



# Élan Academy Charter School

## Fee Policy

Élan Academy believes all children deserve the same educational opportunities and expectations. We also believe that the inability to pay student fees should not prevent students from having access to a quality education, and that economically disadvantage students and students whose families are experiencing economic hardships should have the same opportunities afforded to them as other students.

All fees are collected in the school's main office. Fees can be paid by check, cash, debit/credit card, or money order. The Director of Operations will be responsible for ensuring proper accounting and oversight of the funds collected and will also ensure that the fees collected are used for the intended purpose.

**School Fee Definition:** Any monetary payment or supplies required as a condition of a student being enrolled in school or participating in any curricular or co-curricular activity.

Élan Academy does not deny any scholar participation because of the lack of ability to pay a fee, nor will students be denied any other academic opportunity due to their inability to pay a fee.

Élan Academy currently has the following fees:

Fee Schedule			
Fee	Amount	Use	Purpose
Field Trip Fee In-State	Varies based on trip up to \$50.00. Specific information will be distributed in advance of each trip.	Cover admission price and transportation cost of each trip	Offset the cost of each fieldtrip
Field Trip Fee Out-of-State	Varies based on trip up to \$350.00. Specific information will be distributed in advance of each trip.	Cover admission price, transportation, and lodging costs for each trip	Offset the cost of each fieldtrip
Kindergarten Graduation Fee	Graduation package cost \$50.00	Offset the cost of venue, transportation, photo package, cap & gown, and student gift	Offset the cost of the kindergarten graduation celebration
Pre-Kindergarten Fee	\$100 for the entire year.	Cover admission price for field-trips and transportation cost of each trip, and graduation	Offset the cost of each fieldtrip and graduation
After-Care	\$250 for the entire year.	Cover the wages of after-care staff	Offset the cost of each instructor

**Fee Waivers:** Families may request an economic hardship waiver by contacting the main office. In order to qualify for a waiver, the parent must express an economic hardship. The main office will provide the family with a form to complete. The form is provided in multiple languages for access. Waiver requests will be approved or denied based on a family's demonstrated financial need. Waiver requests that are denied may be appealed by contacting the Head of School by email at [maskew@elanacademy.org](mailto:maskew@elanacademy.org) or at 504.619.9720. Students for whom fees are waived due to an economic hardship will never be discriminated against, nor be overly identified by the use of special tokens or tickets, announcements, posting or publication of names, physical separation, choice of materials, or by any other means.