

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S):

SCHOOL FEES & OTHER COSTS

Q1: Does it cost anything to put my child's name in the lottery?

A: No, however, once your registration application has been accepted, a \$75.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot. This amount is then credited to your school fees which are due August 1st.

Q2: How much are the annual school fees and what do they cover?

A. Our annual school fee is \$175 and covers consumable materials for option classes. Waivers are available for families facing financial hardship. Student supplies (notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, etc.,) are not provided. Families buy these items.

Q3: Are student field trips and off-site activities covered by the \$175 school fee?

A. No, each field trip cost is different. Families pay individual trip fees throughout the year. Teachers determine which off-site experiences will enhance in-class instruction.

Q4: How much does yellow bus service cost for each rider per school year?

A: The yellow bus service cost for the school year will be between \$900 - \$1,300. This aligns with the bus fees at other Charter Schools in Edmonton. There are no waivers for yellow bus fees.

Q5. Do the STEM Collegiate students wear uniforms and, if yes, what do they cost?

A. Yes, although we don't refer to it as a 'uniform'. Students must wear a shirt that is 'STEM Collegiate Gear'. Logoed sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and long-sleeved tops are available to purchase for approx. \$25-\$40 each. The type of pants or skirt is their choice.

Q6: What type of technology do I need to buy for my child to use at school?

A. Students at STEM Collegiate must always have their own personal laptop with them. Families must purchase a laptop for their child that adheres to specific criteria as different courses require various levels of technical specifications for student laptops.

Q7: How do I know what kind of laptop to buy or if one we already have will work?

A. Specifications for Windows and MacOS are on our website. Chromebooks are not permitted. [Adobe Creative Cloud](#) is available to students to install on their laptops.