

WELLSPRING SCHOOL PLEDGE SYSTEM  
TUITION & FEES: 2011-12

2011-12 is the 15th year that our school has used the pledge system. The pledge system asks that each family evaluate their resources and make a commitment of money and work for the School. Wellspring remains committed to try to serve all families who seek a Waldorf education for their children, regardless of income. Families privately submit commitments for tuition payment and pledge work. A signed contract and deposit of ten percent of total tuition pledge and fees are required prior to enrollment. Please see separate information sheet on the pledge system.

TUITION CHARGES – does not include materials

Early Childhood	4 days	(8:30 - 2:45)	\$ 8,595
Ages 3-6	4 days	(8:30 –12:45)	\$ 6,020
	3 days	(8:30 - 2:45)	\$ 6,448
	3 days	(8:30 –12:45)	\$ 4,620
Grades 1-3	4 days	(8:30 - 2:50)	\$ 9,528
Grades 4-8	5 Days	(8:30-2:50)	\$10,661

MATERIAL FEES

\$75 for 3-day program  
\$95 for 4-day program  
\$125 for 5-day program

Child Care Subsidies: Vermont state childcare subsidy is available to some families with low incomes. Contact the administrator for information. Childcare tax credit can be taken on your annual tax return for tuition of preschool aged children so that a parent may work.

PLEDGE MEETINGS: Pledge information is sent to families after they submit an application. Families attend a confidential pledge meeting. Prior to the pledge meeting families should investigate all possible tuition sources – income, savings, help from extended family, and childcare subsidies. They should work out their budget and bring it to the pledge meeting. Families pledging below full tuition are asked to supplement their contribution with pledge work. The amount of work taken up is dependent on the agreements made during the pledge meeting and should reflect the family's tuition, financial pledge, and individual situation. Failure to meet commitments may result in the family being billed for a balance. The faculty and administration review and approve all jobs. All families are asked to participate in fund-raising events, festivals and classroom activities.

FEES NOT INCLUDED IN THE PLEDGE: Flutes, recorders, string instrument rentals, ski programs, and some class trips will be extra. There is also a one time material fee payable with the first tuition payment. Remedial tutoring costs not met through Title I funds are also charged to parents.

CONTRACTS: Contracts are issued to parents following the Board of Trustee's approval of total pledged tuition. Contracts must be signed by parents and returned to the office before a student will be admitted to School. Contracts include:

- Tuition pledge and payment schedule
- Pledge work

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Parents make their first payment by July 15, of 10% of their tuition pledge. Tuition must be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The remaining tuition balance can be paid:

- In 11 monthly installments - August to June.
- Payments by term: September and January
- Late payments (15 days overdue) are charged a 1.5% late fee monthly.

REFUNDS: Refunds are made under the following conditions and pertain to students in Kindergarten (age 5) through grade eight:

- Withdrawal prior to 9/30 - 20% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal prior to 12/30 - 50% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal prior to 2/15 - 75% total tuition pledge due
- Withdrawal after 2/15 - 100% total tuition pledge due

Children ages three and four are charged by the quarter year should they withdraw during the school year. Quarters end October 30, Jan 15, March 15 and May 31. Refunds are not made for application or materials fees.

RE-PLEDGING: Under unusual circumstances of hardship the Board considers pledge reduction requests after a review by the Pledge Committee and the Finance Committee. Requests must be in writing to the Pledge Committee via the administrator. Requests must state the pledge reduction amount and reasons for reducing tuition or pledge work. After the Finance Committee approves the request it is presented to the Board for final approval. Final re-pledge decisions are made by the Board.

**TUITION BALANCES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO RE-ENROLLMENT.**

