



YOUR EPS INVESTMENT: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We understand that investing in your child's education can involve significant decisions. If there is anything we can do to help answer questions generated in your family's decision-making process, please don't hesitate to contact us. Families often have questions regarding how an independent school is funded, or about what expenses beyond tuition are involved, so please read on for those details.

WHAT COSTS I CAN EXPECT?

Required:

- 2021-2022 Tuition | \$39,000 (includes \$3,900 deposit)
- Laptop* | \$2,000 (cost per machine warranted for four years, not an annual cost)
- EBC Week Trips* | Grade 5: \$350, Grade 6: \$450, Grade 7: \$750, Grade 8: \$500-\$2,000, Grades 9-12: \$500-\$5400, based on experience chosen
- Books and Supplies* | \$200 - \$750, depending on grade level and course selection
- PE (gym class) Clothes* | \$35

Optional:

- EPS Food Service* | Students purchase a la carte; daily hot lunch entree cost is \$8.50; hot breakfast, snacks, and other items are also available
- Athletics | No participation fee for most; Crew is the exception at \$400 in fall, \$500 in spring
- Clubs | No participation fee for most, however a few clubs have additional costs (e.g. Rock Climbing club gym fee is \$20 per trip)
- EPS Bus Transportation* | \$575 per trimester, round trip; \$325 per trimester, one-way; \$1500 annual pass (subject to availability based on remote school plans)
- Ski Bus | \$50-55 per trip (dependent on age, location, rentals)
- Guided Study Hall* | \$4,500 for the year

**Please note that for families receiving need-based financial aid, the starred costs outlined below will be adjusted based on the percent of tuition for which you receive a financial aid grant. For example, if your grant amount covers fifty percent of the tuition costs, then you will also receive fifty percent coverage for the cost of the student laptop (purchased only once every four years of attendance at EPS). Support for EBC trips covers the costs for grade level experiences and local experiences in Upper School, plus the cost of some trips beyond the Pacific Northwest (when available). Full aid package details are outlined in the Financial Aid Award Letter available to you on School Forms Online.*

DO TUITION PAYMENTS COVER ALL EPS EDUCATIONAL COSTS?

Tuition covers 94% of the costs associated with a student's EPS experience. The remaining 8% of educational costs are funded by contributions to the EPS Annual fund. These contributions are voluntary and everyone is asked to participate in the Annual Fund by making a gift that is meaningful to their family. In 2021-2022, the Annual Fund will provide approximately \$2,700 per student to cover the total cost of their education. Families unable to donate that amount are asked to donate what is possible, while other families are able to contribute beyond the \$2,700. As of February, 96% of parents have contributed to the 2020-2021 Annual Fund.

DOES EPS HOST FUNDRAISING EVENTS?

Eastside Prep does not host fundraising events—no auctions or fundraising dinners. Our EPS parent community events are designed for us to enjoy each other's company, free of any motives other than to have fun and get to know each other.