CREC Magnet Schools Pre-K Tuition Information

Dear Families,

We are delighted that you have chosen a CREC Magnet School for your child's Pre-K education. As you begin the registration process, we want to inform you about the Pre-K Tuition Charge, which applies to families whose annual household income, is above 75% of the state median income.

For the 2025-26 school year, the Pre-K Tuition Charge is:

- **$2220.00 for the first child.**
- **$757.00 for the second child enrolled.**

These amounts are based on current law and may change depending on outcomes in the current legislative session, scheduled to end in early June. We will provide updates to you as warranted.

We understand that financial considerations are important to every family. Therefore, we are pleased to offer a Pre-K Tuition Waiver Program for eligible families.

Waiver Eligibility:

Families who meet the following criteria may be eligible for a Pre-K Tuition Waiver:

- Household income falls at or below 75% of the state median income.
- Family demonstrates financial hardship through documentation of specific circumstances.
- Household receives certain State Benefits (SNAP, TFA, Husky, etc.)

Waiver Application:

Pre-K Tuition Waiver applications will be available once you are registered at a CREC Magnet School.

Thank you for choosing a CREC Magnet School for your child's education. We are confident that your child will thrive in our supportive and enriching learning environment.

Sincerely,

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FAQ about Preschool Tuition for 2025-26

1) Are all preschool students required to pay tuition?
No. Families who qualify for free & reduced lunch will not be charged preschool tuition. Preschool tuition will only be charged for newly enrolled 2025-26 preschool students whose family's gross annual household income is above 75% of the State Median Income (SMI). The SMI chart from the State of Connecticut will determine if a family is required to pay tuition.

2) Are SMI guidelines available to help families determine if they will be charged preschool tuition in 2025-26?
Yes. The following 2024-2025 SMI chart will help families determine if they are above the 75% SMI:

Family Size:	*Family of 2*	*Family of 3*	*Family of 4*	*Family of 5*	*Family of 6*	*Family of 7*	*Family of 8*
75% of State Median Income	$74,384	$91,886	$109,389	$ 126,891	$ 144,393	$ 147,675	$ 150,956

3) How often will families be asked to verify their income?
Families of newly enrolled preschool students will be required to complete the income eligibility survey during the initial registration process and again the second year when updating student/family information. Families must report any changes to their family size and income as changes occur. Changes to family size or income may affect the requirement to pay preschool tuition.

4) Will families of currently enrolled preschool students be required to pay tuition in 2025-26?
Yes. Families of currently enrolled preschool students (in 2024-25) will be required to pay preschool tuition for that child in 2025-26.

5) What is the tuition amount for each preschool student, and is there a discount for multiple preschool siblings enrolled in CREC Magnet Schools?
For families whose income is above 75% of the SMI, tuition will be $2220 for the first preschool student and $757 for the second preschool sibling. Families will not be charged more than $2977 per family, per year. This includes siblings who are enrolled in different CREC Magnet Schools.

6) How will CREC invoice families for the tuition?
CREC will invoice families directly for the total preschool tuition amount, and families will have the option to pay by check, debit or credit using MySchoolBucks.

7) If a family is at or below the 75% SMI, how are they ensured that they are not charged tuition?
At the time of enrollment, families who are at or below 75% of the SMI will complete a CREC Magnet School Preschool Student Tuition Waiver Form for 2025-26 school year, and will be asked to provide the required income verification documentation. Forms will be available at the time of registration.

8) Is tuition required for both years a child is enrolled in preschool?
Families who are above the 75% state median income must pay tuition for all preschool years each student is enrolled. Families below the 75% SMI do not have to pay tuition. CREC Magnet Schools are tuition-free schools for all students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.

9) Will families who are required to pay preschool tuition still be eligible for the preschool transportation stipend?
Yes. Preschool tuition is separate from the preschool transportation stipend.

10) Is there a discount for before and after care for preschool families who are required to pay preschool tuition?
No. The fees for before and after care are separate from preschool tuition.

11) Are CREC Magnet School students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade required to paytuition?
No. Students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade are not charged tuition regardless of family income. State law only refers to newly enrolled preschool students, if annual gross family income is above the 75% SMI. The tuition for students attending CREC Magnet Schools in grades kindergarten through grade 12 is paid for by their local school district.