TUITION POLICY

The State of Ohio has issued grant funds to our District to provide preschool programs. Although we can serve families of all income levels, we target those families who make too much income to qualify for Head Start, but not enough income to afford a private preschool.

The State grant funds cover most of the cost of our programs, but the source of those grant funds is weakening and the State expects the families to share in the responsibility of their child's preschool experience by paying tuition on a sliding fee scale based on income level.

(Note: Our Public Preschool is integrated with a preschool program for children with identified special needs. All school districts are required to offer a program for children, ages 3-5, with identified special needs, at no cost to the family. **Therefore, if a child has an IEP no tuition is charged.**

Sliding Fee Scale based on Federal Government Poverty Levels

Your yearly gross income and the number of members in your family determine your tuition payment. The levels are as follows:

Level A: - Family income at 100% Federal Poverty Level - No Charge
Level B: - Family income at 125% Federal Poverty Level - $4.50 a day (only applies to all day students)
Level C: - Family income at 150% Federal Poverty Level - $5.00 a day (only applies to all day students)
Level D: - Family income at 175% Federal Poverty Level - $5.50 a day (only applies to all day students)
Level E: - Family income at 185% Federal Poverty Level - $6.00 a day (only applies to all day students)
Level F: - Family income at 200% Federal Poverty Level - $8.00 a day (only applies to all day students)
Level G:- Family income at 201% and above Federal Poverty Level - $9.00/day for a half day - $18/day for the whole day.

HOW TO PAY

- Your tuition schedule will be provided to you on the first day of school during parent orientation. Please make sure you keep a copy of your schedule in a safe place where you have access to it monthly.
- **Payments are due on the last school attendance day of each month. (You are essentially paying one month ahead)**
- Please make a check or money order payable to **"Lancaster City Schools**" and note on the memo **"Preschool Program" and your child's name.**
- You may **mail** or **bring** your payment in the envelope provided to:
  Tarhe Preschool: 425 Whittier Dr., Lancaster, OH 43130
- Cash is accepted, however, any additional money (change) goes on a credit for the next month.
- **Important:** We appreciate your prompt tuition payments. After t**hree documented attempts have been made to collect late tuition, your child will be withdrawn from the preschool program.**
- ***Please contact us immediately if there is a problem.* We will try to work with you.**
- If your income changes you should also contact the school. They can refigure your tuition payment. It is based on your actual income. This helps many families who find themselves in a rough spot half way through the year.
- Please try to pay each month in full and on time.