



Diocese of Salt Lake City
Catholic Schools Office

2020-2021

Tuition Guidance

Catholic Elementary Schools – Catholic Middle Schools

2020 - 2021 Tuition Rates

Elementary – Middle School Tuition Rates

Average Cost Tuition Rate	\$7,996	3.0% increase over 2019-20 = additional \$19.42/month
Qualified Catholic Rate	\$7,880	1.5% increase over 2019-20 = additional \$9.75 per month
International Student Rate	\$12,875	3.0% increase over 2019-20 = additional \$31.25 per month
Needs Based Rate		To be determined through the use of a FACTS application

Tuition is set on a sliding scale and is determined based on family size, income and core expenses. Families are asked to pay the average cost of tuition. However, if this is not possible, parents may submit their financial information through FACTS Tuition Management. FACTS, an outside provider, then recommends a tuition amount to the school administration.

Bishop Solis has decided after reviewing the recent recommendations of the Catholic Schools Management study retained by the Catholic Schools Office, that Catholic families in elementary schools, *who have baptized their children and are registered in a Catholic parish are qualified to pay the above Catholic rate.* Although the reduction at the elementary is not large, Bishop Solis would like to acknowledge the contributions that our Catholic families make to their parish and school. Catholic elementary schools should be able to absorb this adjustment. It should also be noted that the High Schools have been allowed to retain a Catholic rate that is substantially discounted from their actual student cost.

Annual recommended tuition increases are set by determining the increase in teachers' salaries and benefit costs. This year teachers are slated to receive a 2% increase in salary, and benefit costs have risen by 7%.

Teacher salaries in our diocese are between approximately 70% -80% of public-school teacher salaries. For example, a starting teacher in our diocese is slated to earn \$34,786, while their public school counterparts are starting at between \$50,000-52,000 for the 2020-2021 school year.

As always, if a family feels that they cannot afford the assigned tuition rate, they may request a review and appeal to the Principal and/or Pastor after they have completed the online FACTS application..