



**GENERAL FAQ**

**Q: What grades do you offer?**

A: Cascadia School is a full-day pre-K through 5th grade private elementary school. We do not offer half-day options for our Pre-K or K students.

- Pre-K students must be age 4 by September 1.
- We do not take new applications for students entering 5th grade.

**Q: When does school start and end each day?**

A: Individual class start and end times are as follows:

- PreK/Kindergarten: 8:45am-3:00pm
- 1st/2nd Grade: 8:30am-3:00pm
- 3rd-5th Grade: 8:15am-3:15pm
- Included before school care is available as early as 8:00am and after school care until 6:00pm on any day that school is in session. See below for Before/After school details.

**Q: What is the daily schedule for my child's class?**

A: While individual schedules vary, the following is a general schedule for each grade:

Pre-K/Kindergarten	1st Grade/2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Morning Work/Morning Meeting	Morning Work/Morning Meeting	Morning Work/Morning Mtg	Morning Work/Morning Mtg
Morning Break/Snack	Math/Reading	Math	Writing/Language
Montessori Stations/Small Group Work	Morning Break/Snack	Morning Break/Snack	Arts/Reading
Lunch & Recess	Writing	Reading	Morning Break/Snack
Worksheet Practice	Lunch & Recess	Writing/Language Arts	Math
Afternoon Circle, Projects	Science/Social Studies	Lunch & Recess	Lunch & Recess
	Flex Time	Science/Social Studies	Science/Social Studies
Art: 1x per week	Art: 1x per week	Art: 1x per week	Art: 1x per week
PE: 2x per week	PE: 2x per week	PE: 2x per week	PE: 2x per week
Spanish: 1x per week	Spanish: 1x per week	Spanish: 1x per week	Spanish: 1x per week
Theater: 1x per week	Theater: 1x per week	Theater: 1x per week	Theater: 1x per week

**Q: How many students will be in my child's class?**

A: We cap each of our classes at 18 students.

**Q: What is the student to teacher ratio for my child's class?**

A: We have a 9:1 student to teacher ratio (18 students with 1 lead teacher and 1 assistant teacher per class).

**Q: Does Cascadia have a lunch program or do families have to pack lunches?**

A: We do not offer lunch at this time. Students will be responsible for a packed lunch every day. We do, however, provide snacks for students during the school day and during aftercare.

**Q: What is your vacation policy? Can our family take extended trips?**

A: We ask that students miss no more than 10 days of class per year. For special events like weddings and reunions, we try to work with each family, but in general we ask that families try and plan vacations in parallel with our academic calendar as much as possible.



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## **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE FAQ**

**Q: What are the hours for before and after school care?**

A: Parents may drop students off any time after 8:00 am regardless of their class start time. Aftercare is available until 6:00 pm daily.

**Q: Do I need to register my child or notify the school when I use before or after care?**

A: No. There is no need to notify the school if you intend to have your child attend before or after school after care. All students are automatically enrolled for before and after school care as part of their school enrollment.

**Q: Are there additional costs for before and after school care?**

A: No. Before and after school care is part of your child's tuition. There is no additional fee to utilize this service. There are, however, optional enrichment programs provided by outside vendors throughout the year that will have an additional fee based on the individual class. Those details will be provided throughout the year as the classes are available to students.

**Q: What happens during aftercare?**

A: Parents may pick their child up ANY TIME between the end of the school day and 6:00pm. Here is an example of the daily aftercare schedule:

- 3:00-4:00 pm Attendance, followed by outside snack and playtime for all grades
- 4:00-6:00 pm Pre-K/K students go the play/craft room to relax, build friendships, and have fun playing
- 4:00-4:30 pm 1st-5th grade students go to the homework room where they are given quiet time to work on homework or read (staff are there to assist with questions)
- 4:30-6:00 pm 1st-5th grade students switch from homework time to crafts and social time with friends
- 4:00-5:00 pm daily: a variety of optional enrichment classes are offered by outside vendors (additional fees apply depending on class)

**Q: Is there childcare offered for staff days, and holidays?**

A: We do not offer programming or childcare for staff days, holidays, or in the month of August. We do offer summer camp programs in June and July from 9-5 daily.

## **ADMISSIONS/TUITION FAQ**

**Q: If I am offered admission, how soon do I need to make my decision?**

A: Contracts must be signed and a 10% deposit paid within 72 hours of receipt of the contract to secure your child's seat for the following year. You will receive an email with instructions for signing your contract and paying the deposit shortly after receiving your acceptance letter.

**Q: What are my tuition payment options?**

A: Tuition is \$27,750 per year. A non-refundable 10% deposit is due at the time of signing your contract. This amount is deducted from the total tuition cost, not on top of tuition owed. After signing your contract, you will complete a tuition agreement contract due within 7 days of receipt where you can choose to split the remaining tuition balance between 1, 2, or 10 installments .

- Option 1: remaining tuition balance is due June 1
- Option 2: remaining balance is split into two installments due June 1 and December
- Option 3: remaining balance is split into 10 payments, due in monthly installments from June 1 through March 1

**Q: Do you offer discounts for younger siblings when they are ready to apply?**



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A: Younger siblings are given priority admissions and receive a 10% reduction in tuition while their older sibling is enrolled.

**Q: Is tuition insurance required?**

A: Tuition insurance is required if you choose to pay your tuition in installments (options 2 or 3). It is optional for those who pay the entire balance up front.

**Q: What does tuition insurance cost?**

A: Tuition insurance is paid in one installment of \$500 per student at the time of signing the tuition agreement.

**Q: How does tuition insurance work?**

A: After a student has attended school a minimum of 14 days of the insured school year, if they are dismissed or required to withdraw from school for medical or personal reasons, tuition insurance will come into effect to help offset the cost of tuition. The plan will pay 70% of the unused tuition fees if withdrawal is for medical reasons or dismissal from school, or 60% for anything other such as moves, financial hardship, or voluntary withdrawal. Families will be responsible for the remaining 30% or 40% of tuition respectively.

**Q: What if I sign the contract and then we have a family emergency, need to move, or choose a different school prior to the start of school? Can I cancel my contract and financial obligations?**

A: We have a few options in place to ease the financial burden should something happen that would require withdrawal from your school contract. When you sign your contract by March 24, 2023, you pay a 10% non-refundable deposit to secure your spot at Cascadia for the following year.

- If you withdraw your student before May 1 you will only be responsible for the 10% deposit already paid and will not owe any tuition beyond that.
- If you withdraw between May 1 and June 1 you will be responsible for 50% of the tuition for the year minus the deposit paid.
- If you withdraw anytime after June 1 you will be responsible for 100% of the yearly tuition minus the deposit paid.
- If you must withdraw during the school year, tuition insurance will cover from 60%-70% of tuition owed.