

Dear Annunciation Family,

Thank you for the great trust you place in us to send your children to our school. We are committed to providing an excellent, Catholic education for our students - the only Catholic, International Baccalaureate Preschool-5th Grade education available in Minnesota! We strive to live our mission with accessible tuition so that all families feel welcome in our beloved Annunciation community.

KINDERGARTEN- 8TH GRADE TUITION

With input and guidance provided by both the Annunciation parish Finance Council and the advisory Annunciation School Council (ASC), we have discerned and adopted the tuition rates found below for the 2026-27 school year. Numerous factors go into this decision, but these amounts are driven by the educational needs of our students, rising expenses, and the importance of quality wages for our dedicated faculty, staff, and employees. We made the decision to eliminate the in-parish tuition rate and **introduce a new Parish Involvement Discount (PID)** that can be applied for. See more information on this discount below. Thus, all families will begin with the same standard tuition rate.

The actual cost to educate a K-8 child for the 2024-25 school year was \$10,385. Calculating that cost during this unprecedented school year and the next is still underway in light of our unique circumstances brought about in August 2025. Our expenses have risen, but so have external funding supports. Our tuition rates are always lower than this cost thanks to a generous parish subsidy, established endowments, fundraising, special events, and other essential donations. We have made the decision to move to one tuition rate, but that rate has only been rounded up to even dollar amounts with no percentage increase.

2026-27 ACS Tuition Rate: Kindergarten-8th Grade				
Per Child Rates				
Standard Tuition Rate	1st child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child
	\$8,249.00	\$7,734.00	\$7,025.00	\$6,180.00
Possible PID \$1,200 DISCOUNT	\$7,049.00	\$6,534.00	\$5,825.00	\$4,980.00
Per Family Rates				
Standard Tuition Rate	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4+ Children
	\$8,249.00	\$15,983.00	\$23,008.00	\$29,188.00
Possible PID \$1,200 DISCOUNT	\$7,049.00	\$13,583.00	\$19,408.00	\$24,388.00

Here at Annunciation, no student or family should ever be turned away because of financial considerations. Read below for a variety of ways that tuition assistance is available for families in need. All families are welcome to apply for our need-based Help-a-Student Financial Aid. Applications are due no later than April 15, 2026. Our priority deadline is March 27, 2026. Financial Aid awards and tuition agreements will be shared by May 1, 2026. As a general rule, we look at 10% of a family's Adjusted Gross Income as their ability to contribute to an Annunciation education.

The Parish Involvement Discount (PID) is a new concept for the 2026-27 school year as we transition away from different tuition rates. PID eligibility will be based on a family's commitment to sharing their time, talent, and treasure with the Annunciation community (defined below). Families will self report their involvement and then a parish representative will approve or deny their request for the PID. Families are welcome to appeal a decision to deny the request with a sit down meeting with school and parish leadership.

1. **Time** – Regularly volunteer/attend events for parish and/or school (Mass, SeptemberFest, DWAS, Auction, APO, etc.)
2. **Talent** – Active involvement in school and/or parish councils/committees, working groups, activities and ministries.
3. **Treasure** – Contributes financially through consistent sustained giving to church/school.

If we do not have your family registered as a parishioner, we will follow up with you after the re-enrollment process. Click [here](#) to register for the parish. Click [here](#) to set up online giving to our parish. Click [here](#) to set up online giving to our school. Contact parish administrator Teresa Thein at tthein@annunciationmsp.org or call the parish office at 612-824-0787 to learn more about becoming a parishioner or stewardship.

PRESCHOOL TUITION

As we launch our very own Annunciation Preschool program in the summer of 2026, there are still many moving parts as we navigate the licensing process. For now, here are the projected tuition rates - based on the rates currently offered by our current preschool partner (LADC). Families with siblings in preschool will be offered a 5% discount on annual rates.

FULL DAY Per Child Rates			
Standard Tuition Rate	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days
Annual	\$8,028.00	\$7,020.00	\$5,760.00
Monthly (September-May)	\$892.00	\$780.00	\$640.00
<i>Extended Day and Summer Program (June-August) Billed Separately</i>			
HALF DAY (8am-12pm) Per Child Rates			
Standard Tuition Rate	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days
Annual	\$4,608.00	\$3,996.00	\$3,240.00
Monthly (September-May)	\$512.00	\$444.00	\$360.00
<i>Extended Day and Summer Program (June-August) Billed Separately</i>			

ANNUNCIATION ANNUAL FUND

Last year we introduced the invitation to make a pledge to our Annunciation Annual Fund as a part of our annual re-enrollment process. Our goal is simple: 100% participation from all school families. The amount you pledge is secondary - it is your participation we value most! We ask all families to pledge a gift they are comfortable with during the registration process. This pledge is optional, but full participation will allow us to tell our donor base that 100% of our families are committed to our mission and have pledged gifts to our Annunciation Annual Fund. Thank you for renewing your commitment to our community!

RE-ENROLLMENT FORM

For the 2026-27 school year, **current students in grades K-7 have been automatically re-enrolled in TADS**. To confirm your child(ren)'s enrollment at Annunciation for the 2026-27 school year, please complete one [Enrollment Registration Form](#) for your family. The priority deadline for this registration is February 13, 2026. New families/students can register on a rolling basis beginning February 1, 2026. **If you do not intend to return to Annunciation next year or are exploring other options, please notify Mr. DeBoer via e-mail no later than February 13, 2026.**

TUITION AGREEMENT IN TADS

For the 2026-27 school year, **current students in grades K-7 have been automatically re-enrolled in TADS**. New families will be added upon completion of the Enrollment Registration Form. After completing financial aid distributions, tuition agreements will be sent to all families in April 2026. Around this time, you will receive an email from TADS to log on to set up your tuition agreement for the 2026-27 school year. **All current families MUST complete registration prior to their tuition agreements being sent in TADS**. Tuition payments for the 2026-27 school year begin in July 2026. You will have several payment plan options to choose from in TADS. Families electing to pay in full by August 1, 2026 will receive a 2% discount.

To review, to **secure your child's enrollment at Annunciation for 2026-27, you must complete the Enrollment Registration form by February 13, 2026 and your tuition agreement via TADS no later than May 1, 2026**. Tuition agreements will be e-mailed out by April 15, 2026.

REGISTRATION AND OTHER FEES

Please see the table below outlining all required fees for the 2026-27 school year. The Registration Fee rates increase AFTER February 13, 2026 for current families. Activity fees/student have increased slightly based on rising costs for transportation and admissions for field trips, etc. APO dues remained the same from the 2025-26 school year. The Technology Fee has been reduced (from \$250) for Middle School students as they were bearing the total cost of our technology fees in years past. Lower fees have been introduced for Kindergarten-2nd Grade and 3rd-5th Grade students based on proportional resource access and usage in our academic program.

2026-27 ACS Fee Rates		
Fee	Amount	Description
Registration Fee	Varies based on completion date	Each family pays an annual <u>non-refundable registration fee</u> each year. This is a standard fee demonstrating each family's commitment to the Annunciation Community. Payable on campus or via TADS.
Registration (On-Time)	\$200/Family	Fee amount if registration completed ON OR BEFORE February 13, 2026.
Registration (Late)	\$300/Family	Fee amount if registration completed AFTER February 13, 2026.
Registration (NEW)	\$250/Family	Fee amount for all NEW families to Annunciation regardless of time of registration.
Activity Fee	Varies by Grade	Activity fees cover field trips (including virtual) along with classroom enrichment programming, Christmas and Carnaval costumes, and other special in-school events and celebrations. All activity fees are billed through TADS.
Kindergarten	\$60/student	Automatically applied to TADS Billing account.
1st-5th Grade	\$90/student	Automatically applied to TADS Billing account.
6th-8th Grade	\$120/student	Automatically applied to TADS Billing account.
APO Dues	\$60/Family	Support our Annunciation Parent Organization (APO) efforts to support our teachers and school for special classroom needs throughout the year. All APO dues are billed through TADS.
Technology Fee	Varies by Grade	Fees are collected through TADS. Additional charges may be assessed for lost Chromebook chargers, damaged screens, devices, etc. These fees are collected to sustain and improve our student technology and programming.
K-2nd Grade Tech Fee	\$25/student	Student Google accounts and digital programs to be accessed on school/classroom Chromebooks, iPads, and other devices

3rd-5th Grade Tech Fee	\$50/student	Student Google accounts and digital programs to be accessed on school/classroom Chromebooks, iPads, and other devices
6th-8th Grade	\$200/student	In addition to resources named above, Middle School 1:1 Chromebook Program for 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Students - Each middle school student receives a school-issued Chromebook (required) at the beginning of the school year and is responsible for its upkeep..

Note: TADS charges a processing fee for any bank account payments processed electronically. At maximum, a family's billing account would be charged \$5 for a payment of \$1,666 or above. TADS also charges a fee for processing payments with a credit card (that fee is 3% of your overall payment). There is also an agreement processing fee assessed by TADS in order to set up the tuition agreement and payment plan.

FINANCIAL AID

We never want the cost of tuition to be a barrier to your family choosing a Catholic school education. Tuition assistance is available to new and returning students based on need through our Help-A-Student Fund. All financial aid requests are kept strictly confidential. **To be considered for aid, each family is required to complete a new financial aid application EACH YEAR.** One application serves all students in a family, unless there is a split household, in which case, each household must submit their own financial aid application. There is a \$34 fee to process this application. Please see the **Financial Aid Timeline** below:

- > **November 1, 2025:** TADS financial aid applications are available for the 2026-27 school year. Begin the financial aid process with your 2024 tax return and most recent pay stubs.
- > **February 27, 2026:** Aim Higher Foundation Scholarship application deadline (same as Annunciation Financial Aid application via TADS).
- > **March 27, 2026:** Online TADS **Priority financial aid application deadline** including supporting tax and income documentation. If 2025 taxes are not completed, a preliminary application may be completed using 2024 tax information. New applications will be accepted after this date, but aid will be distributed to on-time applicants first and only to late applicants, as funds allow.
- > **April 15, 2026:** Financial aid awards emailed to families and applied to TADS billing accounts, for applications that have been fully audited by TADS.
- > **April 15, 2026:** Final financial aid deadline to update with 2025 year-end tax information and documentation (if not provided by the March 1 deadline).
- > **May 1, 2026: Tuition Agreements sent.** Second round of financial aid awards emailed to families and applied to TADS billing accounts, for applications that have been fully audited by TADS.
- > **May 15, 2026: Tuition Agreements DUE via TADS.**
- > **After May 15, 2025:** Financial aid awarded as funds are available.

Scholarships

The **CSAF and Aim Higher Scholarships** are awarded to students from families seeking tuition assistance. The scholarship follows students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. For new applicants, the CSAF/Aim Higher Scholarship is awarded to students from families with the most tuition assistance needed per eligible school. The deadline to apply is February 27, 2026. Please click [HERE](#) for application information.

Middle School Students entering 7th and 8th Grade can also apply for our annual **Abdo Scholarship** through an essay contest in late winter/early spring.

We will also be introducing the **Fletcher Merkel Memorial Scholarship** in the 2026-27 school year.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I have more than one student, do I have to complete a new Financial Aid application for each one?

A: No, the application serves all students since it determines financial need for the family. We rely on TADS to give us a complete picture of demonstrated need and we award financial aid by individual students.

Q: What if there are two households? Does each parent have to complete a financial aid application?

A: Yes, since we assess needs based on the family financial situation, TADS requires two applications, one from each household.

Q: Is financial aid renewable every year?

A: Since financial situations change from year to year, families must apply for tuition assistance every year. Generally speaking, unless your family financial situation changes significantly, you will likely qualify for similar aid each year.

Q: Why do I need to include a personal letter with my financial aid application?

A: TADS conducts an independent audit to determine your family's financial need for tuition assistance. However, sometimes this doesn't show the whole picture of your family's financial situation. Hearing more about your story is helpful to the financial aid committee when granting tuition assistance to your family.

Q: How can I learn more about tuition assistance?

A: We're here to help! Please contact Maddie Nilan at mnilan@annunciationmsp.org.

If you have any questions about tuition, re-enrollment or financial aid, please reach out to Maddie Nilan at mnilan@annunciationmsp.org.

God has been so good to us here at Annunciation throughout our 102 years of providing Catholic education in South Minneapolis. Thank you for entrusting us with your greatest treasures, your children, and for partnering with us to pass on the gift of a Catholic education.

In gratitude and partnership,

Fr. Dennis Zehren, Pastor

Ms. Teresa Thein, Business Administrator

Mr. Matt DeBoer, Principal