

WELLSPRING SCHOOL PLEDGE SYSTEM

TUITION & FEES: 2010-2011

2009-2010 is the 13th year of the pledge system. The pledge system asks that each family evaluate their resources and make a commitment of money and work for the School. Wellspring remains committed to try to serve all families who seek a Waldorf education for their children, regardless of income. Families privately submit commitments for tuition payment and pledge work. A signed contract and deposit of ten percent of total tuition pledge and fees are required prior to enrollment.

TUITION CHARGES – fees includes materials.

Early Childhood	4 days	(8:30 - 2:45)	\$ 8,345
Ages 3-6	4 days	(8:30 –12:45)	\$ 5,845
	3 days	(8:30 - 2:45)	\$ 6,260
	3 days	(8:30 –12:45)	\$ 4,485
Grades 1-2	4 days	(8:30 - 2:50)	\$ 9,250
Grades 3-8	5 Days	“ ”	\$10,350

Child Care Subsidies: Vermont state childcare subsidy is available to some families with low incomes. Contact the administrator for information. Childcare tax credit can be taken on your annual tax return for tuition of preschool aged children so that a parent may work.

PLEDGE MEETINGS: Families attend a confidential pledge meeting. Prior to the Pledge meeting families should investigate all possible tuition sources: extended family, available scholarships, childcare subsidies. All families are asked for volunteer “pledge work” commitments. Pledge information is sent to families after they submit an application.

FEES NOT INCLUDED IN THE PLEDGE: Flutes, recorders, string instrument rentals, ski programs, and some class trips will be extra. Remedial tutoring costs not met through Title I funds are also charged to parents.

PLEDGING BEYOND TUITION: All families are asked to participate in several ways: standing committees, fund-raising events, festivals and classroom activities. Families pledging below full tuition are asked to supplement their contribution with pledge work. The amount of work taken up is dependent on the agreements made during the pledge process. Failure to meet commitments may result in the family being billed for a balance, should the school incur expenses meeting unfulfilled commitments. The faculty and administration review and approve all jobs.

CONTRACTS: Contracts are issued to parents following the Board of Trustee's approval of total pledged tuition. Contracts must be signed by parents and returned to the office before a student will be admitted to School. Contracts include:

- Tuition pledge and payment schedule
- Pledge Jobs
- Committee work & other commitments

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Parents make their first payment by July 15, of 10% of their tuition pledge. Tuition must be paid by the 15th of each month. The remaining tuition balance can be paid:

- In 10 or 12 monthly installments - July to June.
- Payments by term: September and January
- Late payments (15 days overdue) are charged a 1.5% late fee monthly.

REFUNDS: Refunds are made under the following conditions and pertain to students in Kindergarten (age 5) through grade eight:

- Withdrawal prior to 9/30 - 20% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal prior to 12/30 - 50% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal prior to 2/15 - 75% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal after 2/15 - 100% total tuition pledge due

Children ages three and four are charged by the quarter year should they withdraw during the school year. Quarters end October 30, Jan 15, March 15 and May 31. Refunds are not made for application or materials fees.

RE-PLEDGING: Under unusual hardship circumstances the Board considers pledge reduction requests after a review by the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. Requests must be in writing to the Finance Committee via the administrator by February 15th. Requests must state the pledge reduction amount and reasons for reducing tuition or pledge work. After the Finance Committee approves the request it is presented to the Board for final approval in an anonymous proposal. Final re-pledge decisions are made by the Board.

TUITION BALANCES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO RE-ENROLLMENT.