



Tuition - Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make payments directly to the Parish instead of using FACTS Management (FACTS)?

No. All tuition is billed and paid through FACTS Tuition Management.

Why is Divine Child requiring that I pay tuition through FACTS?

Divine Child uses FACTS Management for tuition billing because:

- Banking information is more secure. Divine Child will not have access to your bank account number, routing number or signature.
- Parents will have 24 hour on-line access to their FACTS accounts and be able to make payments online or via phone.

When do I enroll in FACTS?

You may immediately enroll in FACTS by going to our website and then click on the FACTS logo. Families must be enrolled in FACTS by Friday, March 27, 2020.

I was enrolled in FACTS for 2019-20; must I re-enroll for 2020-21?

If you were previously enrolled in FACTS, your agreement will roll over to the 2020-21 school year. We ask that you log onto the FACTS system to verify your agreement information and payment plan selected.

What payment plan options do I have?

- 100% due on May 5th or 20th, 2020
- 50% due on May 5th or 20th, 2020, and 50% due on August 5th or 20th, 2020
- 30% due on May 5th, 2020 with the remainder payable monthly from July 2020 through April 2021 (choice of 5th or 20th of each month)

May I pay 100% of my tuition spread through the school year?

We require that a minimum of 30% of the tuition be paid in May. If you will have two children attending Divine Child Catholic Schools, please contact Matt Saxer, Director of Admissions, regarding available options.

May I pay my tuition with a credit card?

Credit Card payments are accepted through the FACTS program. If you elect this option, you will be charged a 2.95% convenience fee by FACTS. FACTS accepts MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card or Visa.

May I pay off my FACTS contract early?

Yes, you may pay off your FACTS contract early. You may do so online or by calling FACTS at 800-624-7092.

What is tuition, and are there additional fees?

High School Tuition for the 2020-21 school year is \$7,950 for in-Parish families, and \$9,200 for out-of-Parish families. If a family has three high school students enrolled concurrently at Divine Child High School, the third student receives a 50% tuition discount. A \$425 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration. For incoming students, there will be an iPad fee of approximately \$400 which includes Apple Care Plus for three years. Textbooks and download fees are approximately \$175 per year.

How do I qualify for the in-Parish discount?

The in-Parish rate is not a discounted rate. Financial support for Divine Child Schools comes from the Parish and from tuition. In-Parish families are expected to be at Mass at Divine Child regularly, participate in one or more Parish ministries and/or fundraisers, and contribute to the Parish regularly. You are considered a member of Divine Child if you have met the above and registered at the time of student registration. Students who are

granted our in-Parish rate must be Baptized Catholic. If you are a member of another Parish, ask your pastor if that Parish is willing to subsidize the difference between the in-Parish and out-of-Parish tuition on your behalf. We discourage families from changing parishes for the in-Parish rate.

What financial aid is available?

The Archdiocese of Detroit extends need based tuition assistance grants to Catholic families with children in grades K-12 attending Catholic Schools. The awards for 2019-20 were \$800 - \$1,100 per high school student. Please refer to the Archdiocese of Detroit website at AOD.org – click on “Schools” and then on “Tuition Assistance”. The Student Aid Form is available at that webpage.

Do I have to apply for these grants every year?

Yes, an online Student Aid Form must be completed by each family applying. Awards are based solely on financial need. Receiving an award in previous years does not guarantee an award for 2020-21.

I am a member of Divine Child Parish but I was billed for out of Parish tuition?

Parish membership records are reviewed to verify that the listed requirements, with an emphasis on regular Mass attendance, have been met. If the above requirements have not been met, an out-of-Parish status is applied.

What happens if I do not have the first tuition payment paid by May 31st?

If the first payment is not made by May 31st, then current High School students' access to PowerSchool for grades and schedules will be revoked following the end of the current school year. Both returning and incoming students will not be allowed to participate in any summer conditioning, camps or other school-sponsored programs until the first payment is received. Student may be moved to “wait list” status if the grade is full.

What if our family cannot make one of our scheduled payments on time?

If your family experiences a temporary financial hardship and cannot make a scheduled payment, please contact Vicky Lezotte at 313-277-3110 x302 or vicky@divinechild.org at least five business days in advance of the payment date.

What happens if our family becomes behind in our tuition payments?

In order to remain debt-free, school families failing to pay tuition according to the contract they have made with the parish will be informed that their child will not be readmitted to our school. Since individual student accounts are invoiced on a family basis, these policies will affect each child in the family. Regardless of custody, both parents are jointly responsible for tuition and other fees charged by Divine Child. The following deadlines apply regarding payment of tuition. If FACTS payments are not current by:

- August 7, 2020: Students will not be admitted into the school/Fall sports practices.
- December 22, 2020: Students will not be readmitted for the second semester.
- January 25, 2021: Registration for the 2020-21 school year will not be offered until payments become current.
- April 20, 2021: High school students will be excluded from Prom, participating in graduation ceremonies, receiving their diploma, receiving a transcript or receiving a report card. Elementary school students will not receive a report card.

If tuition payments are more than 45 days in arrears, students may not participate in athletics and activities.

If I elect to withdraw my son or daughter from Divine Child, is my tuition refundable?

Families withdrawing students on or before July 31, 2020 shall be refunded the entire amount of tuition paid. The registration fee is non-refundable except in cases of student illness or families moving from the metropolitan Detroit area. On or after August 1, 2020, refunds are subject to the discretion of the school principal and the pastor. Refunds will be prorated on a weekly basis from the date written notification of the student's withdrawal is received and accepted by the school.