Gamble Montessori Junior High Fee Schedule 2025-2026 School Year

Gamble Montessori's FIELD EXPERIENCES POLICY

Families that choose Gamble Montessori are not choosing a typical school. Rather, they have chosen a school that strives to carry out Maria Montessori's vision for adolescents (or Erdkinder). As such, your family has chosen to participate in Gamble Montessori's unique experiences beyond the classroom.

Each planned experience is an important part of the Cycle theme and curriculum lessons. Field experiences are linked closely to class work, and grades are given for the student's participation, learning, and work on these experiences. Students must attend all field experiences.

Field experiences require fee payments, some of which are substantial. The Gamble Foundation offers scholarships for overnight field experiences to students who apply in the fall. Students themselves can and should contribute meaningfully toward fee payments through participation in fundraisers like Montessori Market.

Please understand that trips are not "a la carte" as they were in many elementary schools. Students cannot choose to only pay for and attend certain trips. Whether your student attends a trip or not, you are responsible for the quarter fees. (The exception is overnight field experiences, which students only pay for if they attend.)

We want all the students to go on all of the field experiences. *If you have concerns about the costs, please reach out to your community teachers to discuss scholarship options and fundraising opportunities.*

Quarterly Fees 2025-2026

MANDATORY OVERNIGHT TRIPS:	
7th & 8th Grade Grade Fall Camp *(Overnight)**- ***$120.00 Due 8/29/25*** **7th Grade** Leadership Camp- **$220.00 Due 3/20/26** **8th Grade** Pigeon Key- **$1800 Final Balance Due- 3/6/26 (See Back for Payment Info)**	
1st Quarter Fee Obligations (All)- ***Due 8/29/25***	Total Cost: **$120**
7th & 8th Grade Fall Camp *(Overnight)**	$120
2nd Quarter Fee Obligations (All)- ***Due 10/10/25***	Total Cost: **$120**
25-26 Field Experience Transportation	$120
3rd Quarter Fee Obligations (All)- ***Due 12/19/25***	Total Cost: **$135**
Curling Freedom Center Zoo (7th) or Aquarium (8th) End of Year Celebration Novels & Printing	$20 $20 $25 $20 $50
4th Quarter Fee Obligations (All) ***Due 3/6/26***	Total Cost: **TBD**
Final Payment for 7th LC & 8th PK/Intersession	

Pigeon Key, Florida Trip ~ Payment Schedule

8th graders:

We realize that this is an expensive trip, but it is worth every cent! Please take advantage of fundraising opportunities. This is the trip of a lifetime.

7th-grade students were asked to put the initial $300 into their Pigeon Key Account. Here are the dates to follow up on the rest of the payments. Payments may be turned in at any time prior to the due dates.

Recommended Fee Schedule for 8th Grade Pigeon Key

Amount Deposited	Due Date
$300	May 2025
$500	October 9th, 2025
$500	December 11th, 2025
$500	February 19th, 2026
Total $1800	If the total cost is less than $1800, then the difference will be credited to the students' accounts

- ➔ Please be mindful of our deadlines, as these reflect the due dates of the payments we have to make to vendors.
- ➔ All deposits are refundable **until December 31st.**
- ➔ As of January 1st, all but $50 is refundable.
- ➔ **As of March 1st, there is a MANDATORY $400 payment. Understand that once this payment is made, students are obligated for the FULL TRIP amount as we need to pay vendors ahead of time! Please discuss any special circumstances your family is experiencing with your teaching team.**

Parents, please also consider that your child will need some spending money for gifts at the Turtle Hospital and Pigeon Key gift shops, and for any food/snacks in the airports. (We recommend $100+.) They will also need water shoes, possibly a new swimsuit, and other personal items.

Please take advantage of fundraisers and encourage your child to work for neighbors cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, babysitting, and other odd jobs. The skill of earning and saving money is a vital asset in today's economy and will build lifelong money management skills!

7th graders:

You will be expected to pay **$300 into your Pigeon Key account by May 2026** to reserve your spot on next year's trip. You are encouraged to participate in the fundraising efforts as well. You can put more money into this account throughout the year, so you will owe less next year. If you start **NOW**, it will be a lot easier to earn this money for next year's trip!

Field Experience Fee Waiver and Parent Commitment Form

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our CPS-approved Montessori curriculum, students participate in meaningful day trips and overnight field experiences that enrich their academic, social, and emotional development. These field experiences are integral to the Montessori approach, which emphasizes experiential, hands-on learning in real-world environments.

To help support these opportunities, a fee structure has been outlined on pages 1-2 in the accompanying **Field Experience Fee Summary**. This includes costs for transportation, lodging (where applicable), meals, materials, and other program-related expenses. While we are a public school, these specific experiences are funded by families. This has been the longstanding expectation at James N. Gamble Montessori High School.

Please carefully read the waiver below, which confirms your understanding and agreement regarding these required fees.

Field Experience Fee Waiver and Parent Commitment

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the student named below, acknowledge and understand that:

1. **Field trips and overnight field experiences** are a mandatory and essential component of the curriculum at James N. Gamble Montessori High School and are aligned with the school's educational philosophy.
2. **Fees associated with these experiences** are required to cover the actual cost of participation and are not covered by general school funding.
3. I/We have reviewed the **Field Experience Fee Summary** and understand the costs associated with each planned event for the school year.
4. I/We commit to paying the required fees by the deadlines specified by the school for each trip or experience. I/We understand that non-payment of these fees may affect my/our child's ability to participate and graduate.
5. I/We understand that overnight trips are the only fees that are not fully obligated, ONLY if students do not attend these field experiences due to extenuating/medical circumstances.
6. I/We agree that if my child violates the building and/or district code of conduct, they may be removed/sent home from a field experience and obligated to pay the full cost of the trip.
7. I/We agree to support the school's efforts in planning and executing these experiences by fulfilling our financial obligations and communicating openly with staff regarding any questions or concerns.

By signing below, I/We acknowledge our understanding of and commitment to these expectations as part of our participation in the Montessori public school community.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____