



Spruce Pine Montessori School  
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## 2016-17 TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE

	Parent Participation Deposit	Student Materials Fee	10-Month Payment Plan, August-May	12-Month Payment Plan, July-June	Payment in Full, July 1
Toddlers, Full Time	\$300	N/A	N/A	\$670*	N/A
Toddlers, Part Time	\$300	N/A	N/A	\$500*	N/A
Primary-Returning Ages 3-6	\$300	\$75	\$636*	\$530*	\$6235
Primary-New Ages 3-6	\$300	\$75	\$655*	\$546*	\$6422
Lower Elementary Ages 6-9	\$300	\$125	\$655	\$546	\$6422
Upper Elementary Ages 9-12	\$300	\$175	\$655	\$546	\$6422

\*Department of Social Services child care subsidies accepted, rates adjusted for those who are eligible. Inquire with the Head of School if you think you may qualify.



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## AFTER/BEFORE SCHOOL FEES AND POLICIES

Payment Plan	Before School			After School		
	10 mo.	12 mo.	Full	10 mo.	12 mo.	Full
5 days/week	\$70	\$58	\$700	\$140	\$117	\$1400
4 days/week	\$60	\$50	\$600	\$117.50	\$98	\$1175
3 days/week	\$50	\$42	\$500	\$95	\$79	\$950
2 days/week	\$40	\$33	\$400	\$72.50	\$60	\$725
1 day/week	\$30	\$25	\$300	\$50	\$42	\$500

Tuition is based on the number of student school days and the fees are pro-rated with cancellations and delays taken into account. Families will **not** be reimbursed for any days missed for school cancellations or vacations. If a child misses three or more consecutive days due to illness, the family may send a signed doctor's note to the Head of School with a request to reimburse for these days missed.

Toddler after-school runs from 3:00- 4:00 each day. Drop-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$15/day.

Primary and Elementary after-school programs run from 3:00- 5:30 each day. Drop-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$15/day. Care elapsing past 5:30 will be charged at \$10/hr, calculated at 15 minute intervals. Before School drop-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$5/day.

If you need to change your enrollment for before/afterschool, you may do so at the start of a new month. Please communicate with the Head of School about these changes at least two weeks in advance.



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## EXPLANATION OF DISCOUNTS, FEES, AND POLICIES

### Discounts

- We hold a 3-star child care license and offer reduced tuition for families receiving subsidies through the Department of Social Services for children ages 15 months- 5 years old. Inquire with the Head of School for information about these rates and to determine if you qualify.
- Sibling discounts are 5% of highest tuition. Families with more than two children may inquire with the Head of School about further tuition reductions.
- Payment in full receives a 2% discount if paid by July 1.
- If finances are a concern and you do not qualify for subsidies, please ask about work exchange or scholarship application materials. Work exchange is a program that allows parents to do needed work for the school at the rate of \$10 per hour in exchange for a limited amount of tuition reduction. Work exchange assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis and based on need. Work exchange families are not eligible for the 2% discount for annual payment in full.

### Fees

- Credit card payment options are available. All credit card payments will include a 3% surcharge to cover bank charges to the school. Families who choose to use a credit card for the single annual payment are not eligible for the 2% discount.
- Tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month; late payments will incur a \$20 per month late fee. All tuition must be paid in full by June 1; small claims court proceedings will be filed on all payments not made in full by June 1.
- Parents will be charged a processing fee for any check returned for non-sufficient funds.
- In the event that a child is withdrawn, the parents' liability for tuition follows the procedures outlined in the Family Handbook. **NO REDUCTION OR REFUND OF TUITION OR FEES WILL BE ALLOWED BY THE SCHOOL FOR ABSENCE, WITHDRAWAL OR DISMISSAL.** Monthly tuition reflects a payment of one-tenth or one-twelfth of the yearly tuition, not services for that particular month.



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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 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.