# Evangelical Christian School Financial Information for 2024-2025

# 1) Re-enrollment / Application (Registration)

This *non-refundable and non-transferable* annual fee is due at the time of re-enrollment for present students and at the time of application for all new students. If a new student is denied admittance by the school, \$300.00 of the fee will be refunded.

| Action               | Through February 16, 2024 | After February 16, 2024 |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Re-enrolling Student | \$200.00                  | \$400.00                |
| New Student          | \$410.00                  | \$410.00                |

Beginning with this enrollment, Parent understands he or she is entering into a legally binding agreement with ECS; that the terms and conditions of this agreement are set forth below; and that this agreement extends until the high school graduation of the Student from ECS or the termination of this agreement as provided herein.

Accordingly, the term of this agreement shall be in effect for the 2024-2025 academic year and shall renew automatically for each successive academic year until high school graduation from ECS, unless and until this agreement is terminated by ECS or the agreement is terminated by the Parent by submitting a withdrawal notice on or before February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, via the online Withdrawal Form found on the ECS website at <u>www.goecs.org</u> under the Admissions tab. The student's account will be charged the re-enrollment fee of \$200.00 on February 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be due by February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If your incidentals account is set up for autopay, the payment will process on February 16<sup>th</sup>. If the payment is not paid by February 16<sup>th</sup> or does not process and/or is returned, the student will be marked as not re-enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. If the Parent wishes to re-enroll the student after this date, the fee will increase to \$400.00. This re-enrollment fee is nonrefundable.

# 2) Tuition

All payment plans will be handled by FACTS tuition management. Payments will be debited automatically from your checking/savings account or charged to your credit card. If you choose to pay annually, the fee is \$25 per family per year to FACTS. If you choose to pay tuition monthly the fee will be \$55 per family per year to FACTS. All monthly payments will be withdrawn/charged on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If paying monthly, you will make 11 payments, beginning in July. Once you have set up a payment plan, your subsequent year's tuition account will automatically be set for the same plan. If you wish to change, the Business Office must be notified on or before May 11<sup>th</sup>.

# NOTE: <u>Tuition rates include Security Fee, Activity fee, and Technology fee</u> and are as follows:

| Grade                              | Annual Tuition: | Th |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----|
| K4 & K5                            | \$13,040        | of |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>  | \$13,685        | 0  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>  | \$14,855        |    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | \$15,975        |    |

The Annual Tuition may be paid in full by the close of business on May 31, 2024, to receive a discount of \$400 per child.

# 3) Multiple Child Tuition Discounts

Full tuition is paid on the child in the highest grade. An 8% discount is given on tuition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> child of the same household. Any additional children of the same household receive a 45% discount on tuition.

# 4) Financial Aid

ECS accepts the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship and Family Empowerment Scholarship. Log on to <u>www.stepupforstudents.org</u> to find out more information. Financial Aid is available for those families who apply and qualify according to the financial aid guidelines. ECS uses an independent service known as F.A.S.T. to determine financial aid awards. You may apply online through the School's website at <u>www.goecs.org</u>. Go to the Admissions tab and then to Tuition Assistance and click on the FAST Financial Aid tab to apply.

#### 5) Financial Obligations

Accounts must be current for a student to attend classes, take exams (including finals), maintain lunch charge privileges, maintain access to Family Portal, receive a report card, participate in their graduation ceremony, have records released and transcripts sent. Once an account becomes 30 days delinquent, the student is subject to dismissal from enrollment at ECS. Upon withdrawal or dismissal, the student's records (except medical) will be held until all financial obligations are paid. No deductions or refunds of tuition payable or paid as required in this AGREEMENT will be made for withdrawal, absence, or dismissal after July 20, 2024. Prior to July 20, 2024, withdrawal is permitted without tuition penalty, otherwise a penalty will apply.

Students will not be allowed to attend class at the start of the school year unless their account has been paid up to date through July 31, 2024. New students must have the first month of tuition along with any subsequent fees paid before they may start. If a student withdraws during the school year, tuition is due through the month of the last day of attendance. Months will not be prorated. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.

#### 6) Book and e-book Fees

Each student must have their books in time for the start of school. The cost of books and e-books varies by grade level and electives chosen. Grades K4 and K5 will be billed on July 1, 2024, or for new students, at the time of enrollment. Grades  $1^{st} - 12^{th}$  must purchase their books after receiving their book list and/or schedule in June.

Course fees and elective fees will be billed on July 1, 2024, or at the time of enrollment for new students. These fees are listed on the course selection sheet for grades  $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ .

#### 7) Late/Returned Check Fees

A late fee of \$30.00 will be applied to any account past the due date. Accounts with payments (checks, ETFs, etc.) returned by a financial institution for any reason will incur a charge of \$30.00 per returned transaction.

#### 8) Parent Service Hours

Parents are required to assist the school for 10 hours *per student* during the school year, up to 20 hours maximum. If a student's parents do not serve by April 29, 2025, the student's account will be billed \$200.00 *per student* on the May billing. We encourage all parents to seek approved service opportunities sooner rather than later so you are not short at the end of the school year. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.

# 9) Additional Fees

The following are fees students may incur, but are not limited to:

**Graduation Fees:** These fees are billed on the August 1, 2024, statement: K5 - \$40.00 and 12<sup>th</sup> grade - \$200.00 (does not include announcements).

Academic Support Services: (Optional) These fees are in addition to the above tuition rates.

Senior Trip/7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip: The prices of these trips will be determined, and information will be sent home when available.

**Before and Aftercare:** This service is for K4 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students of working parents only and is offered most days that school is in session. There is limited space availability so we encourage parents to use this service only when necessary. **ALL** students still on campus are required to be in aftercare at 3:45pm (or 12:00pm on ½ days). Hours of operation are 7:00am to 7:45am and Dismissal to 5:30pm. On Wednesday mornings, there is no fee for those arriving **after** 7:45am. On early dismissal days, a ½ day program is available for students K4 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This program is open only to students who are enrolled full-time at ECS. Closing time is 5:30pm sharp. A \$15.00 fee is charged per student for each fifteen minutes or fractional part thereof after 5:30pm. Please see the Extended Care Form for more information.

ECS offers a daily rate for those who wish to pay per use or an annual discounted fee for those who use it regularly. To receive the Annual Rate, families must sign up prior to August 7, 2024. Families who sign up for the annual rate will receive a 15% discount. The monthly fee will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, August through April, and will be handled through FACTS. You must be enrolled in auto-pay with FACTS to qualify for the annual payment. Once you commit to a payment plan, you may not change your plan within the school year.

| Daily Rates                              | Before and after School | 1⁄2 Day - daily |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| K4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> grades              | \$13.00/day             | \$26.00/day     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades | \$9.00/day              | \$18.00/day     |

| Annual Discounted Rates                  | Before and after School                        |  |
|--|--|--|
| K4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> grades              | \$1989.00 (\$221.00 per month for nine months) |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades | \$1377.00 (\$153.00 per month for nine months) |  |

**Athletic Fees:** There is no participation fee for any sport a student plays. Varsity and JV Football players must pay an insurance fee of \$185.00 per player (this insurance is secondary to their personal policy) - NO player will be allowed to practice football until the insurance fee has been paid. Some sports may incur additional equipment/uniform costs as determined by that team's coach – information will be sent home with the player when available.

Miscellaneous Fines: These include the following: gum fines (\$10.00 per occurrence), library fines, discipline consequences, etc.

**Parking Decals:** Any student wishing to drive to school must purchase a parking permit for their car at a cost of \$20.00. Student Parking privileges are subject to the guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook.

**Cheerleading Uniforms:** Students who choose to participate in the Cheerleading program must purchase a uniform that the cheerleading advisor will order. Price will be determined and sent home when available and must be paid in advance (this cost is not billed to your account).

**International Students:** Contact Admissions for pricing information.

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