

# **Tuition Payment & Enrolment Policies**

#### **School Fees**

Each year, school fees are subject to change and will be available by February 1. They will be posted on the school's website and will also be sent home in a notification. This will provide families with 30 days notice of the new rates before the final withdrawal deadline.

When your invoice is sent out, a \$1,000 per student payment will be due by March 1. This payment will reduce your school fees for the following year. If you notify the Business Office in writing prior to March 1 that you are planning to opt out of the coming year, this invoice will be removed from your account.

### **New Families**

- New families will be invoiced \$1,000 per student upon an offer being made from Admissions, which is required within 10 days. This payment will reduce your school fees for the following year and will be reflected on your school fee invoice upon completion of the continuous enrolment agreement.
- New families who provide initial payment more than 10 days after receiving the offer from Admissions will be placed in our waitpool.

#### Preschool

Preschool Program selection for the year is based on the offer made by Admissions for new families and will remain the same for current families, unless Admissions has reached out directly. Should you wish to change your preschool program type, please email admissions@aberdeenhall.com to inquire about availability. Program changes will be accommodated if possible but cannot be guaranteed.

### **Continuous Enrolment**

Aberdeen Hall has Continuous Enrolment. This ensures guaranteed placement for qualified students until graduation.

By completing the Continuous Enrolment Agreement their seat is guaranteed unless the:

- Student does not maintain the school's behavioural and academic standards
- Family does not pay school tuition & fees due and their school account remains unpaid
- Family does not maintain the school's guidelines in the Parent Handbook

Family voluntarily chooses to leave and notifies the school in writing.

### **Opting Out by March 1**

Situations can change and we understand that. Communication is key. We simply ask that if your family chooses to leave at the end of the school year to follow a different path that you advise our Business Office in writing prior to March 1st as indicated on the agreement.

You are welcome to email <u>accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com</u>

If you notify the Business Office in writing prior to March 1st that your family will be opting out of the coming year:

- the initial installment invoice for \$1,000 per student will be removed from your account, and
- our Admissions Office will be notified

### Non-Refundable Tuition after March 1

Our tuition is nonrefundable because Aberdeen Hall incurs operating expenses on a continuous basis throughout the year. When a student is enrolled, a seat is reserved for the full school year. For this reason students enrolled are considered to be attending each year unless the school is notified by the withdrawal deadline by email.

Please note that after March 1 the school makes staffing decisions based on the enrollment for the following school year and with your family's commitment of full tuition for next year in mind. We are also budgeted to receive an additional several thousand dollars per student in provincial grant funding.

In the education sector, schools provide faculty with an annual commitment. It is for this reason that many independent schools collect the full tuition amounts for all students, with no exceptions. This policy is in place to ensure that the current year tuition will cover the costs of the current year salaries and expenses.

In situations where there are extenuating circumstances, families are welcome to provide a letter that would help the school understand the challenges being encountered and to request a review of their account from the Financial Assistance Committee.

Mid year withdrawals need to be provided in writing to the school. Please note that the students seats are no longer secured once notice is given.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES FOR CONTINUOUS ENROLMENT		
Payment of Initial Tuition Installment of \$1,000 per student	March 1	
Notification to Business Office to OPT OUT of attending	March 1	
Payment plans in place by	March 15	
*Staffing decisions for the following year are made at this juncture based on your child(ren)s attendance and fees*		
**Compliance of this deadline is required to take advantage of the installment plans**		
***Dates indicated are prior to each commencing school year***		

Families who have not provided their \$1,000 per student annual initial school fee by March 1 of each year will be deregistered, placed in a waitpool and subject to a \$200 re-registration fee.

### **BC Provincial Government Funding - Kindergarten through Grade 12**

The BC Provincial Government provides annual grant funding directly to the School for each qualifying student, to assist with the costs of their education. Qualifying students are those whose parent(s) are permanent residents of British Columbia or persons with a work or study permit of one year or longer.

Parents should be aware that if the grant should be reduced by the government for any reason, the School may adjust the yearly fees to compensate for loss of revenue retroactive to the date change.

Please also note that students who attend school for less than 105 days before May 15, other than for allowable medical reasons, are not eligible for the full Provincial School Grant. In such cases, the School may lose all or a portion of the grant for that student and parents will be responsible to compensate Aberdeen Hall for the full amount of the grant lost.

# International/Out-of-Province Fee

Aberdeen Hall School charges an additional International/Out-of-Province Fee of \$3,300. The government of British Columbia provides operating grants to the school for most students enrolled in the School. Parents of students must be British Columbia residents and have Canadian Citizenship, Landed Immigrant Status, or possess a valid work permit for employment in British Columbia for the school to be eligible for the grant. The International/ Out-of-Province Fee shall apply to parents of students who do not meet these criteria.

# Three Payment Plans are available:

Plans	DATES	FEES		
Plan 1 - One Payment	Pay in full by JUNE 1	No additional fee		
	Pay in three installments JUN 1, SEP 1, DEC 1	\$350 fee per student		
	Pay in nine monthly installments from APR 1 through DEC 1	\$350 fee per student		
All payment plans to be provided to the school by March 15				
Please note that the dates of above plans may change in subsequent years with notice provided by the school when Tuition for each year is published				

Selected payment plans on your Continuous Enrolment Agreement will remain in place for subsequent years unless the Business Office is notified otherwise via email at <a href="mailto:accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com">accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com</a> of your family's new choice.

# **Payment Methods:**

Methods	DATES	FEES
Payment by Cheques	Dated as per plan chosen & provided to school office by March 15* Only applicable for Plan 1 & 2*	No additional fee
Pre Authorized Debit	Scheduled as per plan chosen and processed without further notice on dates indicated. Banking information must be provided to the school by March 15	No additional fee
	Credit card link or card details provided to school for full payment	No additional fee

	or Jun 1 payment		
	Scheduled as per plan chosen and processed without further notice on		
	dates indicated. Credit card		
Credit Card	information provided to school by  March 15	\$300 per student	
All payment methods to be provided to the school by March 15			

Payment Methods not in place by March 15 will be contacted by the Business Office as their account will be considered in arrears and outside of the school Payment Policy.

A \$50.00 fee will be charged for any returned payment.

# Payment Method 1: By Cheque (Applicable to Plan 1 and 2 only)

To be received at the school office by March 15, post dated to payment due date(s). Please provide students full name with payment.

# Payment Method 2: By Pre-authorized Debit

Completed PAD form and void cheque to be emailed to the Business Office at <a href="mailto:accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com">accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com</a> by March 15 Please provide students full name with payment.

### Payment Method 3: By Credit Card

A \$300 Administration fee per student for Plans 2 and 3 will be applied Please provide students full name with payment.

# Payment Method 4: By Wire Transfer or Money Order/Bank Draft

This option is only available for family's choosing to pay by one payment in full by March 15.

Please email <u>accountsreceivable@aberdeenhall.com</u> requesting your current year wire information or Pre-authorized debit forms prior to sending your payment.

### **Payment Plans**

Please note that Aberdeen Hall works hard to partner with our families and in order to provide these payment plans are required to have the payment plans in place by the specified date.

We understand that each family situation is unique, however, in order to maintain low administration costs, our payment policy provides for one payment option per family. Please confirm your payment plans among all guardians prior to completing your agreement.

## **Outstanding Tuition Accounts**

If any student fees remain unpaid at the end and/or beginning of any term, as outlined in the fee schedule, the student will not be allowed to return to or begin classes until the account has been brought up to date. Monthly statements are emailed to families and are due upon receipt unless otherwise specified. In the event that an account remains unpaid at the end of the current school year, the student will not be permitted to return to Aberdeen Hall for the following school year until the account is fully paid plus interest based on 5% per annum interest rate.

### Financial Assistance (available for students enrolled in K-12)

Financial assistance is available through the school for qualifying families. Please contact the school's Controller at financialassistance@aberdeenhall.com for more information.