



DESERT ACADEMY

Seventh through Twelfth Grade Tuition and Fees 2017-2018

Application Fee	\$65	Due with application
Tuition	\$19,960	\$1,000 deposit due with contract
Facility Enhancement Fee	\$625	Due with contract (one-time fee due for each new student)
Annual Parent Association Fee	\$60	Due with contract (one per family)
Annual Book Fee	\$300	Per student
Annual Technology Fee	\$300	Per student
School Activities Fee	\$350	Per student: includes all sport team fees; basic sports uniforms; academic trips and associated entry fees; PSAT and PLAN fees; transportation to most academic, sports, and speech and debate events; single-night hotel charges; and supervision for early drop-off and late pick-up of students. IB Fee varies so please see the IB fee addendum.

There may be additional charges for special programs, field trips, multi-day trips, etc. There are no fees for sports participation.

In order to reserve space for a new student, the \$1,000 tuition down payment and \$685 in basic fees are to be paid to Desert Academy and returned with the completed Enrollment Contract (\$1,685 total). To reserve space for a returning student, the \$1,000 tuition down payment and \$60 fee are to be paid and returned with the completed Enrollment Contract (\$1,060 total). Families have three payment options for the balance of tuition and basic fees after Financial Assistance awards are applied. Select one option on the completed Enrollment Contract as detailed below.

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The following payment options reflect credit for the tuition down payment (\$1,000), plus basic fees.

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3% discount for prepayment of tuition if paid in full by May 16, 2017.

3% sibling discount will be applied to tuition for each additional sibling attending Desert Academy.

Discounts are applied to the balance of tuition after Financial Assistance awards are applied.

TUITION AND FEES FOR PARTIAL YEAR (late enrollment)

Students enrolling during the first academic quarter are expected to pay full tuition.

Students enrolling during the second academic quarter will receive a 25% reduction in tuition.

Students enrolling during the third academic quarter will receive a 50% reduction in tuition.

We generally do not accept students for the fourth quarter. Term dates are published in the Student Handbook.



Financial Aid Policies and Procedures

Desert Academy is committed to providing access to families who would not otherwise have the opportunity to send their children to school at full tuition. Our financial assistance program is guided by National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) principles. Families must reapply for financial assistance every year.

The School and Student Services (SSS) online financial aid application will be available annually by November 15 at www.nais.org/financialaid/sss. Questions about the form should be directed to the SSS helpline: 866-387-2601.

The annual deadline for all financial aid applications is February 15.

Application procedures:

1. Go to www.nais.org and complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) and submit it online. Be sure to include Desert Academy's Code Number (2812) on the PFS in order to have the analysis sent to Desert Academy.
2. Submit copies of your most recent federal income tax returns with all schedules (or the latest year with filing extension verification) and W-2s by February 15. These must be submitted electronically to NAIS through the PFS system.
3. A Form 4506-T (signed and dated). We will not be able to consider Financial Aid awards without this form. This form can be found and downloaded from the NAIS website (listed above in #1).

Financial assistance decision letters will be mailed within ten business days of our receipt of the completed application and required tax information. Recipients have one week upon receipt of the award letter to contact us to accept or discuss the award. The signed enrollment contract, along with the deposit, must be returned to Desert Academy by the due date in order to finalize the award.

Financial Qualifications : Financial need as identified by the online SSS form, tax returns, and supporting documents. Family tuition payment history with Desert Academy will be considered for returning students. Families with delinquent or past-due accounts may not be eligible for assistance.

Application Deadlines: Applications must be submitted by **February 15** to be considered for initial financial assistance awards. After **February 28**, the Financial Aid Committee will make awards based on available funds.

Desert Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, handicap, national origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational, admissions, financial aid policies, or in any other programs or policies.