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Tuition Rate Sheet
Guidepost Montessori at Princeton Meadows

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." —Dr. Maria Montessori

Investing in Your Child's Future

Thank you for choosing Guidepost Montessori.

We understand that you are making a considerable financial investment in your child's education and a commitment to authentic, high-quality Montessori programming. Guidepost Montessori relies entirely on parent tuition to operate its program. Unlike many schools, we do not supplement tuition revenue through additional fundraising or donations. Our goal is to keep your tuition schedule and payment process straightforward, transparent, and predictable so you can focus on what matters most: your child's development.

The tuition rates listed here apply to the full 2026–27 school year, from September 2026 through August 2027. You can select the program options and schedule that best meet your family's needs. Guidepost programs run year-round with minimal school closures, providing families with consistent, reliable care and uninterrupted learning throughout the year.

Families enrolling more than one child receive added savings. **Each younger sibling of the oldest enrolled child will receive a 10% discount** on tuition, helping your family make the most of your investment in a Guidepost education.

We look forward to welcoming your family and supporting your child's joyful journey of growth and discovery.

2025 - 2026 School Year

Schedule	Half Day 8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Full Day 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Nido		
3 Days/Week	•	$1,870
5 Days/Week	•	$2,200
Toddler		
3 Days/ Week	$1,395	$1,745
5 Days/Week	$1,640	$2,050
Children's House		
3 Days/ Week	•	$1,390
5 Days/Week	$1,480	$1,850

2026 - 2027 School Year

New in September!!

Schedule	Half Day 8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Academic Day 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Full Day 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Nido			
3 Days/Week	•	•	$1,925
5 Days/Week	•	•	$2,265
Toddler			
3 Days/Week	$1,435	$1,615	$1,795
5 Days/Week	$1,690	$1,900	$2,110
Children's House			
3 Days/Week	•	•	$1,430
5 Days/Week	$1,525	$1,715	$1,905

Please see details about our key financial policies below. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with and raise any questions about these policies before registering.

Registration

- **A non-refundable application fee of $400 and a non-refundable tuition deposit of $1500 are required for each child at the time of registration.** The application fee and tuition deposit hold your child's place and start date in our program. Tuition deposits are applied to the last month of your child's enrollment in the school (see below Withdrawal Policies). If you choose to cancel your child's enrollment before starting with Guidepost, both the application fee and tuition deposit will be forfeited.

- **You may request only one change to your child's start date after your registration is submitted.** Any additional changes to your start date will require a new registration form and will result in forfeiting your original tuition deposit. This policy allows us to plan with care, ensuring enrollment forecasting remains accurate and available space can be offered to families with confidence and fairness.

Monthly Tuition Payments

- Our programs are year-round. **Tuition is billed on the 18th and due on the 20th of the month prior to enrollment**, every month of the year (e.g. your September tuition payment is due on August 20th). All payments are made through the Illumine Parent App and **accounts are required to be set to auto-pay status**. This means your tuition payment will be automatically withdrawn on the 20th of each month through ACH or credit card payment.

- For new enrollments, the first month tuition is prorated based on your child's start date. Payment is due in full by the 20th of the month prior. For example, if your child's start date is September 5, your first tuition payment is due August 20. If you register to start after the 20th of the month, your first payment is due upon receiving your first invoice and must be received before your child begins attending. Timely tuition helps ensure a smooth and welcoming start for every family.

- **Other than in the first month, monthly tuition installments are not pro-rated for any reason including your child's final month.** For your convenience, **monthly tuition installments are calculated as equal payments.** Therefore, each tuition payment holds your child's spot for that full month, regardless of whether your child is present for the entire month, whether it is a short month, how many days of school there are in that month, holidays, vacations, school closures due to weather, or any other factors.

- Families who are eligible for outside subsidies may have subsidy payments applied to their billing account; however, you remain responsible for any tuition charges not covered by the subsidy.

- Tuition is designed to be comprehensive covering supplies, classroom materials, and the school's ongoing operating expenses. The two primary exceptions are: (1) optional extracurricular programs provided by third-party vendors and (2) hot lunch programs (excluding Illinois). We are committed to transparent, straightforward pricing with no hidden fees. In rare cases involving unique or atypical expenses, we reserve the right to make limited exceptions.

Annual Re-enrollment

- Guidepost thoughtfully reviews tuition rates each year to ensure we can continue delivering an exceptional educational experience. Increases help cover program and facility costs, as well as ongoing annual increases in rent, salaries, and other operating expenses. Updated tuition rate sheets are shared each spring during re-enrollment, providing families with clarity and time to plan ahead. **For the upcoming 2027-28 school year, we guarantee that any increase will not exceed 5%.**

- In order to accurately plan for our future programs, each spring we ask parents to re-enroll for the upcoming school year. If you confirm re-enrollment by the deadline, your child is guaranteed a spot in the program and we will waive the application fee. You may still re-enroll after the deadline has passed if spots are available, however you will be required to pay the non-refundable application fee.

- When you re-enroll, your tuition deposit 'rolls forward,' so you will not be asked to make an additional deposit payment. Please be aware that if you provide us with a notice of re-enrollment and then withdraw before the start of the new school year, you forfeit your tuition deposit, as well as any application fee you may have paid for that upcoming year.

Withdrawal Policies

- When the time comes for your child to move on from Guidepost, you will be asked to give one full month notice using our formal withdrawal form. **Withdrawal forms must be submitted no later than the month prior to your child's final month.** Your child's final day will then be the last day of the month following the one in which you submit the withdrawal form (e.g. if you submit on April 16, your child's last day will be May 31). Your child's final month is billed in full, even if your child only attends for part of the month. Tuition is not prorated. Your tuition deposit will be applied to tuition for your child's last month of school. Depending on your deposit and monthly tuition amounts, there may be either an amount refunded or an amount owed.

- If your family chooses to return after a withdrawal, please note that a new application fee and tuition deposit would be required to secure a future start date.