



## 2020-21 Fees & Financial Policies

*(K-12 Domestic Students)*

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### **Application Fee**

A one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$100 per student (\$200 maximum per family) is to accompany the completed application for each new student. This fee covers the cost of evaluating, interviewing and processing the application. In some instances an additional testing fee may be required.

### **Enrollment Fee**

An annual \$250 non-refundable enrollment fee per student is due with the continuous enrollment agreement in order to secure a space for your child for the upcoming school year. Current students re-enrolled by January 31, 2020 receive a discounted enrollment fee of \$100 per student.

### **Field Trip Fees**

Field trips are a central part of the educational experience at Sarasota Christian School. Tuition rates include the cost of all educational day-trips. No separate fee will be charged for day trips. Overnight field trips will carry additional fees which will vary by trip. The fifth grade Marine Lab trip is projected to cost approximately \$425, and Middle School trips for 7th and 8th grades will likely range in cost from \$200 to \$350 per grade. A High School Retreat fee of \$200 and a Senior Trip fee of \$325 will be billed separately.

### **Additional Fees**

Advanced Placement classes have a \$50 curriculum fee per class and a separate exam fee. Students participating in athletics will incur a spirit pack charge of between \$25-\$75 per sport. This includes practice and game-day jerseys and a warm-up jacket. All fees such as after care, lost books, etc. will be transferred to the FACTS account. There is a \$5.00 monthly late fee on all past due account balances, and a \$30.00 NSF fee for returned checks. Payments in full not received or FACTS accounts not set up by April 30, 2020 may result in the student being un-enrolled and the loss of their space in the class. In the event the student(s) is un-enrolled, they may re-enroll based on space availability but may be subject to a \$200 reinstatement fee per student. A 2.85% fee will be added to any tuition/fee paid by credit card. Payments in full may be made directly to the school; all other installment payments require enrollment in the FACTS online payment processing (see Tuition Payment Plan Options below).

### **Early Withdrawal**

If the student(s) withdraws at any time after July 1 but before the first day of the school year, one month's tuition (1/12th of annual tuition) is due and non-refundable. If the student(s) withdraws at any time after the first day of any semester, the parent/guardian is responsible for the tuition through the end of that semester. Early withdrawal must be received in writing and is defined as withdrawal of the student by the parent or dismissal of the student by the school during the term of this agreement.

## Technology Program

SCS has portable iPad and laptop labs for elementary and middle school students. In 9th - 12th grades, students are required to bring a device on a daily basis. A 1:1 environment allows us to enhance our curriculum by utilizing learning management systems, web-based and cloud-based applications, global collaboration and more. Your tuition includes digital textbooks, bandwidth, secure online access, tech staff support, and elementary/middle school iPad/laptop access.

## Other Funding Sources

Families who qualify for other sources of funding, such as Step Up for Students or McKay (state funding), will need to bring in a copy of their award letter as soon as they receive it to have the amount applied to their tuition account.

## Tuition Payment Plan Options

Sarasota Christian School has contracted with FACTS Management Company to process payments for all tuition and fees. FACTS accepts payments by automatic bank withdrawal (*interest-free*) or credit card (*additional 2.85% credit card fee will apply*).

Options for tuition payment through FACTS are:

- Payment-in-full by April 30, 2020 with no FACTS setup fee.
- Semi-annual payment plan with no FACTS setup fee.
- Quarterly payment plan with an annual \$50 FACTS setup fee.
- Monthly payment plan with an annual \$50 FACTS setup fee running from June through May.

## Family Service Hours

Each family is required to serve 10 volunteer hours per year. A \$200 service hour fee is included in tuition and will be credited back in May upon confirmation of volunteer hours served. SCS prefers families to volunteer in the SCS community instead of paying the fee. Families are also expected to help at the annual auction/festival in February.

## After Care Program

On-campus, after-school care is available for Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade students until 6:00 p.m. Elementary and middle school students who are not picked up within 15 minutes after dismissal will be taken to After Care and a fee will be charged for their supervision at a rate of \$7 per 15 minutes (\$20 per day max). Refer to the After Care Enrollment Form for additional details and plan options.

## Learning Support Program

The Learning Support Program is designed to aid K-12 students who need additional academic support in the learning environment. Please refer to the Learning Support Program Enrollment Form for more details and associated fees.