

Tuition Incentive/FAQ/FACT SHEET

Q. My brother's oldest child will be old enough to start JK or SK in the fall. They are not sure if they will choose SCCS. Will they qualify for this program?

A. No. This program is designed to cover students entering full-time education at SCCS only. JK and SK are considered part-time programs.

Q. My neighbors currently home-school but have been considering sending their children to SCCS. Will they qualify for this program?

A. Yes—if the oldest child is beyond the SK level. This program is for families who are **changing their education choice** from public/catholic/homeschooling to Christian education.

Q. Will a family who transfers-in from another Christian School qualify for the Experience Christian Education rate?

A. No. It is understood that families transferring between Christian schools already know the value of Christian Education and will appreciate that this program is being offered only to those who have yet to experience the blessings of having their children educated in a Christian environment.

Q. Is transportation included in the Experience Christian Education rate?

A. Yes. Transportation is included in accordance with the transportation policy.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of children a family may send under the Experience Christian Education Rate?

A. No. There are no restrictions on number of children each family may send. However, "family" continues to be defined by a household unit.

Q. Can we be sure that the reduced tuition rate will cover the costs of increased number of students?

A. There are minor incremental costs to adding one or two students to our numbers (insurance, photocopies, field day ribbons). On a "one family at a time" basis, significant costs (such as adding new teachers) will not be incurred.

Q. What if a family wants to join us and has a child with high Resource or Special Education needs?

A. Families in these circumstances will be evaluated on a case by case basis. They may or may not be eligible depending on the expected costs to provide for those needs—costs cannot exceed tuition revenue.

Q. What happens to the increased revenue that will be generated by the Experience Christian Education incentive?

A. For the 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years, this program will be run outside the set budget, so the revenue will supplement the budget and be monies over and above what we are counting on to meet our obligations. The Finance Committee will evaluate annually to determine the best use of the additional revenue generated. After 2011/12 the Finance committee will determine if any projections for this program can responsibly be included in the budget.

Q. Why do these new families get a break on tuition when my family has to pay the full amount?

A. One of the most effective ways to lower tuition for all members is to increase the number of families sending their children to SCCS. The **Experience Christian Education** incentive is designed to have a long-term impact on growing the school community. Your tuition rate will be positively impacted as the number of families who join SCCS grows.

Q. Can a family transfer in mid-year and still qualify for this incentive rate?

A. Families who choose to transfer in mid-year will have the incentive rate prorated to the number of months left in the school year.

Q. What if a new family is not sure after the first year? Can they qualify for a second year at the Experience Christian Education rate?

A. No. The Experience Education rate applies to each family for one year only.

Q. Do the new families have to become members of SCCS?

A. New families must meet the same admission requirements as are currently in effect that present families must meet. They will also be assigned a mentor family and Ward Representative from the Board.

Q. What if (for instance) 17 families want to join this program all with children in the same grade that is already a large class size at SCCS?

A. First, we will be thankful to God for such a wonderful problem! The Board and Administration will work together to evaluate multiple scenarios to see how to accommodate these students. As a last resort, if we cannot make the logistics work, the Board reserves the right to decline eligibility.

Q. What is the benefit of this program to SCCS?

A. Offering new families the opportunity to experience Christ-centered, quality education in a caring environment to develop the academic abilities and talents of children for a life of service to God and their Community will not only benefit new families and their children, but will also benefit our school community. Increasing enrollment and number of member families provides a larger pool for volunteers, committee work and leadership and results in more people talking about the school.

Q. What is the benefit of this program to the new families?

A. This program will allow new families to try out SCCS at a lower financial risk. By reducing the financial hurdle for one year, they are more likely to enroll and will soon recognize the value of Christian Education.

Q. What can I do to help promote the Experience Christian Education program?

A. Talk to your neighbours, church community, friends and family! We have included some promotional materials for you to share with them. Spread the word and excitement!

Q. Who do I contact with any questions?

A. You may contact your Ward Rep, or any of the contact numbers on the promotional materials.