



St. Dominic SCHOOL

Our Foundation. Their Future.

Tuition Policy

The St. Dominic School Board has established the following Tuition Policy for all families, Preschool through 8th Grade. This policy is also found in your TADS online account and agreed upon by each family when they begin enrollment at St. Dominic School. With continuous enrollment, your agreement to this policy remains in effect for each school year in which your student is enrolled and until you notify the school of your student's removal from our program.

School Terms and Conditions:

St. Dominic School Tuition Payment Policy

The cost of tuition covers only a portion of school expenses/the cost of education. The reason we are able to offer tuition at these rates is because of fundraising, volunteering, donations and our parish investment.

- Fundraising: Each family is responsible for reaching fundraising goals set each year. It is important that all St. Dominic School families do their part.
- Volunteering: When parents are involved in their children's education, great things happen. To create community and live our mission, each family is required to volunteer 10 hours/year. Families with unfulfilled hours will be invoiced at \$20/hour.
- Donations: Donations are solicited at various times throughout the year from current and past families, alumni, parishioners and others.
- Parish Investment: This is an annual amount approved by the Parish Finance Committee. The Archdiocese recommends that parishes invest 25-33% of their annual giving income in the school. As the church looks to keep its school contribution to the recommended amount, the school must look for ways to make up any difference.

Timely payment of tuition is critical to the operation of St. Dominic School and ensures your student's place in his/her grade level for the current school year. If you are unable to make tuition payments, it is your responsibility to notify the principal or the School Board, as soon as reasonably possible, to arrange an alternate payment agreement.

The Guarantor of each student's tuition must agree to this policy and electronically sign

the agreement within their online TADS account, before the student's enrollment will be approved.

Tuition Payment Plan

St. Dominic School has partnered with TADS for the processing and collection of our families' tuition. TADS offers a 10 month, biannually, or annual plan to which our families have grown accustomed. TADS will send you an invoice monthly allowing you the option to mail in a payment, make a payment over the phone, through a mobile app, or make a payment over the web. You can edit your own profile, including your contact information and payment options. You can review and print your monthly billing details and payment history. You can make payments through TADS secure website. TADS will email you a reminder of your upcoming payment 7-10 days before your due date, if you set up to pay automatically. If you happen to miss a payment or have an outstanding balance, they will kindly remind you by e-mail and phone.

Parishioner Rate

The reduction in tuition given to registered parishioners is based on their active participation and financial support of St. Dominic Parish, which bears a significant percentage of the cost of the education expenses. If a parent or guardian cannot meet these expectations, contact the principal or School Board.

Continuous Billing

I/We understand and agree that this agreement extends until the graduation of the student(s) from St. Dominic School or the termination of this agreement as provided herein. Accordingly, I/we understand the term of this agreement shall be in effect for each academic year and shall renew automatically for each successive academic year until graduation from St. Dominic School or written notice of termination from me/us is received in the St. Dominic School office.

Simply stated, if my/our student(s) will not be returning the following school year, I/we assume all responsibility for notifying St. Dominic School in writing. If no notification is received by the school office, the agreement and terms thereof stand. This includes, but is not limited to, the registration fee.

Past Due Tuition

All past due tuition from the current and previous school years must be paid in full or arrangement for payment accepted by the principal and School Board before

registration for the upcoming school year will be accepted. This arrangement for payment, a “payment plan,” must include a valid credit card number or cash deposit to be accepted.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of St. Dominic School to comply with the state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination, to the end that no person(s) shall be denied or excluded from enrollment or participation in any educational program or activity operated by the school on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, or disability.

Early Withdrawal

St. Dominic School carefully budgets for how many students will be in attendance during each school year.

- Withdrawal during the month of August and up to the first day of school, may be subject to an administrative fee up to \$250.
- Withdrawal during the first semester - 50% of the total annual tuition per child is payable to school.
- Withdrawal during the second semester –100% of the total annual tuition per child is payable to school.

Any deviation from this policy would be considered on a case-by-case basis with the final decision made by the principal in consultation with the School Board.

TADS Terms and Conditions:

Please note, there are fees assessed by TADS that may be applied to your tuition account. St. Dominic School is not responsible for assessing, removing, or payment of these fees. The following fees will be applied to your account in the event of a late or returned payment:

- Payment received by TADS after the due date: **\$35.00** per payment
- Payment returned from the bank: **\$35.00** per return

Agreement with TADS: The Responsible Party (You) agrees to be bound by the terms of the TADS agreement until the amount owed St. Dominic Elementary School (School) and TADS is paid in full. Funds collected by TADS as an agent for the School are remitted to the School. Any refunds will be handled by the School. All transactions involving funds must comply with provisions of U.S. and Minnesota law.