

# Walden School of Liberal Arts



## Walden School of Liberal Arts Fees Schedule and Fee Waivers 2022-23

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### **Walden's Fee Policies**

#### **Elementary Donations**

Exploring the world is a big part of the Walden experience! Although we suggest a \$75.00 donation per child in grades Pre-K through grade 5 to pay for the year's activities and field trips, this is a voluntary donation. These crucial donations make it possible for our students to participate in fun and educational field trips such as a canyon leaf exploration expedition, the Thanksgiving Point Ancient Life Museum, Scera Theater plays, Timp Lodge, Cornbelly's, Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, etc. Donations also cover the cost of our official school T-shirts (every elementary student receives a Walden T-shirt so that we can keep our students in sight and safe when we are away from the school). Your annual donations make all this possible. It is important to note that everyone participates, regardless of ability to pay. Families of elementary students should never feel obligated to pay for field trips and activities if this creates an undue hardship. \$75.00 is a recommended amount. We gladly accept greater and lesser donations as well. The more contributions we receive, the more great experiences we can provide for our students. No child will ever be excluded because of inability to contribute.

#### **Middle School and High School Fees**

Like all public secondary schools, Walden's middle and high school programs charge annual fees to help cover the costs of field trips, activities, and materials/supplies for various classes and programs. Registration fees also help with the cost of our annual Walkabout, Walden Week, Timp Lodge Expedition, Sundance Film Festival, and other adventures. These activities are an important part of the Walden experience and all students are encouraged to participate. Specialty classes and events such as visual and fine arts classes, cooking, photography, and sports, require a modest fee as well. Registration and class fees allow us to continue offering enriching experiences for our students.

Families who have difficulty paying fees should apply for full or partial fee waivers by filling out the "*Free & Reduced*" application on our website at [www.waldenschool.us](http://www.waldenschool.us) (see *How do I obtain a fee waiver* below).

### **Voluntary Donations**

Occasionally families offer larger donations to fund important school programs or to help low-income students with scholarships for educational programs or expeditions. Our wonderful parents made it possible for students to participate in the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival; they purchased a commercial dishwasher for our kitchen; and two families joined together to provide the high school with a Ford Expedition for field trips! We are incredibly appreciative of these generous gifts. Walden welcomes donations of time and money and may from time to time let you know of specific needs, but we will never make you feel bad about not being able to donate. We do not publish contribution amounts. If you can help, we are happy to provide you with a donation receipt. Walden is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

### **Why is it important to pay fees?**

Without registration fees, it wouldn't be possible to provide our 6-12 students many of the enrichment experiences we provide annually such as the Sundance Film Festival, Walkabout and Timp Lodge. Walden has never successfully covered the full cost of our enrichment programs by assessing student fees, but we are determined to keep offering these valuable experiences for our students. Your contributions make it possible.

The Secondary Fee schedule is included below. Fees are due at the time of registration for new students or before August 1<sup>st</sup> for returning students. Paying your fees in a timely manner helps us to continue offering memorable experiences for your students.

### **How do I obtain a fee waiver?**

You must fill out a *Free and Reduced* application in order to qualify for a fee waiver. This form is available on our website at [www.waldenschool.us](http://www.waldenschool.us) and is typically available in July before the school year begins.

Even if you are not certain that you will qualify, or you do not intend to take advantage of fee waivers, please take a minute to fill out this application. Walden relies on multiple grants and benefits that we receive because over 40% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits. If we fall below that threshold, we will lose our vital after school clubs, paraprofessional aides in classrooms, and other important programs. Every year we teeter on the edge of 40%, so we appreciate our families who try to qualify.

Thank you for your continued support!

Walden believes that every student should be able to fully participate in *all* school activities. To that end we have developed a fee schedule for registration, classes, events, and activities that is as affordable as possible. All listed fees are waivable for students whose families have applied and who qualify. For information about how to apply, see Walden's [Free & Reduced Application](#) on our website.

### **We want your feedback!**

Walden provides two opportunities for parents, guardians, and the community to provide input at two governing board meetings before the annual fee schedule is adopted. The first opportunity for the 2023-24 school year was on February 22, 2023. The second opportunity will be in April 2023. Dates and locations will be published on our website and in our school newsletter.

This fee schedule is reviewed annually and adopted by the Board of Trustees before the end of April. An approved version of the fee schedule will be available for the public by May of each year.

### **High School Registration Fees**

The following fees are due annually in August at the time of class registration. Fee waivers apply. Walden's Timp Lodge Expedition is an integral part of the Walden Experience and takes place during the regular school week. We hope that all students will participate. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. Fees due September 1, 2022.

<b>General Fees</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Spend Plan</b>
Activity Fee	\$50	This fee pays for school-wide student activities such as an annual Sundance Film Festival, field trips, and birthday and project celebrations.
Timp Lodge Expedition High School	\$150	This fee pays for the rental of BYU's Timp Lodge or a similar venue. It also pays for meals, snacks, first aid/emergency supplies, and workshop materials for this three day event.
Total fees due at the time of Registration	\$200	

## High School Curricular Fees

In addition to the basic registration fees which are charged to all students, students may be charged a fee for each course that the student enrolls in as described below. These fees allow us to offer more robust labs, to update equipment, and to provide for occasional field experiences. Early college classes may sometimes charge textbook fees in addition to lab and equipment fees. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. Fees are due within 30 days of invoicing.

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Spend Plan</b>
Arts & Crafts Classes (such as Stained Glass, Ceramics, Sewing, Medieval Art, etc)	\$35	Paint, tape, paper, pencil, eraser, sketchbooks, graphite, charcoal and maintenance or replacement of pallets, brushes, craft materials, and other supplies
Woodworking (Unplugged)	\$75	Wood and other materials and supplies for building personal woodworking projects.
Anatomy/Physiology	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Biology	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Chemistry	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Gardening	\$60	Plants & Supplies
Science Electives	\$35	Lab supplies & field trips
Computer Science	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Culinary Arts	\$60	Food supplies
Culinary Arts	\$20	Optional Food Handler's Permit
Rock Climbing	\$60	Gym fee paid to the climbing gym
Outdoor Games/Sports	\$10	Class supplies and field trips
Winter Recreation	\$75	Admission Fees & Rentals
Roller Skating	\$25	Skate Rental and Rink Fee
Songwriting	\$15	Class supplies and field trips
Digital Broadcast Media	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Sewing, Textiles, Knitting	\$35	Fabrics, thread and other class supplies
Filmmaking	\$50	Materials & supplies & field trips

Movie Critic	\$5	Materials & supplies
Graduation	\$150	Cap, gown, diploma, graduation venue, senior cabin, refreshments, supplies
Physics	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Photography	\$50	Equipment upkeep, materials & supplies, & field trip.
Plant Science	\$25	Lab supplies & field trips
Summer School Classes	up to \$150	Admission fees, supplies & materials, transportation, and refreshments
Wintersession Workshops	up to \$150	Admission fees, supplies & materials, transportation, and refreshments

### Early College Curricular Fees (International Baccalaureate or AP classes)

IB or AP Biology	\$50	Lab supplies & field trips
IB or AP CS	\$30	Lab supplies & field trips
IBDP Extended Essay	\$30	External review & edit
IB or AP Physics	\$25	Calculator rental, lab supplies & field trips
IB or AP Mathematics	\$25	Calculator rental
TOK	\$25	Field Trips
IB or AP Film	\$50	Equipment rental & upkeep, camera supplies, field trip.
IBDP Retreat	\$50	Food, supplies & materials, transportation, workbook, supervisor
IB or AP Visual Art	\$50	Sketchbook, paper, pencils, charcoal, pastels, drawing board, paint, tape,
IB or AP Exam Fees	Up to \$125 per class	This fee is paid directly to IBO or AP. Walden does not collect any portion of this fee

### High School Extracurricular Activity Fees

The following fees are for optional activities. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. Fees due within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

Activity	Maximum	Spend Plan
Entrance to Student Performances	Up to \$10	Fees supplement the cost of student productions
Entrance to Dances, Proms, & Special Events	Up to \$20	Fees pay for decorations, chaperones, food, & supplies.
Membership Fees	Up to \$25	Fees pay for membership organizations such as the National Honor Society and TSA.
ACT Prep Class	\$50	Fee pays for the instructor.
Campus Visits	Up to \$100	Fee pays for transportation, food, and materials for single day in-state college visits.
Internships	Up to \$50	Fee pays for materials, supplies, and any external supervision required.
Extra-curricular Field Experiences	Up to \$50	Fees pay for food, transportation & entrance fees.
Moab Expedition	Up to \$200	Fees pay for food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, supplies, and entrance fees.
Participation in Theater Production	Up to \$250	Fee includes costumes, activity related apparel, participation, and transportation.
Cedar City Shakespeare Festival & Competition	Up to \$300	Fees pay for competition, food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, supplies, and entrance fees.
Participation on an Athletic Team	Up to \$500	Fee pays association dues, transportation, uniform, entrance and competition fees
Domestic Expeditions and College Hop Trips	Up to \$2500	Fees pay for food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, supplies, and entrance fees.
International Expeditions	Up to \$3000	Fees pay for food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, materials, supplies, & entrance fees.

### High School Administrative Fees

Class Schedule change after deadline	Up to \$10	– per request, request may involve more than one class
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### Middle School Fee Registrations Fees 2022-23

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General Fees	Maximum	Spend Plan
Activity Fee	\$50	This fee pays for school-wide student activities and for our Pathways and birthday celebrations
Walden Week Activities	\$75	This fee pays for CLAS Ropes, food, first aide, supplies etc.
Career Week	\$50	This fee pays for food, supplies and transportation
Total General Fees	\$175	Total Registration Fee (fee waivers apply)

### Middle School Curricular Fees

In addition to the basic registration fees charged to all students, a student may be charged a fee for each course the student enrolls in as described below. This allows us to offer more robust labs, better equipment, and to provide for occasional field experiences.

Classes	Maximum	Spend Plan
Art Foundations & Art Enrichment Courses	\$35	Paint, tape, paper, pencil, eraser, sketchbooks, graphite, charcoal and maintenance or replacement of pallets, brushes, and other supplies,
6th Grade Science	\$20	Lab supplies & field trips
Integrated Science	\$20	Lab supplies & field trips
Computer Science	\$20	Lab supplies & field trips
Culinary	\$40	Food supplies
Digital Broadcast Media	\$20	Lab supplies & field trips
Filmmaking	\$50	Lab supplies & field trips
Photography	\$50	Equipment upkeep & replacement, materials & supplies, & field trip.
Plant Science	\$20	Lab supplies & field trips

Summer School Classes	up to \$150	Admission fees, supplies & materials, equipment, transportation, and refreshments
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The following fees are for optional activities. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. Fees due upon receipt of invoice.

Activity	Maximum	Spend Plan
Entrance to Student Performances	Up to \$10	Fees supplement the cost of student productions
Entrance to Dances, & Special Events	Up to \$20	Fees pay for decorations, chaperones, food, & supplies.
Membership Fees	Up to \$25	Fees pay for membership organizations such as the National Honor Society and the Technology Student Association.
Extra-curricular Field Experiences	Up to \$50	Fees pay for food, transportation & entrance fees.
Participation in Theater Production	Up to \$250	Fee includes costumes, activity related apparel, participation, and transportation.
Participation on an Athletic Team	Up to \$500	Fee pays association dues, transportation, uniform, entrance and competition fees
Overnight Expedition	Up to \$800	Fee pays for transportation, food, lodging, and entrance fees.
Domestic Expeditions	Up to \$2500	Fees pay for food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, materials & supplies, and entrance fees.
International Expeditions	Up to \$3000	Fees pay for food, transportation, lodging, chaperones, materials, supplies, & entrance fees.

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### Walden Fee Policy Important Notes

1. The annual maximum aggregate fee per student: cannot exceed \$4500 (for up to three activities and one International trip).
2. The maximum fee per activity per student is \$3000.
3. Fees listed are the maximum fees allowed as per Walden Policy under Utah Board Rule and may not reflect actual fees charged.
4. All curricular and co-curricular fees are subject to fee waiver. Access Walden's [Fee Wavier Application](#) to apply for a fee waiver.
5. Extra-curricular fees and fines are optional and cannot be waived, although needs-based scholarships may be available.
6. In addition to the fees listed on this fee schedule, the Board authorizes fines for failing to return school property, losing, wasting, or damaging school property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior or improper use.

### Statement of Responsibility

Please sign and return the following Statement of Responsibility with your registration paperwork.

- I understand that registration fees are due upon registration of my student and that other fees are due within 30 days of invoicing. In the event that collection procedures become necessary with respect to a delinquent account, all expenses incurred in collecting fees shall be added to my account.
- I understand that I will incur late fees on school fees that are not paid within 30 days of invoice, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Learn more about [Walden's Fee and Fee Waiver Policies](#)

If you believe that you may qualify for a fee waiver, apply at [Fee Wavier Application](#).