



Spruce Pine Montessori School
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PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS AND DEPOSIT EXPLAINED

From the time we began as a parent cooperative school 40+ years ago, parents have been a very important part of making our school successful. Each year, the parents of SPMS are invited to contribute to the enrichment of the school environment - assisting in the classrooms, during fundraising events, maintaining, repairing and even landscaping around the SPMS campus - just to name a few participation opportunities. Your contributions ensure a reasonable tuition rate and allow children to witness parental involvement with their education.

We ask all parents for at least 30 hours of parental participation per family during the school year (August - May). Families with more than one child are asked for 45 annual hours of participation at SPMS.

Parents are informed of school needs/jobs by reading emails from teachers or the Head of School. Parents are responsible for logging participation hours using a Google Drive form.

Each Primary and Elementary family is required to pay a \$300 per child parent participation deposit, which represents a promise to work 30 volunteer hours during each school year. Parents with two or more children enrolled pay a \$450 deposit and have a 45 hour obligation.

At the end of your child's final year at our school, your final month's tuition payment will be reduced by the number of parent participation hours you worked that last year at the rate of \$10 per hour up to 30 hours. For all other years, if you have worked less than 30 parent participation hours by the end of May, you will be billed for any hours less than 30 at the rate of \$10 per hour. If the initial payment of the \$300 participation deposit is too great a financial burden as you begin with us, please contact the Head of School to discuss an alternative payment plan for this amount.