

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Policy Roll Out

September 22, 2021 Agenda

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Opening Prayer

Embracing Father,
You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.
Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply,
so that we can create
peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies
to build the structures we need
to overcome the obstacles
of intolerance and indifference.
May Jesus provide us the example needed
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.
Amen



Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Policy Roll Out - Introduction

Reason for Review

May 2015

Catholic Schools Office received letters of concern from pastors of archdiocesan elementary schools regarding schools' lack of compliance with policy regarding publishing tuition rates.

August 2015

CSO staff conducted an audit of schools' published tuition rates. Audit finding: overwhelming majority of schools not compliant

September 2015

Moderator of the Curia granted permission to review policies related to setting tuition rates in Policies for Catholic Schools - section 4000.



Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Policy Roll Out – Review Process

February 2016 – April 2018 Committee meetings commence, to include: consultation

with pastors, principals and research.

April 2018 Committee submits recommendation to superintendent

May 2018 Superintendent presents recommendation to Pastors and

Board of Education for input

August 2018 Superintendent presents to ESPA for input

September 2019 Superintendent presents to Administrative Board

November 2019 Superintendent presents to Priest's Council

November 2019 New Policy Language Approved



Policy 4230: Multiple Child Families

Original Policy

Parish tuition assistance shall be made available to families with demonstrated need for the second and subsequent children enrolled in the school.

NEW Revised Tuition Policy:

Parish tuition assistance shall be made available to families with demonstrated financial need for circumstances determined by the pastor, including material changes in a family's financial circumstances; families with multiple children enrolled in tuition-based educational programs; or, at the pastor's discretion.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

Provide clarifying language related to parish tuition assistance and expand pastor discretion to utilize parish tuition assistance for multiple child families and other purposes.



Policy 4300: Setting Archdiocesan School Tuition Rates

Original Policy

All Archdiocesan schools shall set and publish tuition rates in accord with procedures set forth by the Archdiocese.

NEW Revised Tuition Policy:

All Archdiocesan schools shall publish a single tuition rate for each program in accordance with procedures set forth by the Archdiocese.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

The policy needs to be changed in recognition that schools may offer more than one program for which one tuition rate must be set.



Policy 4310: Cost of Educating an Archdiocesan Student

Original Policy

The pastor, canonical administrator or board of limited jurisdiction shall establish tuition rates that take into consideration the full cost of educating a student.

NEW Revised Tuition Policy:

The pastor, canonical administrator or board of limited jurisdiction shall establish a tuition rate for each program that takes into consideration the full cost of educating a student in that program.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

The policy needs to be changed in recognition that schools may offer more than one program for which tuition rate must be set.



Policy 4330: Archdiocesan Tuition Policy Statement

Original Policy

All Archdiocesan Catholic schools shall distribute a written tuition policy statement no later than February for the coming school year.

NEW Revised Tuition Policy:

All Archdiocesan Catholic schools shall publish a written tuition policy statement that details the total cost, tuition rates, payment schedules, methods of payments and consequences of nonpayment of tuition.

The written tuition statement shall be published no later than February 1 for the coming school year.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

The policy change is for the purpose of providing the deadline for schools to provide the annual tuition statement.



Policy 4331: Contents of the Archdiocesan School Tuition Policy Statement

Original Policy

The published Archdiocesan school tuition policy statement shall detail the total cost, tuition rates, payment schedules, methods of payments and consequences of non-payment of tuition.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

Policy #4331 was deleted and consolidated into Policy #4330.



Policy 4340: Rates for Catholic Parishioners in the Archdiocese of Washington

Original Policy

Each Archdiocesan Catholic school shall establish only one tuition rate for Catholic parishioners in the Archdiocese of Washington, whether in-parish or out-of-parish, not to exceed the full cost per student.

NEW Revised Tuition Policy:

Once each Archdiocesan Catholic School has established one tuition rate for each program, it may establish and publish a grant or other program to subsidize tuition for active parishioners in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Rationale for Recommended Policy Change:

Pastors have requested clarifying language regarding criteria for a student to be eligible for the Catholic rate. The former policy provided being "Catholic" as the criteria. Further, the former policy provided the benefit of a subsidized rate for those student who may not need a subsidized rate. The recommended language offers the option of providing grants to "active parishioners," in lieu of a Catholic rate, at the pastors' discretion. The recommended policy language emphasizes the role the parish plays in supporting Catholic education and eliminates the "discount" approach.



Communication Strategy

Communication with key stakeholders is a priority:

- Pastor
- Parish Finance Council
- School Advisory Board
- Home and School Association
 - Explain the new tuition policy
 - Collaborate to confirm steps and timeline
 - Communication in person and in writing



Communication Timeline

September 2021 Consultation with Pastor

October 2021 Parish and School Advisory Boards

November 2021 School Community

February 1, 2022 Tuition Policy Statement

Personal CommunicationWritten Communication

February 1, 2022 Public Facing Materials

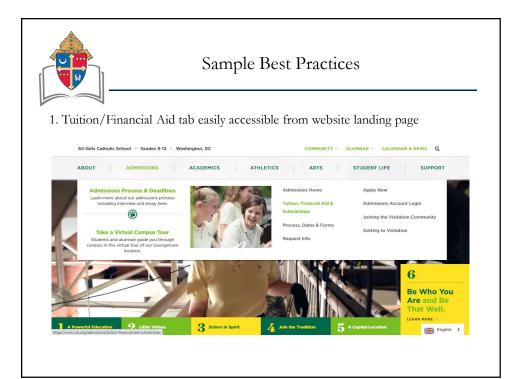


Tuition Policy Statement

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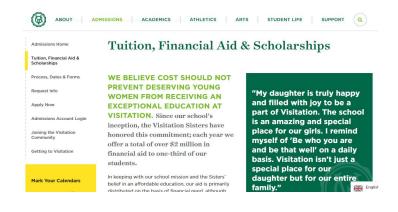
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Sample Best Practices

2. Tuition, Financial Aid, and Scholarship landing page





Sample Best Practices

3. Single Rate Tuition Published



We are committed to working with families to make a Visitation education possible for every deserving student. We recognize the financial pressures on families today and strive to keep Visitation's tuition and fees as low as possible while delivering an exceptional Catholic education in a Salesian environment. Here you can find out more about our tuition payment plans, scholarships and awards, partners, and financial aid program.

4. Financial Aid Application Instructions & Link



Need-Based Financial Aid

We encourage any family who thinks that Georgetown Visitation might be beyond their means to apply for financial aid. We use School and Student Services (SSS), a service of the National Association of Independent Schools, to process aid applications. The SSS applies a consistent and objective formula to calculate the amount of money a family has available to contribute to their child's education.

- FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Beginning fall 2020, families can apply for aid for the 2021-2022 school year at http://sssbynais.org/parents.

All applications must be submitted online by January 4, 2021. Families must submit a Parents Financial

Statement (FPS) and should send their 2020 IRS 1040 electronically to SSS as soon as possible. Instructions are located here.

