

# TUITION AND FEES 2024-25

## For All Students Enrolled Prior to 2022-23



Each column is the cost per student. For multiple children enrolled, add columns for your total. Your 1<sup>st</sup> student is your eldest student.

### Tuition Schedule for Students Enrolled Prior to 2022-2023

	1 <sup>st</sup> Student Tuition		2 <sup>nd</sup> Student Tuition 12% Discount		3 <sup>rd</sup> Student Tuition 20% Discount		4 <sup>th</sup> + Student Tuition 35% Discount	
	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan
	<b>4-yr-old PreK &amp; 3-yr-old Pre.</b> Tuition: 5 half days Tuition: 5 full days	\$ 3,466.00 \$ 6,935.00	\$ 288.83 \$ 577.92	\$ 3,050.08 \$ 6,102.80	\$ 254.17 \$ 508.57	\$ 2,772.80 \$ 5,548.00	\$ 231.07 \$ 462.33	\$ 2,252.90 \$ 4,507.75
<b>Kindergarten</b> Tuition: 5 half days Tuition: 5 full days	\$ 3,705.00 \$ 7,410.00	\$ 308.75 \$ 617.50	\$ 3,260.40 \$ 6,520.80	\$ 271.70 \$ 543.40	\$ 2,964.00 \$ 5,928.00	\$ 247.00 \$ 494.00	\$ 2,408.25 \$ 4,816.50	\$ 200.69 \$ 401.38
<b>1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b> Tuition	\$ 7,828.00	\$ 652.33	\$ 6,888.64	\$ 574.05	\$ 6,262.40	\$ 521.87	\$ 5,088.20	\$ 424.02
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b> Tuition	\$ 7,938.00	\$ 661.50	\$ 6,985.44	\$ 582.12	\$ 6,350.40	\$ 529.20	\$ 5,159.70	\$ 429.98

**\*NOTE:** This discount schedule for students enrolled prior to 2022-2023 will gradually have the new discount rates (12% discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> child and 20% discount for 3<sup>rd</sup>+ children) phased-in over five years. This is year three of five years.

**New Student Siblings of Current Families:** New student application deadline for current families is **March 15, 2024** for 2024-25 (February 28, 2025 for 2025-26).

**Continuous Enrollment Cancellation Deadline:** **March 15, 2024** for 2024-25 (February 28, 2025 for 2025-26).

Your student must remain enrolled for next school year to qualify for the Continuous Enrollment Tuition Credit (see below) and **to secure enrollment for next year.**

**Annual Student Fee:** **Grades PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> fee:** \$100 per student

**Due: March 20, 2024** (through FACTS) **(Due Date Next Year: March 5, 2025)**

If you pay tuition in full and are not on FACTS, your annual student fee is due to the Business Office by the due date.

**Textbook and Technology Fee:** **PreK and Preschool** \$50 per student **Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** \$200 per student

**Kindergarten** \$150 per student **Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** \$250 per student

To cover additional costs for textbooks and technology. This annual fee is added to your monthly tuition payment in FACTS for each student in these grades. This fee is not pro-rated for late enrollment or for early withdrawals.

**Class Fee:** **Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)** \$300 per student **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** \$500 per student

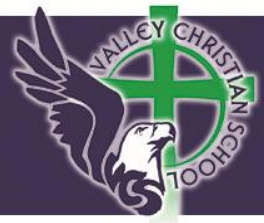
To cover additional program costs. This annual fee is added to your monthly tuition payment in FACTS for each student in these grades. This fee is not pro-rated for late enrollment or early withdrawal.

**Continuous Enrollment (CE) Credit:** \$100 tuition credit per student who meets the requirements by June 30.

Students in grades PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> who remain enrolled for the next school year (2024-25) will be granted a tuition credit of \$100 per student on their 2024-25 tuition invoice if the following requirements are met:

- 1) Annual student fee for the upcoming year is paid by the annual student fee deadline (see above).
- 2) Family tuition account for preceding year (2023-24) has a zero balance as of June 30, 2024.

There is no CE tuition credit for new students who did not attend VCS the preceding school year (2023-24).



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**TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:** All family tuition must be paid in one of two ways:

**Plan 1:** Single payment. A 2% full-tuition discount will be applied (if no tuition assistance is received) if tuition is paid in full by August 1 (or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of attendance for a new student).

**Plan 2:** Monthly payments made through the FACTS automated bank withdrawal program. Parents may choose to have withdrawals made on either the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of the month over 12-month period, to be paid in full by June 30 (at the end of the school year).

## **REFUNDS**

General tuition is pro-rated by the week and will be refunded on that same basis upon early withdrawal after an Enrollment Cancellation Form is submitted to the Business Office with the following exception: no tuition will be refunded if withdrawal takes place after March 31. There is no refund of the New Student Application Fee, Annual Student Fee, Textbook and Technology Fee, Class Fee or Sports Fee for early withdrawal or cancelled enrollment.

## **OTHER SCHOOL FEES – Required to be paid up-front by participants**

<b>Sports Fee:</b>	<b>Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b> \$175 per sport (non-football)	<b>Junior High Football</b> \$250
	<b>High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b> \$250 per sport (non-football)	<b>High School Football</b> \$250

**Sports fees are due before the first day of practice for that sport.** This fee is not pro-rated for late entries or withdrawals. Practice uniforms vary in price – coaches will let you know how much they will cost.

**Instrument Rental Fee:** \$100 per year

**Special Course Work Fee:** As determined by instructor each semester

## **CHILD CARE – Before and After School Care (BASC) - BASC will only be offered for 2024-25 if there is adequate staffing.**

**Before School Care:** \$3.00 flat fee per morning, per student (rate subject to change)  
Available 7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. for Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

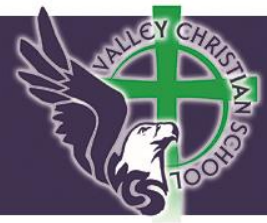
**After School Care:** \$6.00 per hour per student (assessed in ¼ hour increments, rate subject to change)  
Available 3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Late pick-up fees will be applied if children are not picked up by 5:30 p.m.  
Repetitive issues will jeopardize service availability.

## **GENERAL**

- All invoices will be emailed to the family email address on file in the Business Office.
- BASC will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for the previous month's charges. Invoices will be emailed between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month indicating the payment due date in FACTS.
- For families without FACTS accounts - timely payment by the end of the month is expected and late fees will apply. Payments may be dropped off at the elementary office or mailed to the Business Office.
- Any invoice left unpaid after 30 days will be considered late and is subject to a \$5 late fee.
- Please email or call the Business Office regarding tuition, fees, financial aid, FACTS, invoices, or any other financial-related concern at [bookkeeper@valleychristian.org](mailto:bookkeeper@valleychristian.org) or (406) 549-0482 ext. 205.

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## FINANCIAL AID



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – general overview

There are three main sources of financial assistance that are available through an application process for Valley Christian School students:

- 1) ACE Financial Scholarships
- 2) VCS Tuition Assistance
- 3) VCS Pastor Tuition Discount Program

ACE Financial Scholarships and VCS Tuition Assistance applications can be found online through FACTS. You may select both ACE and VCS when you begin your financial aid application. Details can be found in the sections below.

The Pastor Tuition Discount Application is a simple two-page application that can be found on our website or by contacting the Business Office. See details below.

### ACE FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ACE is a 501(c)(3) financial grant program. ACE provides children with financial scholarships to private schools in grades K-12. ACE uses FACTS as their application platform so our **families can apply for VCS Tuition Assistance and ACE on the same application. Please check the “ACE” box on your application.** We encourage ALL families applying for financial assistance to check the ACE box. ACE scholarships range from up to \$2,000 (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) to \$3,000 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) annually per student. This is a potential value of \$28,000 over 12 years for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>!

Apply online at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/41873>

ACE application opening date: **February 5, 2024**

ACE application deadline: **April 15, 2024 (tax day)**

Application Fee: \$40

New Applicants: You must upload income documentation with your initial application.

**Renewing Applicants: You do not need to upload income documentation – just complete your application & submit!**

Divorced parents: If you are paying tuition, indicate on your application the % you are required to pay.

ACE reviews new families based on total income with regard to the Federal Poverty Guideline. ACE accepts up to 350% over the Federal Poverty Guideline. The following guidelines are used by ACE for their awards:

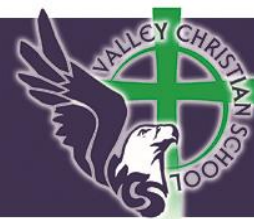
ACE Financial Guidelines 2024-25		
Household Size	2024 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG)	ACE Maximum Qualifying Income
2	\$20,440	\$71,540
3	\$25,820	\$90,370
4	\$31,200	\$109,200
5	\$36,580	\$128,030
6	\$41,960	\$146,860
7	\$47,340	\$165,690
8	\$52,720	\$184,520
Each Add'l	\$5,380	\$18,830

The above graph is to be used as a guide, it DOES NOT guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship.

**Once awarded, an ACE Scholarship will stay with a student regardless of where the student is attending private school.**

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### VCS TUITION ASSISTANCE

VCS tuition assistance applications are available for families who meet these initial requirements:

- 1) Only full-day students are eligible (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Full-Day Kindergarten, Full-Day PreK, Full-Day Preschool).
- 2) New students must complete and submit the VCS Student Application form and pay the \$200 per student fee before applying for financial aid online for their financial aid application to be considered by VCS.

Additionally, VCS tuition assistance awards are based on percentage (33% maximum) and applied to the family's tuition balance. If ACE is awarded after receiving a VCS tuition assistance award, the VCS award will be adjusted based on the remaining balance after the ACE Scholarship is applied.

To apply for VCS needs-based tuition assistance you must apply through FACTS online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/41873>. FACTS charges a nominal fee for their online application (\$40). Once you have submitted your complete online application to FACTS and we have received the assistance recommendation from FACTS, we will review the FACTS assessment and make a determination based upon the amount qualified for and the amount of financial assistance resources available at the school. There is no guarantee that every qualified applicant will receive tuition assistance. **Tuition assistance resources are limited; please apply early.**

**For new families, financial assistance is awarded monthly by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**For currently-enrolled families,** financial assistance is awarded during the months of February-May. You may pick which deadline month works best for you:

<u>Application Deadline</u> -	<b>Feb. 1</b>	<u>Award Notice Sent</u> –	Feb. 25
	<b>Mar. 1</b>		Mar. 25
	<b>Apr. 1</b>		Apr. 25
	<b>May 1</b>		May 25

### PASTOR TUITION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

VCS offers a 40% tuition discount to pastors who qualify. The Pastor Tuition Discount Application is found on our website and must be submitted to the VCS Business Office. Applications are due **March 15, 2024** (due **February 28, 2025** for the 2025-26 school year) unless you are a new family. Eligibility requirements are:

- 1) Parent must be employed by a local church in full-time pastoral ministry.
- 2) Applicant's church must: have a non-profit status, be governed by a board or elders overseeing all operations, and agree with the VCS Statement of Faith.
- 3) Application is signed by a member of the applicant's board of directors, elders, or governing entity.

**We encourage all pastors to complete the ACE Scholarships online application found in FACTS.** This is a great opportunity to potentially receive more funding. Once awarded, an ACE Scholarship will stay with a student regardless of where the student is attending private school. Additionally, the VCS Pastor Discount is applied to the family balance after the ACE Scholarship is applied. Please see previous page for more information on ACE Scholarships.

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*Valley Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, extra-curricular activities, or any other school-administered program.*