

2026-2027 Tuition & Fees: Information and FAQs

This document accompanies CJA's *2026-2027 Tuition & Fee Schedule* and provides additional context and detail to support a clear understanding of tuition, fees, and related financial policies at Calgary Jewish Academy. It outlines payment terms, affordability and financial assistance options, additional program costs, refunds and withdrawals, and enrolment requirements, as well as information on how tuition is set and stewarded.

Families are encouraged to review the sections most relevant to their circumstances. While this document provides a comprehensive overview of CJA's financial policies, individual situations may vary. Families are welcome to contact the school with any questions or to discuss their specific situation.

Tuition Setting & Financial Stewardship

What factors contribute to increases in CJA's tuition fees? The CJA Board of Directors takes tuition decisions seriously and balances affordability for families with its fiduciary responsibility to ensure the short- and long-term sustainability of the school. A modest annual base tuition increase is often required to maintain current programs and services.

The most significant factor influencing tuition is staffing. Teacher salaries are closely aligned with local school jurisdictions, such as the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District, to attract and retain qualified educators. Salary grids also require annual increases based on experience, which account for a significant portion of yearly cost growth. Other factors include rising benefit and insurance costs, utilities, building maintenance, and strategic initiatives. Each year, the school administration and the Board review projected revenues and expenses to determine tuition adjustments.

What are the tuition fees of other comparable Calgary-area independent schools? The table below compares CJA's 2025-2026 tuition and additional fees with those of other independent schools.

2025-2026 Tuition	CJA	Calgary Academy	Rundle College	Webber Academy	West Island College
Nursery & JK (full-day)	\$14,596	–	–	\$20,000	–
Kindergarten (full-day)	\$15,860	\$17,400	\$19,000	\$22,800	–
Grades 1-3	\$13,925	\$17,000	\$21,000	\$22,800	–
Grades 4-6	\$13,925	\$17,400	\$21,000	\$22,800	–
Junior High	\$13,925	\$17,400	\$22,400	\$24,000	\$22,460
One-time Additional Membership Fees	–	\$2,500 per family	\$2,000 per family	–	\$3,500 per family

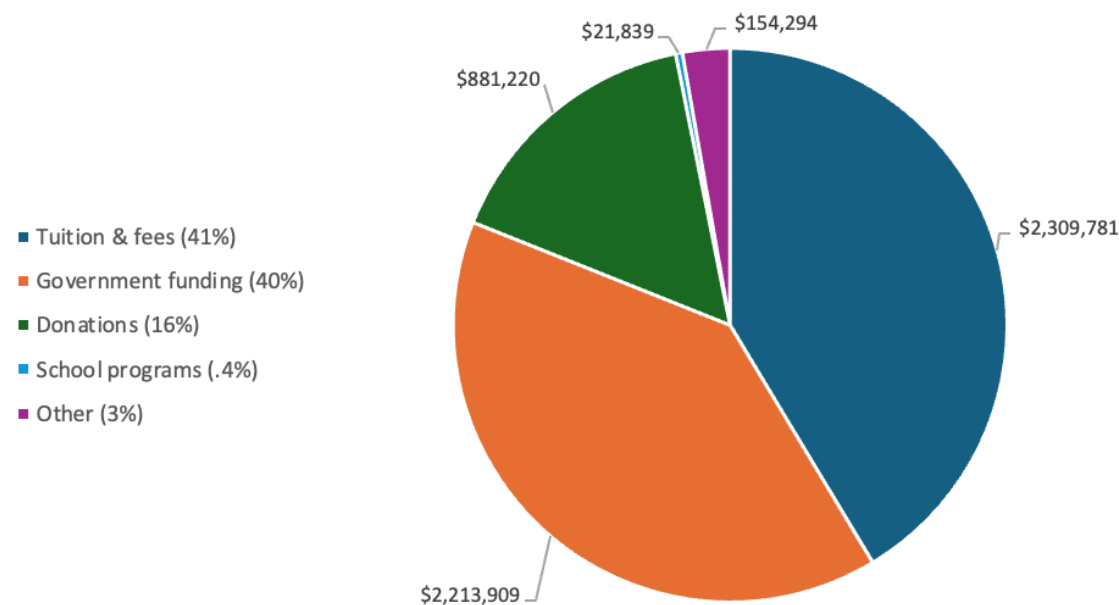
Please refer to the 2026-2027 Tuition & Fee Schedule for this year's fees.

Why does CJA increase tuition during challenging economic times? While the Board is alert to broader economic conditions, maintaining tuition at unsustainable levels can negatively impact the quality of education, staffing stability, and long-term viability of the school. Tuition decisions are made carefully and with a focus on protecting the strength and continuity of the CJA learning experience over time.

Is it possible to predict future tuition fees? While exact tuition amounts cannot be predicted far in advance, the CJA Board and Administration are committed to careful fiscal stewardship. All revenues and expenditures are reviewed annually. Given current provincial funding levels, CJA anticipates the need for modest annual tuition increases to maintain programming and support strategic priorities. Like all independent schools, CJA manages three interrelated factors: tuition, class size, and staffing. Adjustments to one directly affect the others. The Board works to balance these factors to support educational quality while remaining mindful of family affordability.

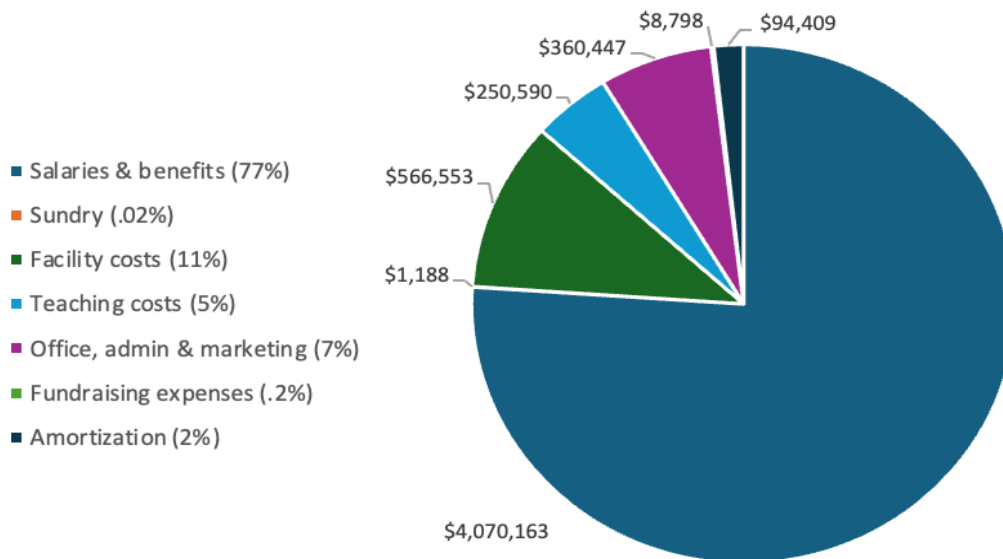
What are CJA’s primary sources of revenue? CJA receives funding from Alberta Education, which is calculated using a two-year weighted average of student enrolment, with greater emphasis on recent enrolment. As enrolment fluctuates, government funding may also vary slightly from year to year. Tuition and fees make up the large majority of the remainder of the school’s operating revenue and are essential to sustaining programs and services.

**Calgary Jewish Academy
2024-2025 Revenue**



What are CJA’s major operating expenses? The largest portion of CJA’s budget is dedicated to salaries, wages, and benefits for teachers and staff, RRSP matching benefits, and health and dental plans. Tuition alone does not fully cover this most critical expense. Additional operating costs include facility maintenance and improvements, and utilities. A portion of our budget supports strategic initiatives that advance the school’s long-term growth and development.

Calgary Jewish Academy 2024-2025 Expenses



Affordability & Financial Assistance

How is the large family discount applied? Families enrolling three or more children receive a 25% tuition discount for the third child and each additional child. The discount is applied to the lowest tuition rate, regardless of the student's age, grade, or program. The large family discount applies to tuition only and is not available to families receiving IBP support.

Are families who live farther away from the school supported with transportation costs? In the 2025-26 school year, families with students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 may have been eligible for Alberta Education transportation funding, depending on distance from the school (more than 1.6 km for Kindergarten to Grade 6 and more than 2 km for Grades 7-9). When funding is available, application details are shared each fall; families are required to apply to receive support.

What bursary support is available to CJA families? Families may apply for financial assistance through the Calgary Jewish Federation's [Integrated Bursary Program](#) (IBP) and the [Parents' Choice Bursary](#) through the Prosser Charitable Foundation. Parents are responsible for reviewing the bursary application processes, eligibility criteria, and timelines for each program.

What is required while my IBP application is under review? Families applying for an IBP grant must:

- Confirm the IBP application submission date.
- Submit the 10% non-refundable deposit (based on the 2025-26 Approved Parent Portion, if applicable).
- Confirm all required tuition payment arrangements with the school.

Enrolment Changes & Financial Commitments

What happens if a student is not ready to start Nursery in September? If a Nursery student is not ready to begin the school year due to toilet training readiness, the non-refundable deposit may be applied toward tuition if the student enrolls by the beginning of the following school year.

Are refunds available for changes to afternoon programs during the school year? Changes to afternoon programs (Discovery Days, KinderArts, Gan Khugim) made during the school year are billed for the full month. Prorated refunds are not available.

What is the financial obligation if a student withdraws during the school year? If a student is withdrawn at any time during the year, families remain financially responsible for three (3) months of regular tuition payments.

When is the final tuition payment due? Final tuition payment, including for families receiving bursary support, is due by June 1, 2027.

Additional Requirements & Costs

Educational Travel & Overnight Experiences

Are families responsible for costs related to overnight field trips and travel? Yes, families are responsible for additional costs associated with overnight field trips in Grades 5 and 6 and Educational Travel in Junior High.

What are the estimated costs for educational travel by grade? Costs vary by grade and destination and are shared once travel details are confirmed each year.

Is financial assistance available for educational travel? CJA is committed to ensuring that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in an educational experience due to financial constraints. Families requiring financial assistance may contact our Principal, Mrs. Gelfand, to discuss options.

Psychoeducational Assessments

Who arranges and pays for educational assessments? If a psychoeducational assessment is recommended by the classroom teacher and the GAIN Coordinator or Principal, parents are responsible for arranging and paying for the assessment privately with an educational psychologist of their choice.

Volunteer Service

What is the volunteer service expectation? Each family is asked to contribute seven (7) volunteer service hours each year as part of community participation at CJA. Volunteer opportunities are shared throughout the year by the school office. A \$360 volunteer service fee is collected from all families via post-dated cheque and applied only if volunteer service hours are not completed during the school year.

Other School-Year Expenses

Are there additional costs not included in tuition and fees? Families may wish to plan for a few additional school-year expenses, including school uniforms, yearbook, and optional programs (e.g., hot lunch).