

St. Gabriel School
2020-2021 Tuition and Enrollment FAQ

Q: What are the tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 school year?

A: Tuition is \$4,780 for St. Gabriel Parish members and \$5,780 for non-parishioners. There is a \$125 Registration Fee for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Junior Kindergarten has a Registration Fee of \$500 (which includes the \$125 for Kindergarten 2021-2022).

Q: How does the tuition for next year compare to past tuition increases?

A:

	<u>SY 20-21</u>	<u>SY 19-20</u>	<u>SY 18-19</u>
Tuition	\$4,870.00	\$4,430.00	\$4,250.00
Registration Fee	\$ 125.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 250.00
Total Cost	\$4,995.00	\$4,725.00	\$4,500.00
Yearly Increase	5%	5%	4%

Q: Why did the registration fee go down, while tuition went up?

A: In order to make the March 1st re-enrollment more financially manageable, we reduced the registration fee and rolled the difference into the tuition payment plan. This will hopefully help families afford the initial costs of registration by spreading the cost over time in their payment plans.

Q: What is included in the tuition and registration fee?

A: The tuition and registration fee includes all of the costs to educate our students, and much more. Snacks and school supplies are provided to our younger students. For students that use the 1-to-1 devices, all technology and insurance fees are also covered. Assignment notebooks, parent alert system, teacher and art supplies are also all covered by tuition. Beyond separate school fundraising efforts, we try to include all school costs in our tuition and fees.

Q: How does St. Gabriel School determine its tuition each year?

A: St. Gabriel School runs a cost-based budget. This means that most of the school's operating expenses are paid for by the tuition and fees of enrolled families. This is the formula we use:
Total Operating Expenses / Total Enrollment Jr K to 8th Grade = Cost to Educate Each Student.
Although some parishes may subsidize their tuition, St. Gabriel School offers assistance to families who demonstrate the greatest need.

Q: What are the sources of funding for St. Gabriel School?

A: St. Gabriel School's cost to educate relies on the following revenue streams: Tuition & fees (covers majority of expenses), PTU fundraising, school fundraising, student funding and administrative reimbursement from the state, and other sponsorships/donations.

Q: How does St. Gabriel Parish financially support its school?

A: The parish contributes to the school in many ways. Most importantly they help our families with tuition

assistance through the offertory, annual fish fry, and golf outing. They also help fund our school's maintenance, grounds, and utilities.

Q: How does the tuition compare to other local Catholic schools?

A: Out of the five other Catholic grades schools within a fifteen mile radius of St. Gabriel School, our tuition is in the middle of the pack and very comparable to other schools with a similar structure such as Mater Dei Academy and Notre Dame Elementary.

Q: What kind of tuition increase can families expect in the coming years, and why do these increases exist?

A: In the coming years, we hope to keep our annual cost per student to a 3% - 5% increase. Health care, cost of living, and other personnel related costs all contribute to an increase in tuition each year.

Q: Will the classes ever be “capped” at a certain number?

A: Capping homerooms at a certain number has been considered moving forward. In order to cover the cost of teachers and aides, moving forward a homeroom should have a total of between 25-27 students.

Q: How many students need to enroll in order for there to be three homerooms?

A: In order for there to be multiple homerooms, there needs to be at least 31 or more students for this to be considered. For example, 31-60 students would have two homerooms, and 61-90 students would have three homerooms.

Q: What impact will a large class size have on my student?

A: Research shows that teacher quality is the most important variable in the academic success of students. Providing classroom instructional aides will continue to be a practice at St. Gabriel School to best differentiate instruction to all students.

Q: How is St. Gabriel School performing on its MAP testing?

A: Based on the data gathered from the end of last year, our school demonstrated both high achievement and high growth in the areas of Language, Math, and Reading. This means that our students are achieving high marks and their personal growth is significant over the course of the school year.