

Worthy of the Name

A Vision for the Future of Denver's Catholic Schools

On mission

Excellent

Accessible

Sustainable

Right-sized tuition: Variable Tuition Program

Why Variable Tuition?

The goal: Increase enrollment in our schools.

The strategy: Make Catholic education an affordable option for Catholic families, particularly those with several children.

The tactic: We chose the Variable Tuition Program because it is what many of our successful schools already do on a case-by-case basis.

Key aspects

Adjusts tuition to the unique circumstances of each family.

Participation is voluntary for families. Those who opt out can choose to pay school's set tuition.

Increased enrollment will lead to healthier, more sustainable schools.

Implementation begins 2018-19 in select schools.

How it works

Family elects to complete variable tuition/financial aid application

Family visits school website or visits with school rep to create an online account and enters its financial information, which creates a record for the family in the secure Seeds of Hope database.

School sets family tuition based on: shared formula; adjustments; 2017-2018 tuition and taking into account a family's eligibility for outside scholarships and aid.

Schools communicate tuition and scholarship application responsibilities to family.

— Or —

Family chooses not to apply for financial aid or declines to share any personal financial data

Family pays school's set tuition (with multi-child discounts, if applicable).

Tuition adjustments

In some cases, a family's tuition may decrease based on its financial position.

If there is a large disparity between what a school currently charges and the per-student cost to educate, a family's tuition in 2018-19 may increase slightly.

In either case, there will be no more than a 10 percent decrease or increase in the tuition a family pays under the new Variable Tuition Program in 2018-19 versus what they paid in 2017-18.

Schools implementing the Variable Tuition Program in 2018-2019

- Annunciation
- Assumption
- Guardian Angels
- Holy Trinity
- Notre Dame
- St. Bernadette
- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Joseph
- St. Pius X
- St. Rose of Lima
- St. Stephen
- Sts. Peter and Paul

REALITY CHECK

Empty seats lead to higher per student cost

UNSUSTAINABLE

Average gap between per-student cost and tuition paid: \$1,700

SOLUTION

Fill empty seats and lower per-student cost

