Window School education. Here are some frequently asked questions about OWS tuition, fees, and fundraising:

What does my tuition cover?

Tuition covers all instructional materials, curriculum resources, books, field trips, assemblies and equipment used during the school day. There are no extra fees associated with classroom activities. The exceptions are off-campus overnight trips in grades 4 through 8. Financial aid families receive additional support for these.

What are my options for paying tuition?

We offer three different payment plans for the tuition: 10 monthly installments, quarterly, and annually. Financial aid is available and we encourage interested families to apply. Contact our Controller, Marja Ziuzin, for more information.

What extra fees might I have to pay?

If you choose to have your child participate in any after school classes, summer camp, workshops, and clubs or sports teams, there are fees for services. The amount depends upon the activity. OWS offers before and after school care for an hourly fee. Complimentary child care is provided before school for students dropped off after 8:15am. Overnight grade level trips require extra fees which differ according to grade.

What other financial obligations will I have?

OWS families are required to donate 20 hours of volunteer time to the school and support our school's annual auction by obtaining donated goods and/or services equaling \$700.00. However, we recognize that every family situation differs and offer a choice of cash alternatives as a means to fulfill these obligations. Our Director of Development, Ann Berner Counsell, works with families to help them meet this obligation and is happy to answer your questions.

Will I be asked to contribute other funds to the school?

Independent schools, including OWS, need to fundraise to cover annual operating expenses and support other funding requirements and reserves. These Annual Fund donations to the school are a tax deductible way to enable the school to offer an enriched program for your child at the lowest possible cost. OWS parents have traditionally been very supportive of the school with nearly 100% of our families contributing to our Annual Fund. All gifts are appreciated regardless of the amount!