

FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES

FOR

CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

2026–2027

KENT PLACE SCHOOL

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PHILOSOPHY

The Financial Aid Program at Kent Place School supports the mission of the school by encouraging enrollment of academically qualified and socioeconomically diverse students.

Kent Place is committed to supporting the continued attendance through graduation of those students who demonstrate financial need. There are no extra requirements for students awarded an aid package; every Kent Place student is expected to do her best and maintain the strong academic and personal qualities that warranted her admission.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Need-based financial aid is offered to families across all three divisions: Primary School, Middle School, and Upper School. Families who believe they qualify for financial assistance are encouraged to apply. The Financial Aid Committee determines demonstrated need — the difference between what a family can pay and the cost of attendance — through a formula executed by Clarity, a third-party provider that assists with the computation within aid review.

Clarity considers parent/guardians' gross taxable income and nontaxable income, assets, liabilities, family size, and number of children in tuition-charging schools and colleges. After an allowance for basic necessities and required taxes, a determination is made about a family's ability to pay tuition. All supporting documents should be uploaded to the Clarity website; if you have any questions, please contact the Director of Middle and Upper School Admission and Financial Aid at financialaid@kentplace.org.

Kent Place strives to meet as much of a family's demonstrated need as possible.

Kent Place School does not offer merit-based scholarships.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In order to receive priority, current families should submit their application for academic year 2027–28 to Clarity by December 15, 2026; prospective families for 2027–28 should submit materials by January 15, 2027.

Before beginning the Clarity Financial Aid Application, it is recommended that families review Clarity's Family Application Guide, which can help in gathering the necessary supporting documents and learning more about the application process. Kent Place encourages families to begin the application process as soon as possible. Failure to meet the above deadlines can have an impact on a family's qualification for financial aid.

Once Clarity receives the application, supporting documentation will be requested. Clarity removes the need to upload your 2025 W2 and 1040 by transferring them directly from the IRS. This reduces the amount of information that you will need to enter manually and makes it possible to complete the application quickly and efficiently. Kent Place will require families who will receive a 2026 W2 to upload the last pay stub of 2026 with their application submission this year. This will help the Financial Aid Committee expedite review of your family's application. If your pay stub does not accurately represent income for 2026, please include an accurate estimate in the "Other Considerations" section of the application; it should include bonuses and other miscellaneous income. For families who do not receive a W2, please continue to upload any 1099s from 2026 once received and share an estimate of business income earned over the course of 2026 within the "Other Considerations" section of the application.

When a family is filing its tax return late, it must submit the IRS Form 4868 — Request for Automatic Extension — by April 15 to Clarity. This form provides an estimate of income and taxes due.

Please note that current families are required to apply for aid each year a student is enrolled at Kent Place. Should a family's circumstances change, its aid package may be modified.

A family in arrears on its payments will not be allocated financial aid for the following year unless:

- the account has been brought current;
- an acceptable payment plan has been approved by the Business Office in a timely manner; and
- financial aid funds are still available

Kent Place School does offer multiple tuition payment plan options. Information about these options is provided to families during the enrollment period.

ADMISSION DECISIONS

The Admission Committee and the Financial Aid Committee operate as separate entities. The Admission Committee advises the Chief of External Affairs and Strategic Partnerships on acceptances of new students based on their academic qualifications, without an indication of financial need. The Financial Aid Committee allocates funding based on the enrollment needs of the school as well as families' demonstrated need.

APPEALS PROCESS

After a family has received its award letter and has new information it believes could have a significant impact on the Financial Aid Committee's decision, a parent or guardian should contact the Director of Middle and Upper School Admission and Financial Aid in writing to request a review via the Financial Aid Appeal Form, which will be provided upon decision notification by the Committee. Appeals must be submitted prior to the contract deadline and contract execution to be considered. The request for review should contain an explanation disclosing the new information or change in circumstance on why the family is interested in appealing, with additional supporting materials attached. A second review of the applicant's files and the initial award will take place after the request for review is received. The Financial Aid Committee's decision will then be communicated to the family by the Director of Middle and Upper School Admission and Financial Aid. Additional funding is not guaranteed within our second review.

UNDERSTANDING UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

Divorced Families, Separated Families, Unmarried Parents and Guardians

Both the financial aid application and the enrollment contract must be submitted by each parent/guardian who shares custody of the student. In the case of divorced, separated, or unmarried parents, Kent Place requires both biological parents and their current spouses (stepparents) to contribute based on their income and assets. If a biological parent is not in contact with the student, Kent Place requires the custodial parent/guardian to submit a letter from a school official, member of the clergy, pediatrician, or attorney attesting to this in order for this application requirement to be waived.

Sibling(s) Enrolled in Tuition-Charging School(s)

When evaluating financial aid need, consideration is made for a student's sibling or siblings enrolled in other tuition-charging schools, starting with preschool and through the completion of undergraduate programs.

Nonworking Parent/Guardian

If a parent/guardian chooses not to work, works part time, or does not meet a determined threshold of income, the school will impute an income based on individual circumstances for that parent/guardian; the family's total income will be adjusted accordingly. Consideration is given to nonworking or partially-employed parents who serve as caregivers for preschool-age children, children with special needs not enrolled in school, other relatives in the home, as well as to families who have other extenuating income circumstances. Parents/guardians with health conditions that prevent them from working may also be exempt from the above assessment.

Guardians/Grandparents/Other Family Members

If a guardian, grandparent, or other family member who is financially responsible for an applicant signs the enrollment contract and applies for financial aid, that person must provide all the necessary financial aid documents.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

There is discretionary funding to help families cover some of the additional costs of attending Kent Place School outside of tuition, such as lunch, global and choral trips, extended care, and laptops.

To help families plan for some of the costs not covered by tuition, the Financial Aid Committee has compiled a list of major fees and expenses by division.

PRIMARY SCHOOL (JUNIOR PRE-K–GRADE 5)

REQUIRED EXPENSES WITH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE	REQUIRED EXPENSES NOT COVERED	OPTIONAL EXPENSES
Lunch (Grades K–5) $2,090 *(financial aid percentage applied to costs)*	**Trip Fee** $100–$400	**After-School Enrichment** *(varies by trimester)*
Books, Supplies, Materials Junior Pre-K: $130 Pre-K: $130 Kindergarten–Grade 3: $200 Grades 4–5: $300	**Photography Fee** $35 **Technology Fee** Grades K–5: $250	**Honor Choir** (Grades 4 & 5)
	Class Dues $50	**Extended Care** *(financial aid percentage applied to costs)* Please note enrichment programming is included in the cost of full-time after care programming. Before care is free of charge to all families.
	Parents' Association $100 annually (per family)	**Summer Enrichment Programming** Girls' Leadership Institute and Summer Academies *(financial assistance is available)*
	Uniforms *(varies)* Kent Place's Uniform Exchange is available free of charge to all community members.	

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADE 6–8)

REQUIRED EXPENSES WITH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE	REQUIRED EXPENSES NOT COVERED	OPTIONAL EXPENSES
Lunch $2,090 *(financial aid percentage applied to costs)*	**Class Dues** $50	**Global Trips** *(assistance provided; see policy on page 7)*
Chromebook $595 *(financial aid percentage applied to costs)*	**Trip Fee** $800–$900	**After-School Enrichment** *(varies by trimester)*
Books *(varies based on class registration; these amounts are approximate)* Grade 6: $275 Grade 7: $285 Grade 8: $200 *(financial aid percentage is applied to average cost of books by grade)*	**Activities Fee** $225–$250	**Honor Choir**
	Photography Fee $35	**Extended Care** *cost-free supervision is available in the Library from 3:30–5:00 p.m.*
	Publications Fee $15	**Advisory Breakfasts** $100 *(approximately)*
	Technology Fee $200	**Dragon Athletic Club Fee** $75 *(annually required of all students in Grades 7–8 participating in athletics)*
	Parents' Association $100 annually *(per family)*	**Summer Enrichment Programming** Girls' Leadership Institute, Ethics Institute, and Summer Academies *(financial assistance is available)*
	Uniforms *(varies)* Kent Place's Uniform Exchange is available free of charge to all community members.	**Optional Team Apparel for Sports**

UPPER SCHOOL (GRADE 9–12)

REQUIRED EXPENSES WITH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE	REQUIRED EXPENSES NOT COVERED	OPTIONAL EXPENSES
Lunch $2,090 *(financial aid percentage applied to costs)*	**Class Dues** $50	**Global Trips** *(assistance provided; see policy on page 7)*
Laptop Apple Laptop: $1,399 Windows Laptop: $1,339 *Note*: Kent Place is a "bring-your-own-device" school, and families can purchase either a PC or a Mac that meets school criteria. *(Families awarded financial aid may purchase the device through Kent Place; their financial aid percentage will apply to total costs.)*	**Technology Fee** $200	**Choral Trips** *(assistance provided)*
	Activities Fee $250	**School Dances and Prom** *(varies)*
	Photography Fee $35	**Athletic Gear** Optional warm-ups $140 *(financial aid percentage applied to costs for families entering Upper School. Credit is issued via Blackbaud Tuition Management)* **Optional Team Apparel** *(varies)* **Athletic Equipment** *(varies – see Athletic Department for costs by team)*
	Publications Fee $175	**Dragon Athletic Club Fee** $75 *(annually required for all students in Grades 9–12 participating in athletics)*

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UPPER SCHOOL (GRADE 9–12)

REQUIRED EXPENSES WITH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE	REQUIRED EXPENSES NOT COVERED	OPTIONAL EXPENSES
Books *(varies based on class registration; these amounts are approximate)* Grade 9: $600 Grade 10: $580 Grade 11: $680 Grade 12: $650 *(financial aid percentage is applied to average cost of books by grade)*	**Trip Fee** $325	**Athletic Preseason Training Off-Site Trips** *(assistance available through Athletics)*
	AP Exams $99/exam *Note*: Kent Place automatically reduces fees for families meeting College Board criteria.	**Advisory Breakfasts and Lunches** $50–$75
	PSAT Testing $18 *Note*: Kent Place automatically reduces fees for families meeting College Board criteria.	**Grade 10 Class Rings** *(varies)* *(Kent Place will support up to $400 to support ring costs for students receiving a need-based grant)*
	Parents' Association $100 annually *(per family)*	**Grade 9 Honor Choir** *(varies)*
		Summer Enrichment Programming Girls' Leadership Institute, Ethics Institute, and Summer Academies *(financial assistance is available)*
		Athletic Facilities Fees Squash: $350 Swimming: $350 Golf: $900 Ice Hockey: $900 *(Due to practice space availability, some sports will have fees assessed starting this school year. Financial aid percentages will be applied to costs.)*

GLOBAL TRIPS

Our Global Trip Aid program supports the mission of the school by encouraging participation of qualified students from a socioeconomically diverse pool in global service learning and departmental cultural and language immersion trips both domestically and internationally. Families who have been awarded financial aid may receive a grant awarded at the same percentage received for tuition once during their student's Kent Place tenure.

To apply for a global trip grant, the student's account must be current with no outstanding balances. Priority is given to more senior students applying to each trip to allow for participation once during a Kent Place student's tenure. If a family would like to appeal its award, a parent or guardian should email the Director of Middle and Upper School Admission and Financial Aid to have the family's package reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee. Funding is limited and varies year-to-year.

TRANSPORTATION

The cost for all KPS-run bus routes is $4,000 for the 2026–2027 school year. Busing is available for students in Grades K–12. Kent Place covers busing costs for families who have been awarded financial aid at the same percentage they receive for tuition. This excludes costs for bus routes run outside of Kent Place by local town districts.

To learn more about town/city government partial reimbursements for school, also known as aid in lieu, please visit the New Jersey Department of Education webpage.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All records and correspondence are held in the strictest confidence, and information is shared only on a need-to-know basis.

Kent Place School updates the financial aid guidelines periodically. The school reserves the right to make exceptions to the guidelines and practices herein when warranted and on a case-by-case basis.

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