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## Educational Cost at The Academy at Charlemont <u>2017-2018</u>

**Tuition and Fees:** 

 Tuition
 \$23,500.00

 Activity Fee
 \$700.00

**Enrollment Contract:** All parents are required to sign an enrollment contract specifying the net amount of tuition and fees due The Academy, and terms of enrollment.

## **Payment Terms:**

**Standard Terms:** normal payment terms are 50% due June 1, 2017, 50% due November 1, 2017.

**Monthly Payments:** The Academy offers a 10-month payment plan by direct debit to assist parents with budgeting for their tuition obligation, starting June 15, 2017. Please contact the business office for additional information.

A non-refundable enrollment deposit of 10% of net tuition (not less than \$1,000.00) paid in the spring is applied to the net tuition obligation prior to calculating the amounts due for either plan.

**Other Expenses:** The Activity Fee covers all mandatory school activities. Other expenses such as textbooks, extra-curricular trips, lunches, and transportation are billed monthly as they occur. Consult the school's website for details.

**Financial Aid:** Each year the Trustees of The Academy restate their commitment to making a quality education accessible to an economically diverse population. Parents wishing tuition assistance need to apply for financial aid. Please contact the business office for additional information.

To allow the financial aid committee an impartial basis for evaluating parents' financial need, The Academy uses the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools, and requires parents to complete the SSS Parents' Financial Statement. (Visit <u>http://sssbynais.org/parents</u> for more details.) In order to estimate a family's contribution to tuition at The Academy, the SSS uses many factors such as income, net worth, family size, and the number of children for whom the family is paying tuition. Upon careful review of this information and federal tax return(s), the financial aid committee evaluates the parental contribution and estimates the need for financial aid. A financial aid award is offered to the parent for a portion of that need. Several banks and financial institutions offer parent loans for education at varying rates and terms. If you have specific questions about this type of loan, please contact the business office.

**Transportation Expense:** The Academy has many options available for transportation to and from school at varying cost depending on the route. We also assist parents with information about car pools. Please call the business office for additional information.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about tuition, fees or financial aid please contact our Business Office by email: businessoffice@charlemont.org or by phone: 413-339-4912, ext. 110.