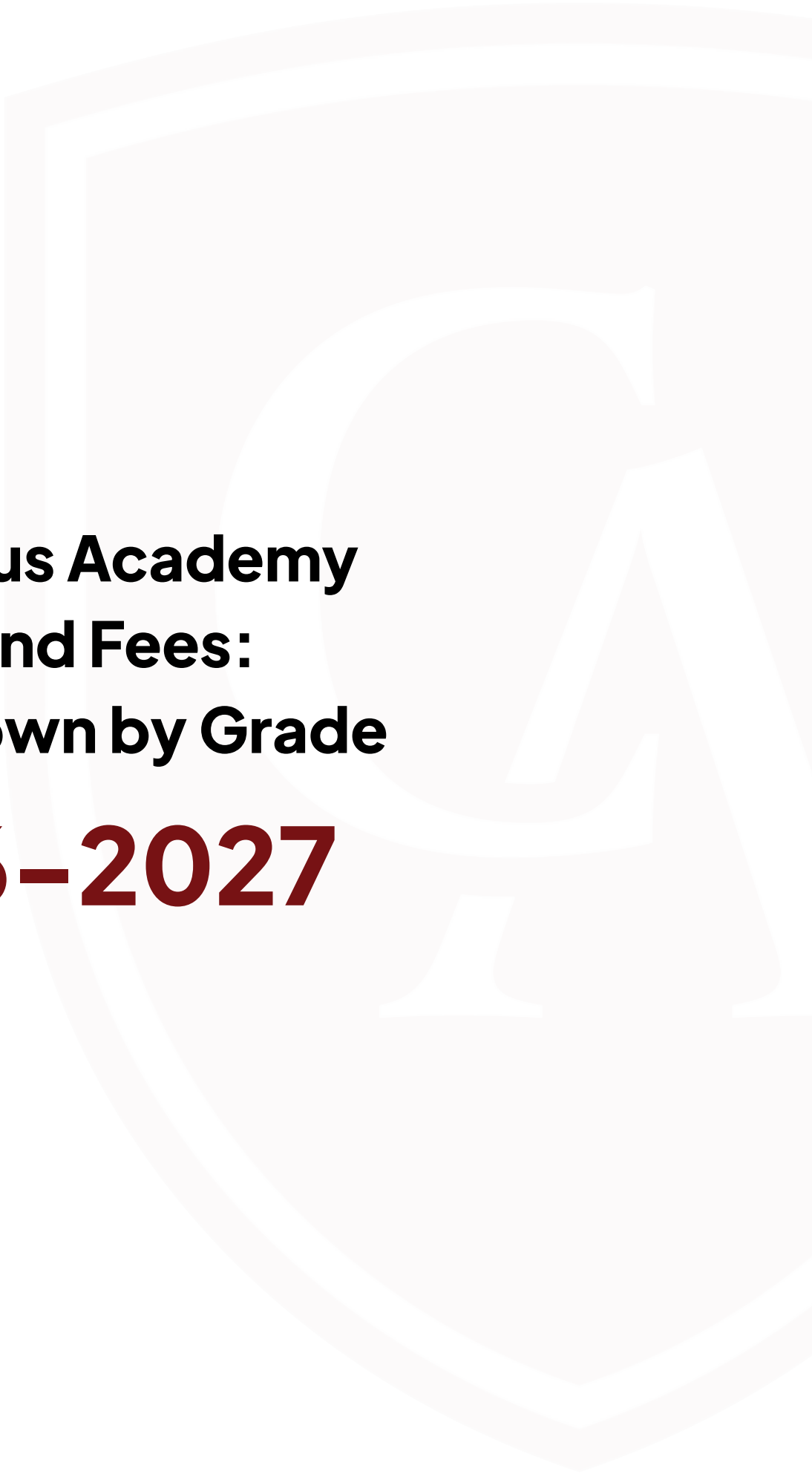


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Columbus Academy Tuition and Fees: Breakdown by Grade 2026–2027

Investing in Your Child

We recognize that a family's decision to enroll their child at our school is an important one, made through thoughtful consideration.



"We are an expensive place, yet the benefits — extrinsic and intrinsic — that a child stands to receive here are many. At Academy, we spend almost twice the amount per student than nearby public schools. We have small classes, excellent teachers and lots of opportunities to participate and achieve in the arts and athletics, research and robotics. Our state-of-the-art facilities, including those afforded by our 231-acre wooded campus, create an incubator for dreaming and doing."

—Melissa Soderberg, Head of School

All School

Tuition covers the major portion of instructional and academic costs as well as the cost of lunches, the cost of most instructional materials, routine diagnostic testing, assemblies, programs, newsletters and mailings, films, audio visual materials and library supplies.

Special field trips, as well as materials for special art and science projects, are generally not covered by tuition. These items are billed separately on a pro rata basis of actual costs. Parents or guardians of students responsible for breakage or loss of school equipment or furnishings will be assessed the repair or replacement costs as defined by the school. All fees listed are approximate and can fluctuate from year to year.

Textbooks

There is a charge for textbooks and expendables in the Lower, Middle, and Upper School. Some of our textbooks are provided at state expense. Some faculty members may request that students purchase other textbooks, paperback books and review materials for their courses, and most Upper School textbooks are purchased directly by the parents from outside suppliers. Textbook charges are billed periodically and are due upon receipt of the invoice.

Tuition Assistance

Some fees may be eligible for a reduced fee for families who qualify for and receive need-based tuition assistance.

Enrollment Deposit

Enrollment deposits are applied to accounts pursuant to the payment plan selected with the Enrollment Contract.

Payment Plans

Columbus Academy offers three payment plan options. The two plan options that require an additional fee do offer a reduced fee for those families who receive need-based tuition assistance.

Full Payment Plan requires full payment of tuition charge due by August 1.

*Semi-Annual Payment Plan requires 60% due by August 1 and 40% due by January 1.

**Monthly Payment Plan requires equal installments due by the first of each month, with total balance due by May 1.

Optional Contract Fees	Amount
Tuition Refund Insurance	1.37% of tuition obligation
Student Accident Insurance	\$55
*Semi-Annual Payment Plan	\$100
**Monthly Payment Plan	\$200
Late Payment Fee	\$50
Tuition Invoicing	\$8/Month

Explorers

Tuition	Amount
Standard 5 Mornings	\$17,000
3 Extended Days (M/W/F)	\$22,100
5 Extended Days	\$25,200

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	N/A
Children's After School Experience (CASE)	\$40/day - \$1,130/Quarter
After School Activities (ASA)	\$50-\$300/Offering
Lower School Campout	\$17/Person
Textbooks	N/A
Supply Kits	N/A
Speech and OT Services (<i>if qualified and approved</i>)	\$36-\$120/Session

Pre-Kindergarten

Tuition	Amount
Standard	\$21,900
3 Extended Days (M/W/F)	\$25,400
5 Extended Days	\$27,200

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	N/A
Children's After School Experience (CASE)	\$40/day - \$1,130/Quarter
After School Activities (ASA)	\$50-\$300/Offering
Lower School Campout	\$17/Person
Textbooks	N/A
Supply Kits	\$35
Speech and OT Services (<i>if qualified and approved</i>)	\$36-\$120/Session

Kindergarten

Tuition	Amount
Tuition	\$32,200

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	\$1,455
Children’s After School Experience (CASE)	\$40/day – \$1,130/Quarter
After School Activities (ASA)	\$50–\$300/Offering
Lower School Campout	\$17/Person
Textbooks	\$50–\$130/Student
Supply Kits	\$73
Speech and OT Services (<i>if qualified and approved</i>)	\$36–\$120/Session

Outside Fees	Amount
Tutoring	\$75–\$100/Hour

Lower School: Grades 1–5

Tuition	Amount
First Grade	\$33,200
Second Grade	\$33,200
Third Grade	\$33,600
Fourth Grade	\$33,600
Fifth Grade	\$34,200

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	\$1,455
Children’s After School Experience (CASE)	\$40/day – \$1,130/Quarter
After School Activities (ASA)	\$50–\$300/Offering
Lower School Campout	\$17/Person
Textbooks	\$50–\$130/Student
Supply Kits	\$65–\$80
Speech and OT Services (<i>if qualified and approved</i>)	\$36–\$120/Session
Lower School Strings (3–5 th grades only)	\$40
Youth Sports and Athletic Clinics (2–5 th grades only)	\$20–\$300/Offering
Grade Level Trip (5 th grade only)	\$340

Outside Fees	Amount
Tutoring	\$75–\$100/Hour

Middle School: Grades 6–8

Tuition	Amount
Sixth Grade	\$34,900
Seventh Grade	\$35,200
Eighth Grade	\$35,400

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	\$1,455
Children’s After School Experience (CASE)	\$40/day – \$1,130/Quarter
After School Activities (ASA)	\$50–\$300/Offering
Overnight Grade Level Trip: Sixth Grade	\$295
Overnight Grade Level Trip: Seventh Grade	\$425
Overnight Grade Level Trip: Eighth Grade	\$1,300
Textbooks	\$70–\$138
Athletics	\$25–\$300/Offering
Field Trips	\$50/Trip

Outside Fees	Amount
Tutoring	\$75–\$100/Hour

Upper School: Grades 9–12

Tuition	Amount
Ninth Grade	\$36,200
Tenth Grade	\$37,200
Eleventh Grade	\$38,900
Twelfth Grade	\$39,200

Variable Non Contract Fees	Amount
Non District Provided Transportation	\$1,455
Senior Retreat	\$200
Freshman Retreat (new in 2026–27)	TBD
Textbooks	\$75–\$500
Field Trips	\$50/Trip
Athletic Teams	\$25–\$300/Team
Dances/Prom	\$10–\$30/Event
PSAT/SAT/AP Exams	\$18–\$118/Test

Outside Fees	Amount
Tutoring	\$75–\$100/Hour

Travel Opportunities	Amount
Domestic	\$200–\$1,500/Trip
International	\$4,000–\$7,000/Trip



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