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Buena Vista Elementary, A
Public Montessori School

Preschool Tuition Payment FAQ's

1. Is tuition due for days my child stays home sick?

Yes. The BV Primary teachers are still hard at work while your child is home recuperating. Similar to what you might experience at day-care, or in college, tuition is still paid even though your child is not at school.

2. Is tuition due when District 11 calls a snow day or 2-hour late start?

Yes. We do not credit tuition for days closed due to inclement weather.

3. When is tuition due?

The first monthly installment will be due no later than September 5th. You can then expect to pay before the 5th of October, November, December, January, February, March, and April. A late fee of \$25 will be added to your account on the 6th if payment is not received by the 5th. An additional \$25 late fee (for a total of \$50) will be applied to your account on the 16th if payment is not received by the 15th.

4. Why are we paying at the beginning of the month?

Traditionally, the payment of the tuition is proactive to the month the tuition is being paid for. Therefore, the payment at the beginning of September will pay for the education received in September.

5. What about phase-in dates – do they affect tuition?

Yes. Your September payment may be adjusted based on when your child phases in to preschool. This will be the only month that tuition is adjusted.

6. Why is tuition the same amount for shorter months as it is for longer months?

The tuition is based on an annual rate divided by nine. So, months where students aren't in school as much (December) have the same tuition where students are in school more (April). If we were to break down the tuition by the day and charge each month based on the number of school days, some months' tuition would be incredibly high, and some incredibly low. Calculating the tuition by the month, rather than by the day, makes budgeting much easier and allows for more efficient billing processes.

7. When can I expect an invoice?

Each monthly invoice will be emailed no later than the 1st of each month.

8. Why isn't there a payment in May?

You made the payment for May as the deposit when you enrolled your child in preschool at BV.