

St. Jude the Apostle tuition and expense overview for 2014-15 school year

Tuition represents 70%-75% of the income required to operate. The remainder of the school's needed income is largely managed by fundraising efforts and private donations / endowment.

Tuition has increased < 3% over the past two years per below. Operating expenses, however, have increased well over 3%:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2 year increase	
				\$	%
Tuition	4,585	4,950	5,000	415	9.1%
General Fee	450	450	475	25	5.6%
Parent Pledge/Scrip	700 ¹	600	600	(100)	-14.3%
Reg Fee	75	75	75	-	
Total	\$ 5,810	\$ 6,075	\$ 6,150	\$ 340	5.9%

Average annual increase is < 3%



¹ Scrip was a required purchase in the 2011-12 school year

What this means:

Low tuition for St. Jude families is resulting in a) higher draws against the schools endowment and b) increasing pressure on fundraising efforts to support the school's operating needs and ensure viability.

- Another local area Catholic school has higher tuition at \$5,225, and hosts a larger fundraiser every other year

For the 2014-15 school year, a 4% tuition increase is a measured means to better align tuition levels with school needs.

SJS Curriculum and Technology Goals for 2014.2015*

*based on Action Plan developed as part of 2014 WCEA/WASC Self Study

Curriculum Goals

- Continue to implement and map the ELA Common Core State Standards across all grade levels (K to 8th)
- Restructuring of the school's writing program based on ELA in-depth study
- Create differentiated and project based instruction to better meets the needs of all students with a special emphasis on those scoring in the top quartile range.
- Increase use of standardized testing data including ITBS scores and other benchmark assessments to track individual student as well as grade level growth.
- Continue to implement and map the Math Common Core State Standards across all grade levels (process has started with Jr. High)

Technology Integration Goals

With the "Raise the Paddle" and other designated funds we will be able to:

- Purchase two classroom sets of convertible laptops for the Jr. High.
- Purchase a third set so that each of the Elementary classes (K to 5th) can have a pod or station available for use 5 days a week

Integration Goals:

- Incorporate minimum daily minutes for use of technology.
- Strengthen computer basic knowledge of both software and hardware.
- With the use of Lanschool software, Jr. High students will be able to access all projects from any outside computer.
- Students and Parents will have one access point for all school related websites.
- Have a fluid transition for our graduating 8th graders to their High Schools.