

# Tuition & Financial Accessibility Policy

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure equitable access to education at Coast Karma Academy. The school is committed to a transparent, dignified, and mission-aligned tuition model. Tuition only applies to grades 1-9.

## 2. Tuition Structure

The school operates on a sliding-scale, means-tested tuition model with a maximum annual tuition of \$8,500 per student. Sibling discounts apply per Appendix A

## 3. Income Assessment and Tuition Assistance

In the event a family feels they cannot afford the full tuition, a mechanism exists to derive an equitable amount. Appendix A and the guardians' total net income (Line 23600 from their current Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment. Assets, savings, and property values are not considered. Line 23600 is commonly used for income means testing for programs such as GST/HST eligibility, Canada Child Benefit and OAS.) are used to determine the tuition payable. The tuition calculation will be third party administered through accounting firm MNP. Coast Karma will not be privy to any family financial details. Contact Turner Popkoff, [turner.popkoff@mnp.ca](mailto:turner.popkoff@mnp.ca) 250 753-8251 ext 4466

## 4. Tuition Bands

Tuition is calculated according to Board-approved income bands, outlined in Appendix A. Income bands are reviewed annually.

## 5. Exceptional Circumstances

Families experiencing extraordinary financial hardship may request a discretionary tuition adjustment. Requests are reviewed confidentially by the board's Director of Business, Glenn Sollitt.

## 6. Confidentiality

All financial information is treated as strictly confidential. Regular staff do not have access to income information.

## 8. Non-Exclusion

No student will be denied admission solely due to a family's inability to pay the maximum tuition.

## 9. Review

This policy is reviewed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.