



2024-25 Tuition FAQ's

**Have questions regarding 2024-25 tuition changes?
We hope to address those here!**

◆ Why is there one tuition fee for all students?

After much review in both the school advisory council and the finance council, the decision was made to change the tuition policy. The discounted parishioner rate of \$10,058.00 will become the universal rate for all families. Many schools in the diocese have already gone to a single tuition rate.

◆ What is the cost per pupil for 2024-25?

The cost to educate each student at St. Lawrence is \$10,898.00 and covers what it takes to run the school. There are additional operating costs that are not covered by tuition totaling approximately \$400,000.00. This amount is subsidized by the parish contributing \$100,000.00 annually and the Parents' Club contributing \$130,000.00 annually. The balance of the costs are covered by enrollment and application fees.

2024-25 Actual Cost per student	\$10,898.00
2024-25 Tuition Rate per student	\$10,058.00
Actual Cost/all students* <i>*(Based on projected enrollment of 525 students)</i>	\$5,721,450.00
Total Tuition	\$5,280,450.00
Enrollment Fees	\$183,750.00
Application Fees	\$22,600.00
Subtotal	-\$234,650.00
Parish Support	\$100,000.00
Parents' Club Support	\$130,000.00
Deficit	- \$4650.00

◆ What is driving the tuition increase?

The school is facing significant increases in operating and capital expenses. There is a 9% increase over last year which includes technology and security fees that were previously separated out. More importantly, this includes for our teachers, aids, and staff, a well-deserved 7% increase in pay which is a salary adjustment that goes beyond just meeting inflation. The goal is to continue to enhance the quality of the educational environment for all St. Lawrence students by having the most qualified instructors.

◆ Are there any additional fees not included in tuition that families are responsible for?

Yes, there are additional fees that pertain to particular situations and therefore cannot be rolled into the tuition price. These include:

Facilities Maintenance and Capital Fee (new fee) <i>This provides the school with the means to regularly maintain and upgrade its infrastructure and is used to support renovations or major facility capital needs at the school.</i>	\$250.00/family
New Student Enrollment Fee or Returning Student Re-Enrollment Fee	\$350/student
New Student Application Fee	\$200/student
Parents Club Classroom Activity Fee	\$50/student
Middle School Fee (grades 6-8) <i>This keeps class size smaller for middle school students and provides funds to add specialty teachers to help accommodate different levels of education in language arts, math, and social studies.</i>	\$500/middle school student
Graduation Fee (8th grade) <i>This pays for the graduates cap & gown, diplomas and covers, 8th grade t-shirt, and church ceremony items.</i>	\$250/8th grader



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◆ What is the Step-Up and Family Empowerment Scholarship?

The Step-Up and Family Empowerment Scholarship allows families to pursue the most appropriate learning options for their child. The state of Florida has opened this scholarship to every family in the state, regardless of income. This makes a Catholic education more affordable for all families. These scholarships are awarded per student and over 90% of our families choose to receive one of these scholarships. For application information, visit www.stepupforstudents.org or contact St. Lawrence School.

◆ If you take advantage of Step-Up, how much do you pay for tuition per child?

**Using 2023-24 rates to calculate. 2024-25 vouchers are expected to increase in amount. Voucher amounts vary by county.*

<i>(Grades K-4)</i>	<i>\$10,058.00 – \$8002.00 *(voucher)</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>\$2056.00, which is the cost of tuition per child</i>
<i>(Grades 5-8)</i>	<i>\$10,058.00 – \$7368.00 *(voucher)</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>\$2690.00, which is the cost of tuition per child</i>

◆ What is the policy for admission acceptance?

The following is the criteria considered for admission:

- ◆ *Siblings of currently enrolled students*
- ◆ *Children of St. Lawrence alumni*
- ◆ *Children of practicing St. Lawrence parishioners*
- ◆ *Children of practicing Catholic families already in Catholic school elsewhere, but moving to our area*
- ◆ *Children of all other St. Lawrence parishioners*
- ◆ *Children from nearby parishes*
- ◆ *Non-Catholics*

◆ What family assistance options are available and why is there no longer a sibling discount?

St. Lawrence offers an array of family assistance. Delivering a strong Catholic education starts with strengthening the family and teaching the faith. Families are encouraged to take advantage of the various opportunities for family assistance that are available either through the school, state vouchers, or through the FACTS Grant and Aide Application. Multiple child discounts have been removed because of the available state vouchers that are awarded per student for which all families (K-8) are now eligible, regardless of income. For FACTS tuition grant and aid application information, please visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> or contact St. Lawrence School.

Mission Statement

St. Lawrence Catholic School community is dedicated to the creation of a Christ-centered environment in the Roman Catholic tradition, which allows students to learn to serve God and others, to develop their unique talents and skills, to strive for academic excellence, and to become life-long learners.