

Tuition Information 2022-2023



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A Letter From Our Head of School

Red Bridge seeks to develop a sense of agency in every child as the foundation for academic and life success. Our definition of agency is that students are able to set meaningful goals and have the will and skill to achieve them.

To set a meaningful goal, students must have an accurate understanding of the world around them. For example, if you had never met anyone who could run a 5-minute mile, you might not know your 12-minute goal was not much of a stretch. An accurate understanding of the world starts with exposure and, as Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative advocates, proximity to people unlike you. Our goal at Red Bridge is to have a student body that reflects the economic and ethnic diversity of the city of San Francisco, not only to provide more students with the opportunity to learn in the Red Bridge way, but also because we believe it supports our underlying mission of building agency in our students.



The context in which students learn is often as important as the content being taught. What we observe around us and how we interact with our setting teaches its own lessons. Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio Emilia approach, described the environment as the “third teacher.” Similarly, Maria Montessori was intentional in describing the “prepared environment,” designed to facilitate student exploration and independent learning. While both of these education reformers were focused on the built environment, we at Red Bridge take that one step further and consider the occupants of the space as a force affecting students’ learning.

Just as essential to the success of students’ learning as the built environment is from whom and with whom students are learning.[1] Students look to their peers to find meaning in their schoolwork, motivation to achieve at higher levels, and confidence in their potential to achieve. From a diverse student body, our students learn how to listen and respond to new perspectives, how to show respect for diverse opinions, and how to cooperate with people unlike themselves.

We’ve chosen to pursue an individualized approach to tuition to promote our goal of student diversity. By asking all families to pay according to their resources, we hope to instill a sense that all Red Bridge families are in this work of educating our community of children together.

[1] <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/10/upshot/teacher-diversity-effect-students-learning.html>

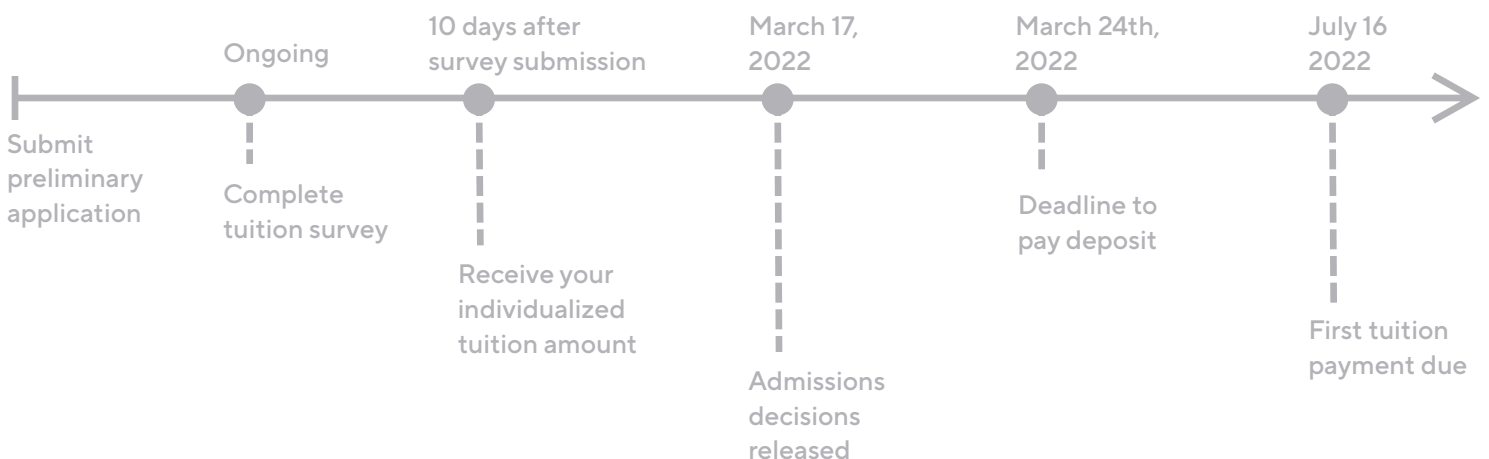
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Determining Your Red Bridge Tuition

Our tuition model is based on the premise that a family's financial contribution to the school is proportional to the family's financial resources. After completing the preliminary application to Red Bridge through Ravenna, families will be invited to complete a **tuition survey**. We encourage all families to complete the survey, but it is not required. Families who choose not to submit a tuition survey may sign a waiver that they agree to pay the maximum annual tuition, which for 2022-2023 is set at \$37,500.

The tuition survey has been developed internally, and there is **no cost to families** to complete it. It involves a set of basic questions about each family's current and future financial situation, and requires submission of **a tax return and IRS transcript**. The data is then reviewed by an outside firm. **Within 10 days of submission**, families will receive an email confirming their individual tuition rate for the upcoming school year. We hope that in the future we will be able to provide a tuition rate for up to three years at a time, but at the moment families will need to **complete this survey each year**.



Evaluation Criteria

Tuition is determined primarily based on Adjusted Gross Income. We also take into account additional assets, debts and family responsibilities.

Materials Needed

- 2020 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) and all schedules
- IRS Tax Return Transcript (may be obtained from [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov))

Red Bridge Tuition Sample Situations

Case Study #1

Lin and Paul have a 5-year-old applying to Red Bridge and a 3-year old at home.

- Lin's Adjusted Gross Income is \$120,000
- Paul owns a business, which provided him an income of \$90,000 last year
- Lin and Paul have \$45,000 in savings
- Paul does not expect business revenue to change dramatically next year

The tuition for Lin and Paul's 5-year-old will be: **\$15,920**

Case Study #2

Erika has a 6-year-old son applying to Red Bridge. She works multiple jobs.

- Erika earns \$35,000
- Erika also earns \$5,000 in tips
- Erika has \$500 in savings

The tuition for Erika's 6-year-old will be: **\$2,400**

He may also be eligible for **further assistance** from programs such as the Basic Fund.

Case Study #3

Ted and Mary Anne have three children. Their eldest is in 9th grade. They have twins applying to Red Bridge for next school year.

- Ted's Adjusted Gross Income is \$420,000
- Mary Anne is not currently employed
- Mary Anne and Ted are budding art collectors and have a collection valued at \$1.2 million

The tuition for each of Ted and Mary Anne's twins will be the maximum: **\$37,500**

Case Study #4

Louis and Nadia have a 5-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son applying to Red Bridge.

- Louis is not currently employed and has student loan debt of \$40,000
- Nadia's Adjusted Gross Income is \$230,000
- Nadia's parents would like to contribute \$5,000 for each child's education
- Louis and Nadia have \$80,000 in savings

The tuition for Louis and Nadia's first child attending Red Bridge is: **\$25,520**

For their second child it is: **\$18,680**

Paying Your Red Bridge Tuition

Deposit & Payments

All families are required to pay a **non-refundable enrollment deposit of 25% of tuition** to reserve their space. This is due with the enrollment contract (**March 24, 2022**). The remaining 75% of tuition can be paid in **one, three or eight installments**. The first installment for all plans will be due **July 16, 2022**. For families wishing to pay full tuition in one installment, full payment minus the deposit is due on **July 16, 2022**.

3-Installment Plan

The payment dates of the 3 installment plan are as follows:

Deposit: (on enrollment deadline)
1st: July 16, 2022
2nd: Sept 16, 2022
3rd: Dec 16, 2022

For example, a family with a tuition of \$34,000 would pay:

Deposit: \$8,500
July 16: \$8,500
September 16: \$8,500
December 16: \$8,500

8-Installment Plan

For the 8 installment plan, payments will be **due on the 16th of the month** beginning July 16, 2022 and ending February 16, 2023. Monthly payments will be split evenly and equal to ~9.4% of the total tuition. If your tuition is above \$12,000, there is a 1% service charge per month for the 8 installment plan.

The payment dates of the 8 installment plan are as follows:

Deposit: (on enrollment deadline)
1st: July 16, 2022
2nd: August 16, 2022
And so on until...
8th: Feb 16, 2023

For example, a family with a tuition of \$19,500 would pay:

Deposit: \$4,875
July 16: \$1,828
August 16: \$1,828
And so on until...
February 16: \$1,828

The family in the example above would pay an additional **\$18.28 per month** for this plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does tuition cover?

A: Tuition includes supervision from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm, most school field trips, a Chromebook assigned to each student, and workbooks and basic school materials. It does not include some extended day courses, lunch, or snack.

Q: Is it possible to receive additional financial assistance?

A: Red Bridge does not provide financial aid, but there are organizations in the Bay Area that do, including the Basic Fund. We encourage families to see if they qualify for additional assistance.

Q: How is tuition likely to change in the future?

A: Our maximum tuition will increase by ~5% per year in the near future. If we revise our schedule to be year-round, we would also consider a commensurate increase in the tuition range.

Q: Do you expect families to make donations to the school as well?

A: As a brand new school, we have many first time costs, and tuition will not cover the cost of launching. We are supported by generous grants from foundations and donations from corporations and individuals. We hope that families that are able to do so will also be part of contributing to the growth and launch of the school.

Q: What if our family's financial situation changes significantly from what we shared in the survey?

A: Families will submit a tuition survey to have their tuition rate re-evaluated each year. We hope that families will indicate to the school if they foresee a possible change in income. We know this is not always possible, and are happy to meet with enrolled families to figure out a solution.

Q: What if my family has more than one child at Red Bridge?

A: We do take into account families who have multiple children enrolled at Red Bridge when determining tuition rates. Many families will qualify for a discount of 20 - 35% on the second or third child attending Red Bridge.

Q: How is tuition determined for families in which custodians are separated or divorced?

A: We expect that in the case of divorce or separation, both parents will contribute to the child's tuition. Therefore, both parents will be required to complete the tuition survey. If there are legal reasons that this is impossible, we will review the legal documentation explaining the situation.