



# The North Fork School

## Registration Packet 2024-2025

**Regular registration:** Please fill out all forms and return by **APRIL 1, 2024** OR as soon as possible so we can prepare classes and order books for 2024-2025



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## Tuition and Fees

### 2024-2025

## Tuition

Please Note: When you decide to send your child to a private school, you are agreeing to pay for your portion of the expenses of making that opportunity available to the community for the entire school year. Although NFS billings are divided into September and December payments, this is merely for the convenience of families' financial planning; separate billings **do not indicate** first semester/second semester charges.

Tuition does not simply cover an hourly rate for teachers, as if we were teaching swimming or gymnastics. The yearly expenses of the school must be covered, whether or not students finish the year. This is also true for students who join classes late in the year: a simple pro-ration based on monthly division of the fees is not adequate to cover our costs. All agreements must be signed and turned in with deposits by April 1, 2024 (see Family Registration Form on page 5 of this packet. Print and sign at bottom to indicate that you understand our billing policy).

Tuition and fees should be made payable to **The North Fork School**.

<b>WW/Humanities Foundations (2 days):</b>	DEPOSIT due 4/1/24	\$1050.00
<b>OR Math Workshop OR Elementary French</b>	Balance due 9/1/24	<u>\$1750.00</u>
	Total Elementary tuition (for each class)	\$2800.00

### ALL OTHER CLASSES:

<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Programs:</b>	DEPOSIT due 4/1/24	\$1050.00
	Balance due 9/1/24	<u>+\$6600.00</u>
	Total MS Program tuition	\$7650.00

<b>First (single) HS class (English, French, Math, or History):</b>	DEPOSIT due 4/1/24	\$1050.00
	Balance due 9/1/24	<u>+\$5600.00</u>
	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> HS class tuition	\$6650.00

**Additional class added to another NFS class:** +\$2800.00

One-half of TOTAL tuition payment is due on **September 1, 2024**  
The BALANCE of tuition is due on **December 1, 2024**

There will be no refunds or credits for any reason after September 1, 2024

Monthly payment plans and other financial allowances are available for families who can demonstrate true financial need. If you require this consideration, you must inform Marie of your planned payment schedule or needs by July 1, 2024. Families who do not file a payment plan or who do not call to inform Marie about unexpected events that affect payments should expect a finance charge on unpaid balances after 12/1/24.

If a course is canceled due to lack of minimum enrollment or due to changes in the public school schedules that cannot be adjusted to include NFS, **all deposits and fees** will be returned in full. If a student changes his mind or drops a course before September 15, 2024, the **nonrefundable application deposit (\$1050.00)** will be forfeited.

### **A note on private school tuition:**

Private Day school tuitions in the United States (2021) vary from \$20,325 to \$49,800 per year for full-time students. As fully-enrolled students take between six and eight classes during the school year, the actual cost of tuition ranges from 2,541 to \$8,300 per class taken per year. The lower tuition amount represents that of parochial schools, which are heavily subsidized by their local parishes or diocese. Former private religious schools in McCall received free or subsidized rent from their churches to help keep tuition costs low. Sometimes, private schools with large endowments offer significant scholarship opportunities to students; in every case, private school tuitions cover only half of the actual cost of educating students. The balance of funding comes from annual fundraising through parent, alumni and donor networks.

The North Fork School is not a 501c3 tax entity; this means that the school is not run by a Board of directors; it cannot do fundraising activities to offset tuition costs; it does not have an endowment to provide scholarships; it does not offer the benefits, retirement, and salary packages to teachers that other private (and public) schools can offer. Additionally, most NFS students are dually-enrolled in the MDSD schools, which receive full state funding for each NFS student. None of those state dollars come to the North Fork School; all tax dollars go toward making MDSD programs run as well as possible.

In view of these typical private school costs, NFS tuition, although it seems to be expensive if this is a family's first experience with private school payments, is actually quite low. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year programs, each of which consists of two for-credit classes, are only \$2350 per class, while High School English, Math, or History is \$2400 -\$3400 per class, depending on the number of classes taken in one year.

### **Are scholarships available for NFS classes?**

We do have a scholarship offered to those who can demonstrate true financial need. Aimed at helping families who are committed to educational quality, but who simply could not afford the full cost of NFS tuition, the *Grote Scholarship* allows new students in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year programs (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders) to apply for and receive help throughout their NFS years of study.

An application from the applying student, which includes a short letter requesting financial aid, and two years of his/her parents' tax returns, will be reviewed by an independent committee to determine recipients, and the amount and number of such scholarships each year. *More information on this scholarship is available at: <https://www.thenorthforkschool.com/scholarships/>.*

The North Fork School has never turned away a student who is motivated to work hard, but whose family cannot pay the full tuition. At the same time, almost every family would like to

receive some sort of financial aid.

Families who do not qualify for financial aid have options, including payment plans (each plan must be requested and in place before the September billing) or a personal assessment of financial status that can result in reduced tuition. Families who request reduced tuition must understand that, since the NFS is *not* run by a non-profit board that could fundraise to offset such costs, any financial aid other than the new scholarship program is a direct gift from NFS teachers, who agree to take a reduction in their student-based fee to help a student who is academically motivated.

The North Fork School counts families who make monthly payments as receiving aid – the school is basically personally financing families' abilities to pay over time, without charging interest or other fees. This is, from a business perspective, also "financial aid." The number of families who receive actual discounts is very small; all have extenuating circumstances.

In addition to qualified college expenses, families can now use their IDEal – Idaho College Savings Program to save for public, private and religious K-12 school tuition. IDEal is an Idaho-specific 529 plan, which allows Idaho taxpayers and other donors to take a state tax deduction of up to \$6,000 (\$12,000 if married, filing jointly).

Effective as of January 1st, 2018 for both federal and Idaho laws, in addition to qualified college expenses, families can now use their IDEal funds to save for public, private and religious K-12 school tuition expenses. K-12 withdrawals are limited to tuition expenses up to \$10,000 per student, per year from all 529 accounts collectively. For more information about IDEal, visit [idsaves.org](http://idsaves.org)

You may also submit an application to the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** this year to see what your own income level may allow you to receive for college (this is pure financial aid, not merit scholarships, or other school funding that a student could potentially earn through high test scores & grades). It would be a great exercise for your family to do together – just to see where you "stand" as far as qualifying for potential financial aid goes. Go to FAFSA <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and fill out forms online to get some feedback now.

### ***Why invest in a North Fork School education?***

Our most recent on-site review for accreditation took place in March 2020, as part of a new process, and a new accreditation cycle. The process always includes analyzing the results of stakeholder surveys as well as of statistics such as ISAT and SAT scores to show improvement. As you think about what to do for school next year, there are some really amazing trends that I think you should know.

First, although NFS students usually already score in the higher percentiles of ISAT scores in the MD school district, AND even though it is difficult to show very much improvement in those upper ranges, our students showed an overall improvement (by class) from Spring 2010 to Spring 2011 of: +15 to +32 points in Reading; +9 to +26 points in Language; +16 to +21 points in Math

In 2017-2018, we saw **SBAC score improvements of +92 (ELA) and +90 (math)** in students completing just their first year of North Fork classes.

While it is usual for us to have these kinds of improvements from lower-level students who are just beginning to work at NFS, having overall class scores come up that much in one year reveals a LOT of learning. All of our current test data and results from current parent | student | alumni surveys are posted on the North Fork School website at [www.thenorthforkschool.com](http://www.thenorthforkschool.com) under the IMPACT dropdown menu.

Second, I had a call in 2013 from a Boise parent who had a senior who, as a strong student athlete, was just beginning to receive offers of athletic scholarships from colleges. Unfortunately, her SAT scores were low, and her essay received a "7" (out of 12 possible points). This parent wanted to know if I knew of some way to help her child improve those scores, because the low scores were determining a lower financial aid award, per NCAA rules. I had to tell her that there is no "quick fix" for SAT writing scores. There is really no "quick fix" or "trick" for any SAT or ACT test score – such scores are the result of consistent, long-term effort and practice. That is what we do every day at NFS. To have scores affect a college financial aid award – even when that award is predicated on athletic achievement – comes as a shock to many students.

Third, a former NFS parent loves to relate how her son, a 2009 graduate of MDHS and NFS, received a year's worth of college credit (at \$40,000+/year) for AP scores he received as a result of his NFS work. Some of the scores translated into credit for more than one entry-level course, allowing him to skip almost all of his freshman requirements, and to begin college as a sophomore. This parent was not only thrilled at the savings NFS allowed her son in his pursuit of a college education, but also claims that NFS was the "best money [she] ever spent" as far as his gaining confidence and ability to work at a college level. He graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2014 with a job at Apple, and is currently working at Google, taking his success to the next level.

This kind of accomplishment is common among our graduates; when parents wonder whether they can "afford" NFS, I would like them to wonder instead, "how can we *not* afford it now?" Later, as I must tell many parents who come to me in their students' junior or senior year, when it is finally obvious to them that their children are not going to be ready for college-level work, is often too late.

I am not pressuring any of you to sign up for NFS classes. Too often, I find that parents mull over these issues alone, without facts or statistics or open conversation to guide them or to help them decide what is best for their families. There are many ways to educate a child; we offer one option. We love what we do, and we hope that you choose to be part of the love this year.

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## Registration Form 2024-2025

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE 4/1/24: DEPOSIT **\$1050.00 per child**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND RETURN WITH ALL FORMS  
(*medical form, field trip release, this registration form*) & DEPOSITS.

**List students' first names beside classes [specify French or Math level]**

ELEMENTARY CLASSES: \_\_\_\_\_ Math Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Humanities Foundations + Writing Workshop (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary French (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTEGRATED PROGRAMS:  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: American History & Literature (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: World History & British Literature (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)

MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: \_\_\_\_\_ French: I, II, or III (circle one)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Math: Pre Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calc  
\_\_\_\_\_ HS History: Honors United States History I, AP US, AP World  
\_\_\_\_\_ English III / AP Literature (10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

TOTAL registration deposits due..... \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the **North Fork School Fee Schedule** and **course descriptions** and would like to enroll my child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year. I understand that my obligation to pay tuition and fees for the full academic year is unconditional; no portion of such charges so paid or outstanding will be refunded or canceled notwithstanding the absence, withdrawal, or dismissal from the North Fork School programs of the above-named student(s). If it should become necessary for the North Fork School to initiate legal action to collect tuition and/or unpaid charges from me, I agree to pay all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs resulting from that proceeding.

Enrollment as specified in this agreement may be canceled in writing, without penalty (except for \$1050.00 registration fee) prior to September 15, 2024. If enrollment of the above-named student is canceled after September 15, 2024, I am obligated to pay full tuition charges noted in course descriptions, and any other expenses incurred prior to cancellation. If a class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, all deposits, including registration fees, will be returned to me in full.

**Signature of Parent(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## NFS Application

Please return this page with the (signed) registration form and deposit

\*\*\* PRIVACY POLICY \*\*\*

The information provided on this form will not be shared with any individual, organization, or business outside of The North Fork School. It will be kept with each student's records in a secure place, and will be used only for the purposes of communicating with each student's family.

### *Student Information*

Name:

9/24 grade:

birthdate:

[student's email address:](#)

mailing address:

city, state, zip:

home phone:

student cell phone:

Parent #1:

[email:](#)

P1 work phone:

P1 cell:

Parent #2:

email:

P2 work phone:

P2 cell:



**The North Fork School**

**PO Box 2127 McCall, ID 83638**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this form is to enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency medical treatment for children who become ill or injured while under the authority of the North Fork School, when parents cannot be reached.

**PART 1 OR PART 2 MUST BE COMPLETED**

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**PART 1**

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) or \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) or to contact (person) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) are unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for 1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (preferred M.D.) or Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (preferred dentist), or, in the event preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and/or (2) the transfer of the child to \_\_\_\_\_ (preferred Hospital) or any hospital reasonable accessible.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two licensed physicians or dentists, concurring to the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications taken, and any physical impairments to which the physician should be alerted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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**PART 2**

**(DO NOT complete if you completed PART 1)**

I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency medical treatment, I wish to have the school authorities take no action or to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian





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February 20, 2024

Dear 2024-2025 Parents:

The Idaho Department of Health & Welfare requires that all public & private schools must have a copy of up-to-date immunizations on file or students may not attend school. If you have a returning student, the NFS already has immunization forms for your child on file.

Parents of NEW students OR of students who have received updated immunizations in the past year: Please include a Xerox copy of your student’s immunization record when you return these forms. You may go to the MDSO *Parent Connect* site & print out the page of your child’s immunizations for our records. Thank you for your help & support.

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Required by law:

- DTP or DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis).....5 doses
- Polio.....4 doses
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, & Rubella).....2 dose given on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- Hepatitis B.....3 doses (all children born after 9/1/2005)
- Hepatitis A.....2 doses (all children born after 9/1/2005)
- Varicella.....2 doses (all children born after 9/1/2005)

**7th Grade Requirement:** Effective with the 2011-2012 school year, in addition to the school entry requirements, a child must receive the following immunizations prior to admission into the seventh grade: one dose of Tdap booster, and one dose of Meningococcal.

FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY: *is your child vaccinated against Covid-19?* YES NO

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Or, if you so choose, you may provide us with:

- 1) a signed statement of a licensed physician that the child’s life or health would be endangered if any or all of the required immunizations are administered; or
- 2) a signed statement of the legal parent, custodian, or guardian including the following information:
  - a) name of child; and
  - b) a statement of objection on religious or other grounds.



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Dear 2024-2025 Parents:

The North Fork School is accredited by The Northwest Accreditation Commission through Cognia. For Cognia accreditation, student achievement, as measured by standardized tests, is an important factor in assessing the success of school programs. While we know that such tests do not show the full impact of what students learn in each grade, they do give us a statistical sampling of the ways in which our students improve over the years.

NFS student test scores go directly to MDHS & PLMS. The North Fork School can only receive these scores if those schools have your permission to release them to the North Fork School. If you are willing to share this data with us, please sign the permission form below. This will allow the McCall-Donnelly School District to release copies of your child(ren)'s PSAT, SAT I, SAT II, ACT, AP, & Common Core assessment scores to the North Fork School. We will contact the students' counselors to receive the appropriate records. Thank you for your help & support.

Sincerely,  
Marie Furnary

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ TEST SCORES PERMISSION FORM ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The North Fork School has my/our permission to receive copies of standardized test scores for: (STUDENT)\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2024-2025 school year.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_(PARENTS)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The North Fork School has my/our permission to take: (STUDENT)\_\_\_\_\_ on field trips during the 2024-2025 school year.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_(PARENTS)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_