

# Beach Day School Tuition & Payment FAQs

## Is tuition charged monthly or annually?

Tuition at Beach Day School is an annual fee that reflects a commitment for the full school year. For convenience, families may choose to pay tuition in monthly installments or pay in full prior to the start of the school year.

## Why is tuition considered an annual commitment?

Enrollment reserves a student's space for the entire school year. Tuition supports ongoing operational costs such as staffing, classroom preparation, materials, and program planning, and is not based on daily attendance.

## When is tuition billed and due?

Monthly tuition installments are invoiced on the 1st of each month, and payment is requested by the 20th. Tuition is billed for nine months, from September through May.

## What payment methods are accepted?

Beach Day School accepts payment via cash, check, credit card, and ACH (bank draft).

## Why is there a credit/debit card processing fee?

Credit and debit card payments incur transaction fees charged by the card issuer and our payment processor (Tuition Express). These fees are paid by Beach Day School at the time of the transaction. Families who use credit or debit cards are invoiced twice per year (January and June) for a fee equal to 3% of total credit and debit card payments made during the preceding six-month period.

## How can I avoid credit card processing fees?

Families may avoid these fees by enrolling in ACH payments, which are automatically processed on the 5th of each month, prior to the tuition due date. To enroll, please notify the Director to receive an online invitation.

## Is there a discount for paying tuition in full?

Yes. Families who prepay tuition for the full year receive a 5% discount, provided payment is received by June 1.

## What is the tuition deposit?

A one-month tuition deposit is invoiced on May 1 (payment due by May 20) to secure enrollment for the upcoming school year. The deposit is applied toward annual tuition.

## Is the tuition deposit refundable?

The tuition deposit is fully refundable through June 30, 50% refundable beginning July 1, and non-refundable after the first day of school.

## Are refunds given for illness, vacation, or school closings?

No. Tuition is an annual fee and is not refundable for illness, vacation, holidays, emergency closings, or changes in attendance.

## What happens if a family withdraws during the school year?

Tuition refunds are issued based on the date written notice of withdrawal is received, as outlined in the school handbook. Families paying tuition monthly remain responsible for tuition obligations incurred prior to withdrawal.

## Are there exceptions to the refund policy?

In the case of mandatory military relocation under official orders, unearned tuition will be refunded upon receipt of documentation. In rare and extraordinary circumstances, partial tuition adjustments may be considered at the school's discretion.

## What happens if tuition becomes past due?

Tuition more than 60 days past due may result in dismissal from the program.