

Holy Trinity Lutheran School Tuition Increase FAQ

For the 2026–2027 School Year

1. Why is tuition increasing by nearly 7% for grades K–5 and 9% for Middle School?

Holy Trinity’s mission-driven model has allowed us to maintain affordable tuition for many years. Since its inception, **the cost per student has exceeded tuition**, and the church has supplemented the difference. Leadership aims to bridge the gap to ensure a self-sustaining financial model, even while the church and school remain committed partners in mission. To continue to provide the highest quality education to families, this adjustment is necessary.

For many years, Holy Trinity has intentionally kept tuition lower than comparable schools in our area. While this has been a blessing, it also means the school (and church) has been absorbing rising costs in staffing, programs, and facilities. A modest tuition increase ensures we can:

- Continue attracting and retaining high-quality teachers.
- Maintain smaller class sizes and strong student support.
- Strengthen academic and extracurricular programs.
- Support long-term financial stability through small, predictable tuition adjustments rather than large increases.
- Faithfully live out our mission of academic rigor, Christian formation, and whole-child development now.
- Function independently as a school in operations, yet remain connected to and supported by the church’s mission – to love God, love one another, and love our neighbor.

Even with this increase, tuition at Holy Trinity will remain below the cost of most comparable private schools in our community, while still offering a customized educational experience for our students.

2026-27 Tuition Increase at Holy Trinity

	MDO	PreK 3 & 4	K–5th	6th–8th
2025-26 Tuition Cost	\$4,775	\$7,200	\$8,700	\$8,700
2026-27 Tuition Cost	\$4,800	\$8,000	\$9,300	\$9,500

2. How much does it actually cost to educate a student?

In the 2024–2025 school year, the cost to educate one student at Holy Trinity was **\$9,600**. Tuition for grades K–8 was set at **\$8,400**, and with the **\$300** application fee included, K–8th grade families paid a total of **\$8,700** per student. This left a funding gap of **\$900** per student. With 252 students enrolled, the church contributed more than **\$220,000** to help cover the difference.

As a nonprofit, every dollar Holy Trinity Lutheran School receives goes directly back into operating the school – funding teacher salaries, classroom resources, facilities upkeep, and student programs. We operate without profit margins, focusing solely on mission sustainability.

3. What additional benefits will families see next year?

Your tuition dollars directly support your child's experience. Families will see their investment reflected in the classroom – from the teachers who know their children by name to the safe, welcoming spaces where students grow in faith and knowledge.

Families can expect:

- **Teacher retention and support** – competitive salaries and professional development opportunities to keep outstanding Christian educators at Holy Trinity.
- **Campus improvements** – facility updates that make learning safer and more engaging.
- **Stronger academic programs** – continued investment in curriculum resources, technology, and classroom tools.
- **Continued support of extracurricular programs and elective offerings** – build upon and add more programs as interest allows.
- **Measured growth** – grow enrollment to two classes for every grade level.

4. Is this about raising funds for a high school?

No, this increase is not related to funding a future high school. Rather, it ensures that the current Pre-K through 8th grade programs remain strong, sustainable, and financially self-supporting while continuing to partner closely with the church's ministry. There are currently two elementary grade levels with only one class—there is an opportunity to grow to two classes per grade level, but this growth requires space and staff.

5. How does this tuition increase compare to other schools?

Holy Trinity has consistently remained the most affordable private Christian school in the area, even while offering smaller class sizes, individualized attention, and a Christ-centered learning environment. Below is a comparison of tuition costs at nearby schools for the 2025–2026 school year. Even with our 2026–2027 increase, Holy Trinity tuition remains significantly below most local private schools.

2025-2026 Tuition costs at nearby Private Christian Schools

School	Middle School	Elementary
Oklahoma Christian Schools	\$12,070	\$10,625
Crossings	\$12,250	\$11,680
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School	\$10,000	\$10,000
Oklahoma Christian Academy	\$10,800	\$9,800
St. Mary's Episcopal School	N/A	\$11,275
Holy Trinity Lutheran School	\$8,700	\$8,700

6. How will this affect families receiving the Parental Choice Tax Credit?

Nearly 85% of our families benefit from the Parental Choice Tax Credit, which helps cover a significant portion of tuition costs. This support will continue to greatly reduce the out-of-pocket expense for eligible families, even with the tuition adjustment.

7. What if my family is concerned about affording tuition after the increase?

We are committed to making a Christ-centered education accessible. Holy Trinity Lutheran School utilizes the Opportunity Scholarship Fund to manage need-based scholarships. Please visit osfkids.org to see if your family qualifies. If your family still has concerns, please reach out to the school office to discuss additional financial aid options.

8. What is the bottom line?

This tuition increase allows Holy Trinity to:

- Continue offering excellent, Christ-centered education at an affordable cost.
- Invest in teachers, programs, and facilities that directly benefit students.
- Plan strategically for continued school sustainability and additional growth opportunities for families.
- Bridge the gap between the cost per student and tuition.

We deeply value the sacrifices our families make to provide their children with a quality Christian education. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran School.