



Ottawa Jewish Community School

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2025 - 2026 Tuition Rates and Guidelines

OJCS Tuition

The 2025-2026 tuition amount is presented on the Tuition Grid below. It should be noted that the current tuition does not represent the “true” cost of education, and the gap is funded through community allocations and fundraising activities by the school. To the extent that you are able to fund the gap between tuition and the true cost to educate your child(ren), this option has been provided, and a charitable receipt will be issued for the amount selected.

OJCS Tuition Grid

The OJCS Tuition Grid outlines the subsidized tuition rates. The Tuition Grid allows families to take advantage of subsidies available on a sliding scale based on gross family income. Please see details of the OJCS tuition grid below.

2025-2026 OJCS Tuition Grid

Tuition Grid (Kindergarten – Grade 8)		- - - - TUITION RATES - - - -			
	First child	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	
Option 1 - Tuition	\$20,000	\$19,500	\$19,000	\$18,500	
Option 2 - Subsidized Tuition (Based on Family Income)					
Gross Family Income Range	First child	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	
(a) < \$100,000	\$10,000	\$9,750	\$9,500	\$9,250	
(b) \$100,000 to \$124,999	\$14,200	\$13,845	\$13,490	\$13,135	
(c) \$125,000 to \$149,999	\$15,400	\$15,015	\$14,630	\$14,245	
(d) \$150,000 to \$174,999	\$16,600	\$15,600	\$15,200	\$14,800	
(e) \$175,000 to \$199,999	\$17,600	\$15,990	\$15,580	\$15,170	
(f) \$200,000 to \$224,999	\$18,200	\$16,575	\$16,150	\$15,725	
(g) \$225,000 to \$249,999	\$18,600	\$17,160	\$16,720	\$16,280	
(h) \$250,000 to \$299,999	\$19,400	\$18,915	\$18,430	\$17,945	

Note: Tuition excludes school uniforms, voluntary hot lunches, rare, specialized events (such as the Grade 8 graduation activities) and the monthly charity donations for “dress down” days.



Tuition Rate Options

The OJCS offers three (3) options for tuition rates (only **one** can be selected per family):

1 – Tuition: Full tuition rate(s).

2 – Tuition Grid - Subsidized Tuition: Parents have the option of accessing available subsidies by paying tuition on a sliding scale based on their income range as outlined in the OJCS Tuition Grid on page 1. This requires the completion of the *Financial Declaration Form* (available for download at theojcs.ca/tuitionguides). This form will only be reviewed by the school's Chief Accountant and the information will be protected in accordance with our Privacy Commitment.

3 - Tuition Assistance Program: The Tuition Assistance Program is a confidential program that provides more significant tuition relief to eligible families, considering personal circumstances, such as income, cash flow, and number of dependants. Applicants are asked to complete an application which will be processed through Apple Financial Services and an anonymous and confidential Tuition Assistance Committee, after which you will be notified of your approved tuition rate. Background to the Tuition Assistance Program, the application process and frequently asked questions can be found in the file "Tuition Assistance Program 2025-26.pdf", available for download at theojcs.ca/tuitionguides.

Payment Terms

- **Early bird discount:** If re-enrolment forms are received on or before **March 7, 2025, AND** families select the full rate or subsidized rate (re: grid), you will be eligible to receive a flat rate discount of \$500. *No early bird discount is applicable for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAC).*
- A deposit of \$750 per family must accompany the registration form (amount will be deducted from tuition fee invoice).
- Tuition assistance applications must be submitted to Apple Financial by **March 3rd, 2025**, and require acceptance of re-enrolment by the school.
- Complete re-enrolment deposit/forms include a) \$750 deposit per family; b) completed *Options for Tuition Rates for 2025/26*; and c) completed *Financial Declaration Form*.
- Tuition fees or an approved payment arrangement plan are limited to five options to be arranged with the Chief Accountant by **July 31, 2025**
 - (i) 3 installments during the school year
 - (ii) 10 installments during the school year
 - (iii) 12 installments from July 2025 through to June 2026
 - (iv) 6 installments from July 2025 through to December 2025 (*recommended for the last year students to maximize 2025 tax receipt*)
 - (v) An approved payment arrangement can be in the form of pre-authorized debit (PAD), post-dated cheques or credit card authorization only.



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Non-payment of fees, or not establishing payment arrangements, by the due date of July 31, 2025, could result in denial of entry to the first day of school. If, during the year, your account is not maintained in good standing and appropriate arrangements are not made within 30 days, this could result in disenrollment.

- Payment in full by July 31, 2025, entitles families to a 2% discount.
- Any payments made by credit card will incur a 3% surcharge.
- Any NSF installment payments will bear a surcharge of \$25.

Other

- Withdrawal of a student after the registration deadline will result in the loss of the \$750 deposited.
- Families of students not accepted by OJCS will receive a full refund.
- For voluntary withdrawals after the commencement of the school year, there will be no refund of tuition paid.
- A charitable tax receipt will be issued for a portion of tuition in accordance with the Canada Revenue Agency Guidelines.

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa is a major funder of Jewish Day School education. Federation subsidizes a significant portion of daily operational costs – approximately 20% of your annual tuition, nearly \$3400 per student – ensuring that Jewish education remains accessible to families in our community.



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OJCS Tuition Grid Workbook

To be used by families choosing Option 2 - Tuition Grid - Subsidized Tuition,
opting to pay Assessed Tuition Rates

If you are required to verify your gross family income, and you are a divorced family or family that owns a business, please use (or have your accountant use) this chart to determine Combined Gross Family Income.

Please do not submit this form to the school, this is simply a guideline.

	Parent / Guardian #1	Parent / Guardian #2	Combined
Given Name	_____	_____	
Surname	_____	_____	
Family Income <i>(line 150 of most recent tax return)</i>	_____	+ _____	= _____
Add alimony/ maintenance payments received but not included above	_____	+ _____	= _____
Add your portion of income from family business not yet distributed	_____	+ _____	= _____
Less alimony/ maintenance paid	_____	+ _____	= _____
Combined Gross Family Income		=	_____

For information or assistance regarding this workbook, please contact the school's Chief Accountant, Elena Ivanova, at 613-722-0020 ext. 344 or e.ivanova@theojcs.ca