



New Family Tuition & Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year

Tuition is set annually by the Board of Trustees at a level needed to meet the cost of operations. Most families pay over 10 months, though an annual (5% discount applies) and semi-annual payment schedule are also available. For families on tuition assistance, each of the 10 monthly payments will be approximately the same amount based on the amount of assistance awarded.

Please refer to the new family enrollment schedule below to give you an idea of when and how Tuition and Fees are due at The Garden School. Shown below is a 10-month tuition payment schedule, which occurs from May to February.

New Family - Joyful Beginnings

	Tuition	Fees*	Total	Initial Payment (due March 30)	Monthly Payment** (10 months May- Feb)
2 Days (TH,F)	\$4,800	\$450	\$5,250	\$930	\$432
3 Days (M, T, W)	\$6,500	\$550	\$7,050	\$1,200	\$585
5 Days (M-F)	\$8,800	\$650	\$9,450	\$1,530	\$792

*Fees include costs for materials, supplies, a mid-morning shared snack, and a one time \$250 registration fee.

New Family - Forest Kindergarten

Half Day Program (until 12:30pm)

	Tuition	Fees*	Total	Initial Payment (due April 11)	Monthly Payment** (10 months May- Feb)
3 Day Forest Kindergarten (M-W)	\$6,600	\$1,100	\$7,700	\$1,760	\$594
4 Day Forest Kindergarten (M-Th)	\$8,100	\$1,150	\$9,250	\$1,960	\$729
5 Day Forest Kindergarten	\$9,200	\$1,200	\$10,400	\$2,120	\$828

Full Day Program (until 3:10pm / Thursday dismissal at 2:10pm)

	Tuition	Fees*	Total	Initial Payment (due April 11)	Monthly Payment** (10 months May- Feb)
3 Day Forest Kindergarten (M-W)	\$8,200	\$1,100	\$9,300	\$1,920	\$738
4 Day Forest Kindergarten (M-Th)	\$10,600	\$1,150	\$11,750	\$2,210	\$954
5 Day Forest Kindergarten	\$12,400	\$1,200	\$13,600	\$2,440	\$1,116

*Fees include costs for materials, supplies and a mid-morning shared snack. Lunch is brought from home. One-time enrollment fees include a \$250 registration fee and a work bond of \$500 for your family's time at The Garden School. Each family is required to volunteer for 20 hours per school year.

New Family - Grades

	Tuition	Fees*	Total	Initial Payment (due April 11)	Monthly Payment** (10 months May- Feb)
Grades 1 - 4	\$14,000	\$1350	\$15,350	\$2,750	\$1,260
Grades 5 - 8	\$14,000	\$1550	\$15,550	\$2,950	\$1,260

*Fees include costs for curriculum materials and supplies, field trips, and overnight class trips for the upper grades. One-time enrollment fees include a \$250 registration fee and a work bond of \$500 for your family's time at The Garden School. Each family is required to volunteer for 20 hours per school year.

**Payment Options:

1. Annual Payment in Full: Due on May 1, 2024 (eligible for a 5% discount)
2. Monthly Payment via TADs: Payments for the 2024-2025 school year are to be completed by February 2025. Contact Finance@thegardenmarietta.org for details. Monthly payment option includes a TADs payment plan fee of \$55/year. Please note that if you enroll after April, the 10-month payment option may not be available.

Additional Costs & Fees:

After Care

We are gauging interest and need for an After Care program at our school. At this time, we will not be offering aftercare for the 2024-2025 school year.

Growing our Garden Campaigns

Like most private schools, The Garden School relies significantly on fundraising and donations to meet our financial needs each year. Parents and friends of The Garden are asked to participate in one or more of our three campaigns each year: Georgia GOAL, the annual auction, and other fundraising campaigns. The amount of the tax-deductible gift is left up to the family, but we ask for 100% participation from our community.

Tuition Assistance

Many parents desire to have their children educated and nurtured by a progressive school education. However, the additional cost of tuition to the basic family budget can be challenging for some. The Garden School values diversity and through tuition assistance provides opportunities for families whose financial circumstances would not normally allow them to consider private education. Our Garden campaigns support our ability to provide this opportunity.

The Garden School offers tuition assistance, to help our school and Waldorf-inspired education affordable to many more families. The Garden School uses an independent financial consultant to ensure confidentiality and third-party objectivity. Tuition assistance applications for new families are due by February 28, 2024 via your link in [TADS](#).

In addition to applying for tuition assistance, we expect families to explore other possibilities for funding their child's education, including contributions from relatives and employment and lifestyle adjustments. Tuition assistance is capped at 50% of tuition. Because of the 50% limit, it is important that our financial aid applicants are prepared to sustain enrollment year to year within the parameters of our tuition assistant grants. More information about our tuition assistance can be found on our website and in our parent handbook.