

Gaia Democratic School (GDS)  
Tuition Policy 2020-2021

A **deposit** of \$100.00 per student received before Aug. 1, 2020 will reserve a spot for that student for the 2020-2021 school year and will be deducted from September tuition.

Tuition amounts are set based on need and follow a sliding scale type system. Full tuition is \$8,000 per year, minimum tuition is \$2,100 per year. Tuition is per student and is usually billed over ten months (September through June) unless other arrangements are made.

Students/Families who cannot afford full tuition should submit an Application for Reduced Tuition. Reduced tuition is awarded based on need, requires proof of income, and must be approved by the GDS Finance Committee. Deadlines may apply.

Gaia will send a Tuition Agreement to each family before the school year (or before enrollment) begins. It must be signed and returned. If you need to change your Tuition Agreement, make any special arrangements for payment, or have any questions regarding tuition, please contact the GDS Finance Committee in writing via email or USPS. You may need to reapply for a change in terms.

**Withdrawal**

We require a 30 day notice in writing to discontinue enrollment and tuition charges.

**Late Payment/Returned Check**

Tuition is usually due on or before the first day of each month. Payments received more than 5 days late will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee unless other arrangements are made. There is a returned check fee of \$10.00.

**Past Due Tuition**

It is important to communicate with the Finance Committee if you are having trouble paying tuition. Lack of payment without adequate communication with GDS may cause your student to be removed from our student list. If sixty days go by without payment or adequate communication, GDS will remove the student's name from the roster and send a letter to the student's home indicating that the student is no longer enrolled. Students who withdraw from the school with balances due may not be allowed to visit or participate in some GDS events. Collection action may be taken and school records may be withheld.

\*All provisions of this policy are subject to adaptation to individual circumstances.  
All personal information is kept confidential and is only shared with the Gaia Finance Committee.

