

April 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

It's Registration Time!

The school is busy hosting open house events and registering new and continuing students for school year 2018-19. We are striving for "full capacity" of 600 girls.

We are delighted that you chose the all-girls and all-for-girls learning environment unique to the Calgary Girls' School. As a program of choice, CGS offers many enrichment opportunities that parents value for their daughters.

While you are in the process of registering, it is helpful to know the fees and availability of subsidies for the upcoming year. A fee summary table and the link to the subsidy form are below. You will be pleased to note that the Instructional Resource Fee for Grade 4 and 5 have remained the same, Grade 6 has increased as these students are now included in the full option program. The Grade 7 to 9 fee has been reduced by \$10. There has been a modest increase in Transportation to reflect increased fuel costs and the annual increase in our contract with First Student.

We worked hard to keep the cost per ride very comparable to City Transit which is \$ 2.25/ride (youth pass) while ours is \$2.30/ride. Nevertheless, we realize the annual cost is significant. The opportunity for monthly payments, following an initial deposit, will make this a more manageable fee for parents.

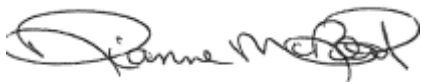
The Enrichment Fee which represents the cost-recovery amount for numerous field trips, events, excursions, special speakers and experts, graduation ceremony, as well as tickets for choir and band concerts remains the same. Please note that camps and band tours (if applicable) are not included as these distort the average.

We believe parents will appreciate knowing upfront the total costs and the "one-ask" approach for the various enrichment events over the year. We anticipate significant costs savings for Chase payment fees and the accounting associated with numerous small entries. The anticipated savings were factored into the Enrichment Fee.

The Technology Fee is currently under review and parents will be provided with full details by June 1, 2018. There will be no increase in Technology fees.

The fee information will soon be updated in Family Zone. Please feel welcome to ask questions or share your comments with us at Dianne.mcbeth@calgarygirlsschool.com

Regards,



Dianne McBeth, Superintendent

Cc: Wes Malo, Principal
Wendy Juergens, Secretary-Treasurer

Annotated School Fees Schedule 2018-19

Fee Type	Amount by Grade	Previous Year	Due Date
<p>Instructional Resources</p> <p>Includes all materials & supplies for student use & off campus PE. That's correct – you won't have a "supply list" of items like notebooks, paper, glue sticks, etc. to purchase in the fall. Everything your daughter needs is included in this fee.</p>	<p>\$115 (grades 4 & 5) \$160 (grade 6-9)</p>	<p>Grade 6 now included fully in all options; Grade 7-9 a \$10 decrease</p>	<p>Due Upon Registration</p>
<p>CGS Technology Fee</p> <p>The intention is to reduce costs while maintaining or enhancing service. Since access, devices, and fees currently vary by grade and year of registration, any changes that might be forthcoming will need to be communicated to parents by student's grade and year of registration. Information will be communicated by June 1st. Thank you for your patience as we continue to consider plans for next year.</p>			
<p>Transportation Fee</p> <p>Fees are based on the difference between funding and costs. Only 30% of transportation costs are funded by AB Education.</p>	<p>\$850</p>	<p>Change</p> <p>Increase as a result of the cost of living index for drivers' wages and a fuel surcharge.</p>	<p>Annual Fee: Monthly Payment</p> <p>Deposit \$170 due September 1 with 8 monthly payments of \$85 commencing October 1, 2018–May 1, 2019</p>
<p>Enrichment Fee</p> <p>Replaces all "extra" fees throughout the year for field trips, events, speakers, etc. Does not include camps and band tour. These don't apply to all or nearly all students and thus distort the average.</p>	<p>\$75 (Grades 4-9)</p>	<p>No Change</p>	<p>September 1, 2018</p>

- Link to Fee Subsidy Form: <http://calgarygirlsschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/School-Fee-Subsidy-Guidelines-and-Form.pdf>.
- Need a payment plan? Contact the school's main office. Speak to Laurie. (Transportation is already set up for monthly payments).