



# FINANCIAL AID DETAILS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**Note: we will review all of this information in a webinar on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Translation will be available via captions in this virtual event (hosted webinar style, in which you can type and ask questions).**

We are happy to support enrolling families with demonstrated financial need. If a financial aid grant appears in your tuition agreement in the TADS student billing system, this amount has already been deducted from the total tuition due to Eastside Prep. The same percentage of aid for your tuition grant will also be applied to different parts of the EPS experience. Please read below to learn more details about how this process works, as well as what to expect for potential out-of-pocket expenses. You can find out your aid percentage by taking your EPS grant amount and dividing it by the total tuition amount, then multiplying by 100.

## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR AID PERCENTAGE

[Financial aid grant] ÷ [2024-2025 Tuition] × [100] = Financial aid percentage

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ \$44,400 × 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ %

We have noted some specific contact information and/or relevant website links in the categories below, however if you have any general questions, you can always reach out to Cheryl Schenk at [cschenk@eastsideprep.org](mailto:cschenk@eastsideprep.org) or call/text Cheryl at (253) 545-1961. You can also reach out to Casey Otley at [cotley@eastsideprep.org](mailto:cotley@eastsideprep.org) if you have any questions about your financial aid grant amount.

Note: the password needed for password-protected pages hyperlinked below is **GoEagles!**

## BOOKS

The same aid percentage we apply to your tuition is also applied to the total cost of books and online resource licenses needed for scheduled classes. EPS partners with an online bookstore and you will receive an email in August containing a voucher to apply this aid percentage to your bookstore purchase. At the start of each school year, you can buy books for fall as well as winter, and spring trimesters. If your student changes a class they are taking and therefore the books and supplies change, you can use your voucher at any future time within the school year. Visit the Bookstore link on the Current Families webpage to access the Bookstore: <https://www.eastsideprep.org/current-families/online-bookstore/>, and you can email [bookstore@eastsideprep.org](mailto:bookstore@eastsideprep.org) with any questions you have.

## ON-CAMPUS LUNCH

The aid percentage is also applied to the annual cost of on-campus lunch entree on school days. That total amount (\$9.75 for each of the total number of school days) will be loaded into an online school lunch account at the beginning of the year. It can be used for any type of food for purchase (e.g. salad bar, breakfast, and grab-and-go snacks). Visit MySchoolAccount to access your student's lunch account. *Tip:* Additional food costs will result in additional food service charges, so we recommend keeping an eye on MySchoolAccount to see details of purchases, especially in the first few weeks of school. This will help you ensure that your student doesn't spend their food budget completely before the school year is over. Breakfast and snack costs, in particular, can add up quickly, so it can help to talk with your student about their purchasing behaviors early in the school year in case anything should be modified to stay within your budget. Visit <https://www.eastsideprep.org/current-families/food-service/> for more information.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

If bus service is an option for your location and you have completed the bus transportation form in School Forms Online (SFO), the aid percentage will be applied to the total cost of a seat on an EPS bus route. View the transportation schedule:

<https://www.eastsideprep.org/current-families/transportation/> Make sure to sign up for bus transportation in any trimester in which your student will be using the service. School Forms Online: <https://sfo.inresonance.com/eastsideprep/> You can also email [transportation@eastsideprep.org](mailto:transportation@eastsideprep.org) if there are questions you have about bus transportation. Additionally, we can help you with arranging carpools with current and newly enrolling EPS families—every EPS family is included in the carpool map published each summer. Finally, if you will need support occasionally with transportation needs that arise because of special events, we can help with arranging safe rides through Hop Skip Drive with advanced notice.

## LAPTOP

The aid percentage is applied to the total cost of one laptop per student, purchased through the school. At EPS, a student owns their laptop. Replacement of this machine is reconsidered after the four-year warranty and machine life expectancy has lapsed. So if a student enters in sixth grade, they would have their first laptop through the end of ninth grade, and then acquire a new machine before the start of tenth grade, with the second machine's warranty lasting through their first year after graduation. The form to request a new laptop can be completed via School Forms Online in the spring. Please contact [tech@eastsideprep.org](mailto:tech@eastsideprep.org) if you have any questions.

## EBC WEEK EXPERIENCES

Education Beyond the Classroom (EBC) experiences are a part of the EPS program in which all students will participate. In fifth through seventh grades, one experience is shared by all students in a grade level. In eighth grade, multiple trip options are available, and in ninth through twelfth grades, many different trip options, local, domestic and abroad, are available. These will be publicized, and your student will need to choose an experience, in November. November 6<sup>th</sup> is when students in eighth through twelfth grades will start learning about EBC options in Assembly and Class Meeting (8<sup>th</sup>). Learn more by visiting the EBC Week webpages on Current Families: <https://www.eastsideprep.org/current-families/ebc-week/>

### 2024 EBC Grant Amounts:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Aid percentage applied to your grade-level trip.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aid percentage applied to your chosen EBC Week experience, up to a maximum of \$3000.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aid percentage applied to your chosen EBC Week experience, up to a maximum of \$4500.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aid percentage applied to your chosen EBC Week experience, up to a maximum of \$6000.

*For example, a senior with a 100% financial aid grant would be able to have all expenses on the EBC trip option to Spain. If they chose to go on the trip to Japan, there would be a \$500 out-of-pocket cost.*

If you have any concerns about affording EBC, please contact us so that we can help ensure your student is able to participate in an experience.

## GUIDED STUDY HALL

If your student qualifies for and enrolls in this service, the aid percentage will be applied to the total cost of Guided Study Hall (GSH). There is no additional cost for Study Hall or free periods if students are not enrolled in GSH.

## OTHER EXPENSES

Other incidental expenses that are billed are covered by your tuition aid percentage. This can include things like off-campus social excursions, Ski Bus, Advanced Placement (AP) test fees, prom tickets, and more. Because we recognize that these expenses are by choice but allow students to participate fully in the school community, demonstrated need is also met for expenses in these areas. These types of expenses are billed through our merchant account at the time of registration, not the TADS student billing system for tuition expenses. If you ever have a question regarding whether an expense is covered by EPS need-based aid, you can email [billing@eastsideprep.org](mailto:billing@eastsideprep.org). While we do our best to educate our community about the need to ensure that program-related costs should always go through Student Billing to ensure that

aid can be applied to these expenses, occasionally items will be added by those not familiar with this practice (e.g. new faculty, or student leaders), so if you receive a request to purchase an item or supplies and you don't see any guidelines about how financial aid applies, please email [billing@eastsideprep.org](mailto:billing@eastsideprep.org) so that we can support with your questions.

## GIVING TO EPS

If you'd like to give back to the EPS community, we have several opportunities for engagement:

- **Volunteer** | We have several opportunities for parent/guardian volunteers that support our efforts while allowing for deeper connections in our community. Whether you have an hour or a day free, your volunteer hours are appreciated! The Association of Parents and Guardians (APG) will share more information on upcoming opportunities or visit the Parent/Guardian page on the Current Families website.
- **Share Your Expertise** | If you have a skill or expertise, there may be opportunities to share that knowledge with students or faculty/staff through a class or club. You will be able to sign up on our volunteer form (located on SFO) to let us know what you'd like to share.
- **Annual Fund** | Eastside Prep funds our operating budget through both tuition revenue and annual giving. We depend on tuition dollars as well as the generous discretionary giving of our families to meet our goals in both categories. An overwhelming number of our families (96%) support the Annual Fund each year and we'd appreciate your participation at whatever level is meaningful and comfortable to you. It doesn't need to be a large gift—your support at any level communicates a strong message to our faculty, staff, and students that we're all working together. Thank you for contributing at whatever level is meaningful for your family!

This fall, please consider attending a 'Head's Table' meeting with fellow parents/guardians in your student's grade level. These meetings are hosted by our Head of School, Sam Uzwack, so that you can learn more about how annual giving works as well as ask ANY questions you would like about anything at EPS.

## REAPPLYING FOR AID EACH YEAR

You'll hear from us again with a reminder for the April 17 webinar, and then again in the late fall when it's time to apply for 2025-2026 school year financial aid! The deadline for returning families to submit their financial aid application in Clarity will be Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to any questions you may have for us!

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