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Tuition Rates and Schedule

ENROLLMENT/RE-ENROLLMENT

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year of _____. Please be aware that payment of tuition is necessary for the child to remain an actively enrolled student at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy.

The following items are required with the completed application: immunization record, copy of state issued birth certificate, social security card, photo, and previous school’s grades and standardized test results. The required items noted above and the enrollment fees must accompany the returned application.

Application Fee	\$75.00	For first time students only
Enrollment Fee/Re-Enrollment	\$500.00/\$350.00	For full-day Pre-Kindergarten through 8 th Grade
	\$250.00	For half-day Pre-K-Junior - Kindergarten

THE APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. Payment of these fees will guarantee that we will hold a slot for your child at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy. [Only if the class fills or if the student is not accepted after the interview is the enrollment fee returned to the parent. The application fee (\$75.00) will not be refunded for any reason.] Please read the **Financial Commitment Statement carefully.**

1. February and March: Priority is given to currently enrolled students. New applicants may submit application forms, which will be coded with date of application; these are held until March 1st when the interview process for new parents begins. Preference for interviews will be given to those families who submit application forms with earliest date.
2. March 15: Enrollment opens to all. Newly approved applicants will be placed in classes where there is space per the date order in which the application was received.

TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Parents have four options to pay for their child's education while attending ESSA. Parents, you may choose either of the payment choices that best meet your family’s needs.

Note: Monthly tuition is based on a 10-month period with the first payment of tuition due on the first of each month beginning August 1st and ending on May 1st.

Tuition

Tuition Per Class Type	School Year
Half-day: Pre-kindergarten (3 yr. old - Potty Trained)	\$4,200
Full-day: Pre-Kindergarten (3 yr. old - Potty Trained)	\$7,000
Full-day: Junior Kindergarten	\$6,500
Full-day: Kindergarten through 8 th Grade	\$6,500

EXTENDED DAY- BEFORE AND AFTER CARE: Please read this disclaimer thoroughly:

EXTENDED CARE FOR ESSA FAMILIES IS ONLY COMPLIMENTARY TO FAMILIES THAT CAN PROVE A NEED OF SERVICES. (EXAMPLE OF PROOF: WORK SCHEDULE, SCHOOL SCHEDULE, ETC.) IF PROOF HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE FAMILY YOUR CHILD IS EXPECTED TO BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF AT THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIME.

**Extended Day Fees – Enrolled Families included in cost.
Non-Enrolled Families must apply through Beyond the
Bell Program**

Time

For Pre-Kindergarten through 8 th Grade arriving from:	6:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
For Pre-Kindergarten through 8 th Grade staying from:	3:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
<u>Before and After Care</u> (Please note changes: Effective August 2016)	Both times

If ESSA students are picked up after 3:20 p.m. and proof of service has not been verified, you will be charged a minute rate of \$1.00 per minute, after 30 minutes the charge increases to \$2.00 per minute. (3:21 pm – 4:21 pm, etc.)

The same rule applies for before care. There is no coverage before 8:20 a.m. and if care is needed before 8:20 a.m. and proof of service is not proven. The same fee schedule for after care applies fee to families that bring their children before the time allotted.

We understand that emergencies may occur and that work schedules may change. It is your responsibility to come in personally and speak ESSA'S Staff.

Elite Scholars STEAM Academy Camps Daily Rate

Winter Break Camp	\$41 (before and after care included)
Spring Break Camp	\$41 (before and after care included)
Summer Camp	\$140 per week

Summer Camp Extra Fees Below

Activities & Materials Fees

Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten	\$100
Senior Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	\$100

Multi-child Family Discount

First additional enrollment after the oldest child (Second Child):10%
If enrolling more than two children see the Head of School for Discount.

Note: The discount above does not apply to the enrollment/re-enrollment fee. Families receiving scholarship grants do not qualify for any additional assistance.

Military Discount

Military families are offered a 10% discount.

Only one discount can be redeemed.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available on an as needed basis. Applications are processed by the School and Student Services for Financial Aid, an offering of the National Association of Independent Schools, which provides an objective; third-party financial aid needs assessment. Information and applications may be obtained from Elite Scholars STEAM Academy or online at sss.nais.org/parents. All award decisions are made in strictest confidence by the Tuition Assistance Committee. Elite Scholars STEAM Academy welcomes tuition assistance applications. Enrollment Contracts and deposits must be returned before awards are made.

Invest in Kids Act (Scholarship)

All Illinois families are entitled to apply for a scholarship that will provide school of choice. Low to middle class families can apply for scholarships that will be awarded in the amount of 100%, 75%, or 50% in order to pay your child/ren tuition and fees. You can visit www.empowerillinois.org and complete an application and review resources to see if your family will qualify. Please apply as soon as possible. The scholarships are only available as long as the Department of Revenue has funds to award.

Textbooks

All parents are responsible for the purchase of all workbooks and textbooks. All workbooks are provided free of charge to students in grades PK-8. The school will provide you with an inventory of books to be purchased.

Important Reminder: Per the Application Form: Upon submission of enrollment/re-enrollment paperwork, you are committed to the semester's tuition whether your child actually attends ESSA or not. (See the Statement of Financial Commitment)



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Fee Agreement

At the time of enrollment, the undersigned parent or guardian understands that they will be billed at the rate of \$_____per academic year, per child(ren). Full day classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Before and after school care is available if needed through the Beyond the Bell (BTB) Program. Additional paperwork must be completed for your child(ren) to be enrolled in BTB.

Four plans are available for payment of tuition:

_____ **Option I - Single payment of full year's tuition**

- ❖ Due upon registration

_____ **Option II - Tuition divided into two payments**

- ❖ First payment due upon registration
- ❖ Second payment due January 1st

_____ **Option III - Ten monthly payments**

- ❖ A \$50 one-time service charge applies to monthly payments, unless a family has been awarded a partial financial aid grant.
- ❖ Due on the 1st of each month (beginning August 1st and ending on May 1st)

_____ **Option IV Four quarterly payments**

- ❖ First payment due upon registration
- ❖ Second payment due October 1st
- ❖ Third payment due January 1st
- ❖ Final payment due April 1st

Note: Monthly tuition payments not made on the due date will incur a \$75 late fee. After ten (10) days of non-payment a \$5.00 fee will be added to each day starting on the 11th day.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Date

Signature of Provider

Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

1. **Enrollment Fee:** As a parent or legal guardian, I understand that the \$500/\$350 enrollment is given as a consideration that my child has a slot at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy for the school year_____. I understand that this fee will not be refunded under any circumstances if my child is accepted as a student by the Head of School and the President of the School Board. Only if my child is not accepted will the \$500 be refunded. The \$75 application fee is not refunded under any circumstances.

2. Tuition Payments:

- o **Fall payments:** June, July, August, September, & October
- o **Spring payments:** November, December, January, February, March, & April

- 1) *Each semester, payments are due on the first day of each month.*
- 2) *If all tuition is not paid, no student will be allowed to attend class after the last day of calendar month.*

3. **Fall Semester Withdrawals:** I understand that if I choose to withdraw my child(ren) from ESSA after signing this enrollment form and being accepted for the next school year, then I am responsible for paying the full semester tuition. The school has agreed to hold the slot for the child; if the child does not attend, then the tuition must be paid because the school has possibly turned away other students who were eligible for the slot. This policy is in effect regardless of whether there is a waiting list for the class.

Note: Consideration will be given for families with extenuating circumstances.

4. **Spring Semester Withdrawals:** All requests for withdrawal for the spring semester must be made on or before November 1st. Any withdrawals made after November 1st will result in withdrawal charges of the spring semester’s tuition payment. Tuition payments for the second semester begin November 1st; second semester payments are due on this date.

I understand that if I should seek to withdraw my child(ren) without clearing my financial indebtedness, the following has occurred:

- 1) I have violated the contract I signed;
- 2) I have forfeited the right to request ESSA to transfer my child’s academic and health records to another school until I have cleared my indebtedness;
- 3) I have subjected myself to the legally-binding arbitration process as prescribed in the “conciliation clause,” which is included in this enrollment packet.

***Note: Parents, you are charged for all hours of care that you reserve, even if you do not use them. Parents, you are paying for the “slot” that is being held for your child.**

Signature of Father: _____ Signature of Mother: _____

Date Signed: _____ Date Signed: _____

For our bookkeeper to prepare for next year’s billing, we need to know your preference concerning a payment schedule. The options are listed below. Please mark one (1).

Option 1 _____

Option 2 _____

Option 3 _____

Option 4 _____