



## Tuition Kindergarten Fact Sheet

### **What is a Tuition Kindergarten?**

Tuition Kindergarten is an extra session of kindergarten for which parents pay tuition for their child to attend. Eligible students must meet the age requirement of 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the current year. The session will have an enriched and extended kindergarten curriculum, focused on providing students with expanded language arts experiences through drama, speaking, writing and reading. It will provide enrichment in math, social studies, science and general knowledge. Just as in the traditional half-day kindergarten sessions, your child will participate in music, P.E., computer and library classes each week.

### **What is the cost of the Tuition Kindergarten program?**

The cost of the program is \$270.00 a month for nine months. Parents must pay a \$100.00 deposit in advance of the start of the program. The deposit is applied to the last month's tuition and is non-refundable. For traditional calendar schools the first payment is due September 1 and will be due the first of every month through May. May's tuition will be \$170.00 (plus the previously paid deposit of \$100.00). Year-round calendar schools will follow a similar payment schedule capturing the starting and ending dates of Tuition Kindergarten track schedule.

### **What schools offer a Tuition Kindergarten?**

Not every school offers the program. Tuition Kindergarten may be offered at a school if classroom space is available and there is sufficient enrollment of 20-25, which is maximum capacity based upon Policy 601.3. If more than the maximum of students signs up a lottery draw will be used to determine class enrollment. A current list of schools offering the program is posted on the district web site: [www.westada.org](http://www.westada.org)

### **What if my school doesn't offer the Tuition Kindergarten program?**

If your school doesn't offer the program, or if the program is full, you may submit an application for attendance at another school that does offer the program. Applications would be accepted on a space available basis and parents are responsible for transportation.

### **What are the hours of a Tuition Kindergarten program?**

The program operates within the starting and ending hours of the school day for first through fifth grades.

### **Is busing available?**

If your child qualifies for bus services, he/she may ride on an existing route to and from school.

### **Who teaches Tuition Kindergarten?**

A certified teacher will teach the class. The same teacher may or may not teach the full day, i.e. your child may have two 1/2-day teachers: an A.M. and P.M. teacher.

### **How do I sign my child up for the Tuition Kindergarten program?**

The school offering Tuition Kindergarten will provide parents with information specific to that school site. The school will survey parents who are interested during Kindergarten Registration, host a general information meeting and secure enrollment by requiring parents to sign a contract and pay a \$100.00 deposit to hold their child's spot in the program.

**Is tuition kindergarten tax deductible?**

As a district we do not give out our Tax ID for Tuition Kindergarten expense, because it is not tax deductible as Child Care Credit.

- Please refer to IRS Publication 503:  
Expenses for a child in nursery school, preschool or similar programs for children below the level of kindergarten are expenses for care. Expenses to attend kindergarten or a higher grade are not expenses for care. Do not use these expenses to figure your credit. However, expenses for before or after-school care of a child kindergarten or a higher-level grade may be expenses for care. Summer school and tutoring programs are not for care.  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p503.pdf>