

Notice of School Fees for the 2026-2027 School Year

BOARD APPROVED FEE SCHEDULE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27 (PER CHILD)			
Fee Type	Applies To	Mandatory /Optional	Amount
Instructional and Technology Materials Fee	Kindergarten-8th Grade	Mandatory	\$210 if paid on or before July 1, 2026
			\$235 if paid after July 1, 2026
Paid Bus Transportation (K-8)	1st Child	Optional	\$710
	2nd Child		\$530
	3rd Child		\$530
	Family Cap		\$1,770
Early Learners Preschool Tuition	Half Day	Mandatory, if Registered	\$7,000
	Full Day		\$12,100

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Full Name	School	Grade	Inst. & Tech. Materials Fee \$210 if Paid before July 1 \$235 July 1 or later	Paid Bus \$710/ \$530/ \$530/ \$1,770	Early Learners Tuition \$7,000/ \$12,100	Student Total

DISTRICT 109 FEE EXPLANATION

Fees for the 2026-27 school year are due on or before **July 1, 2026** and can be paid quickly and securely through your [Family Access](#) account. (IMPORTANT: [Please watch this short video](#) for easy-to-follow payment instructions and a [RevTrak guide for additional help](#).)

- **INSTRUCTIONAL AND TECHNOLOGY MATERIALS FEE:** All K-8 students enrolled in District 109 during the 2026-27 school year are subject to an instructional and technology materials fee of **\$235**. Families will receive a \$25 discount on their child's fee if they pay on or before July 1, 2026. The fee offsets a portion of the cost of instructional materials and technology supplies. (This fee is separate from the optional purchase of school supplies through your school PTO.)
- **PAID BUS TRANSPORTATION (K-8):** Because the district offers transportation, state law requires the service be offered free to students who:
 1. Reside 1½ miles or more from school, or
 2. Reside within a hazardous walking route (determined by the Illinois Department of Transportation).

[Check your free vs. paid status](#). If families do not reside within a “free” area, they can purchase bus service for an annual fee of **\$710**. The transportation fee is reduced for a second and third student (**\$530** each), capped at **\$1,770 per family**. There is no option to prorate the fee if families sign up mid-year, unless they are a new family who moves into the district during the school year or a current family moving from a free to paid area. [Find details on bus procedures for paid riders](#).

- **EARLY LEARNERS PRESCHOOL:** The District's early childhood program offers half- and full-day options.
 - Half-day tuition is \$7,000 per year.
 - Full-day tuition is \$12,100 per year.

Tuition will be collected monthly from August (prior to the start of preschool) through May of each year, payable on the first of the month. The district sets up fees to be paid in Family Access on a monthly basis. Families must pay at least the first installment by **August 1, 2026**. After that, they may choose to pay the remaining installments monthly or all at once.

If families wish to enroll in automatic payments, [please complete and return this form](#).

- **CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Fees offset the cost of student participation in extracurricular activities. **Club participation carries a minimum fee of \$75** per activity. Participants in **athletic programs incur a fee between \$100 and \$150 per program**. Families do not have to pay this fee right now; they will pay when their child begins participation.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL INCIDENTAL FEES:** The middle schools have worked to determine all anticipated incidental fees charged throughout the year. They will be added to Family Access in May and will be due by July 1. Some school fees are mandatory, while others are optional. They include fees for novels, locks, PE uniforms, field trips and 8th-grade graduation.

PRORATING AND WAIVING FEES

A prorated refund of material and supply fees may be offered to families who move from the district during the school year. Note that transportation fees will not be refunded. Material and supply fees are waived for the remainder of the school year for students who move to the district after May 1.

Parents may contact District 109 Registrar Rosa Castillo to set up a payment plan for fees. If you are experiencing financial hardship and cannot pay fees, please apply for a waiver. [Find more information and a fee waiver application online](#), or contact **Rosa Castillo**, at (847) 945-1844, x7221 or rcastillo@dps109.org.

NONPAYMENT OF FEES

Business Office staff will inform parents/guardians of late fees with at least three letters of delinquency. One final attempt to collect fees will be made via telephone by Business Office staff. Parents/guardians who have not responded to the above attempts will have their names, phone numbers, addresses, and delinquency information forwarded to a collection agency.

Contact Rosa Castillo at rcastillo@dps109.org with questions about **Family Access login information, fees, making a payment, payment plans, and fee waivers.**