

**MADISON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**  
**Tuition Payment Plan Options/Building Use Fee**  
**2010-11 School Year**



**Plan 1: Single Payment**

	<u>Total Tuition</u>	<u>Less Enrollment Deposit</u>	<u>Payment Due: 8/18</u>
Pre-Kindergarten (Half Day)	\$7,830	\$1,000	\$6,830
Pre-Kindergarten (Full Day)	\$10,255	\$1,000	\$9,255
Kindergarten - Grade 4 (Lower School)	\$13,070	\$1,000	\$12,070
Grades 5 - 8 (Middle School)	\$13,470	\$1,000	\$12,470
Grades 9 - 12 (High School)	\$14,100	\$1,000	\$13,100

**Plan 2: Two Payments**

	<u>Total Tuition with Service Charge</u>	<u>Less Enrollment Deposit</u>	<u>Payments Due: 8/18 &amp; 12/18</u>
Pre-Kindergarten (Half Day)	\$8,065	\$1,000	\$3,532
Pre-Kindergarten (Full Day)	\$10,563	\$1,000	\$4,781
Kindergarten - Grade 4 (Lower School)	\$13,462	\$1,000	\$6,231
Grades 5 - 8 (Middle School)	\$13,874	\$1,000	\$6,437
Grades 9 - 12 (High School)	\$14,523	\$1,000	\$6,762

**Plan 3: 11 Installment Payments**

	<u>Total Tuition with Service Charge</u>	<u>Less Enrollment Deposit</u>	<u>Payments Due: 18<sup>th</sup> of each Month, August - June</u>
Pre-Kindergarten (Half Day)	\$8,300	\$1,000	\$664
Pre-Kindergarten (Full Day)	\$10,870	\$1,000	\$897
Kindergarten - Grade 4 (Lower School)	\$13,854	\$1,000	\$1,169
Grades 5 - 8 (Middle School)	\$14,278	\$1,000	\$1,207
Grades 9 - 12 (High School)	\$14,946	\$1,000	\$1,268

\*The enrollment deposit of \$1,000 is due when the student's enrollment contract is signed and returned to the school.

\*\*A Building Use Fee of \$450 will be charged to each family, and can be offset through participation in the Scrip program.

This fee is separate from tuition and is used solely for routine facility expenses and upkeep.

\*\*\*We cannot accept credit card payments for tuition.

**1. What is the actual cost of educating a student at MCDS?**

For the 2010-11 school year, the actual cost of educating a student at MCDS is approximately \$2,000 greater than the tuition charged. For example, the tuition charged for educating a Lower School student (grades K-4) is \$13,070 but the actual cost is approximately \$15,070. Like many independent schools, MCDS is committed to building a culturally and economically diverse student body, and keeping tuition reasonable is critical to our success. A robust Annual Fund which raises funds to make up the \$2,000 per student gap is preferred to extreme tuition increases that would put an MCDS education out of reach for all but the most affluent families.

**2. How can I justify spending money for an independent school education that could be set aside for other educational expenses for my child?**

As a parent, you have the opportunity to choose a school with a mission – a school’s philosophy, values, and approach to teaching – that is right for your child, resulting in an education that will pay dividends for a lifetime. Throughout the Lower, Middle, and High School years, a MCDS education develops the strongest possible foundation for achieving success in college and for embracing the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century through a rigorous international curriculum, a supportive learning community, and high-quality and committed teachers who are passionate about education.

**3. How can I make an additional contribution toward the full cost of educating my child?**

As shown above, the actual cost of educating each student at MCDS is \$2,000 higher than tuition. The difference between the actual cost of educating a student and the tuition we charge creates a budget deficit each year. In order to cover this annual budget deficit, MCDS must solicit and secure gifts of financial support from current and past parents, friends, alumni/alumnae, and supporters. Our major fundraising tool is the Annual Fund. Please consider putting MCDS at the top of your charitable giving as your annual gift of any amount makes a real difference in the quality of our educational program.

**4. What payment plan options for tuition do I have?**

There are three payment plan options. You can make a single payment due August 18, make 2 payments due August 18 and December 18, or choose the 11 installment plan in which payments are due the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month from August through June. Please refer to the Tuition Payment Plan Options/BUF sheet for additional information.

**5. Is financial aid available?**

MCDS does offer financial assistance. The amount of assistance is based on the financial need and circumstances of each family on a year-by-year basis. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information.

**6. Do families need to purchase books or is there a book fee?**

Families are not required to purchase their own textbooks. The school purchases, owns, and distributes all textbooks and workbooks to students during the first week of class. The cost of the books is included in the tuition. A fee will be assessed for lost books.

**7. What is the Building Use Fee?**

Important to the future success of the school is a separation of tuition funds which serve to cover educational expenses and funds which are earmarked for the ongoing maintenance of our facilities. The Building Use Fee is a standard fee that is found in many independent and private schools. It is completely separate from tuition and is used solely for routine facility expenses and upkeep. The Building Use Fee for the 2010-11 school year is \$450 per family.