

# Bellwether School

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## 2020-2021 Tuition and Fees

### Annual Tuition and Fees:

Full Time Tuition:	M-F, 8:00am-2:30pm .....	\$14,595
	Student Activity Fee.....	\$ 200
	Tuition Insurance.....	\$ 464
Part Time Tuition:	MWF, 8:00am-2:30pm.....	\$ 8,750
(Preschool only)	Student Activity Fee.....	\$ 150
	Tuition Insurance.....	\$ 278
	MWF, 8:00am-1:00pm.....	\$ 7,415
	Student Activity Fee.....	\$ 150
	Tuition Insurance.....	\$ 236
	TuTh, 8:00am-2:30pm .....	\$ 5,855
	Student Activity Fee.....	\$ 150
	Tuition Insurance.....	\$ 186
	TuTh, 8:00am-1:00pm .....	\$ 4,830
	Student Activity Fee.....	\$ 150
	Tuition Insurance.....	\$ 154

Afternoon Program:	Session Enrollment, 2:30 – 5:30pm .....	\$22 / day
	Session Enrollment, 2:30 – 4:00pm.....	\$15 / day
	Drop-Ins 2:30 – 5:30.....	\$25 / day
	Drop-Ins 2:30 – 4:00.....	\$18 / day

Afternoon program registration is separate from school enrollment. Afternoon program is offered 1 – 5 days per week on a trimester basis. Enrichment opportunities after 2:30pm such as music lessons or foreign language lessons are also offered at an additional cost.

Act 166 provides funding for children ages 3 – 5 (on or before 9/1/20) to attend a prequalified program for up to 35 weeks, regardless of parental income or circumstance. 2020/21 funding is \$3,445 per child.

### Student Activity Fee:

The student activity fee covers the cost of classroom materials for the school year

### Tuition Insurance:

Tuition Insurance is a required fee. This insurance reimburses the school (or, in the case of prepaid tuition, the family) for a variety of circumstances. The following events are covered with 100% tuition reimbursement upon withdrawal: medical withdrawal of student, death of tuition payer, involuntary unemployment of tuition payer, disease contamination and job transfer of

tuition payer. In the event of a job loss or death of a tuition payer, the student does not have to withdraw from school to have this claim paid. In the event of a voluntary withdrawal, 70% of the tuition due after withdrawal is reimbursed by the insurance company. The remaining 30% will still be due from the family and payment arrangements can be made.

### **Enrollment Deposit:**

A \$500 enrollment deposit is due upon a new family's submission of the Enrollment Agreement to hold the child's spot in the classroom. Previously, deposits were applied to the last payment of each school year. Starting with the 2018-2019 school year, the enrollment deposit will be returned to the family at the end of the student's enrollment at Bellwether School as long as all tuition and fees are paid in full. For example, if the student enrolls in Preschool and remains at Bellwether until E2, the deposit received at the beginning of Preschool will be refunded in June at the end of the E2 year. This will reduce the administrative burden of applying and repaying deposits each year with families who remain enrolled.

The enrollment deposit will not gain any interest while held by Bellwether.

### **Tuition Payment Plans:**

*a. Yearly Payment Plan* - A family pays the full tuition balance, including the Student Activity Fee and Tuition Insurance, on or before July 1, 2020.

*b. Semester Payment Plan* - A family pays the tuition balance in two equal installments. The first installment paid on or before July 1, 2020 and includes the Student Activity Fee and Tuition Insurance. The second installment will be paid on or before November 1, 2020.

*c. Monthly Payment Plan* - A family pays tuition in 10 equal installments each comprising one-tenth of the total tuition DUE on the 1<sup>st</sup> of months from July 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021. The Student Activity Fee and the Tuition Insurance are Due with the first payment on July 1, 2020. Monthly Payment Plan requires an additional 1.9% monthly administration fee.

*\* Failure to remit the first tuition payment by July 1, 2020, will result in forfeiture of a child's space unless prior arrangements have been made with the administrative office*

### **Online Tuition Payment**

Bellwether uses Intuit Quickbooks system to send invoices to families and to collect payments for tuition, hot lunch, afternoon and enrichment programs, and other miscellaneous fees. Families have the option of paying with a check at the school or in the mail. Paper invoices are also available upon request. Using Intuit, families have the option to pay with a VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC card for an additional 3% credit card processing fee.