

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 a spot is offered parents/guardians must confirm acceptance through an on-line payment of a non-refundable registration processing fee of \$75.00

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

A. Our school fee for the 2023/2024 school year was \$175. Fees for the 2024/2025 school year will be set by the Board in January. This annual fee covers consumable materials for option classes. Waivers are available for those facing financial hardship. Student supplies (notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, etc.,) are not provided.

Q3: Are student field trips and off-site activities covered by the 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: Bus fees are separate from school fees. The yellow bus fee for 23/24 was \$1,500 per rider. Bus fees may go down in the future as our school grows and ridership increases.

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'. Student's shirts-tops must be 'STEM Collegiate Gear'. Logoed sweatshirts, t-shirts, and long-sleeved tops are available to purchase for approx. \$18-\$40 each. The type of pants, skirt or shorts students wear 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.