



What if I can't afford to pay school fees?

No child is ever denied access to an education in the Calgary Board of Education due to their family's inability to pay. School fees are due beginning in September and we know for some families, this can cause a financial hardship. We have a number of different options to pay fees.

Pay your School Fees by Instalments

Parents/Guardians can choose to pay central fees in instalments using [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#)

Apply For a Fee Waiver Based on Income Level

If you qualify, you may apply for a CBE fee waiver for any or all of the following central fees:

- Yellow School Bus Transportation
- Noon Supervision
- Musical Instrument Rental
- Student Supplies Fee

Note | If your child is assigned to take Calgary Transit, you must apply to the City of Calgary Fair Entry Program to qualify for a monthly bus pass at a reduced rate. Visit www.calgary.ca/fairentry for more information.

The CBE will waive fees for parents/guardians if they meet certain income guidelines. Income levels are supported by specific documents. If any of the following situations applies to your family you may apply for a CBE fee waiver:

- You receive assistance from Provincial Social Services
- You receive the Alberta Child Health Benefit
- You are a Government Sponsored Convention Refugee
- You have been approved by the City of Calgary's Fair Entry program
- You do not have the above documents but have a low income and Treaty Status
- You are an Independent CBE Student who is not Financially supported by a Guardian / Parent

You will be required to produce photocopies of documents to prove your eligibility for a fee waiver.

Income Guidelines

Families are encouraged to apply to the City of Calgary Fair Entry Program to use as proof of income for a CBE waiver, as well as to take advantage of other benefits of the program. Visit www.calgary.ca/fairentry for more information.

The CBE also uses the income levels determined by the Provincial Government to qualify families for a fee waiver. The Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB) plan is for families with limited incomes. The benefit pays for health services, prescription drugs and dental care for children up to age 18, and up to age 20 if they live at home, and are attending high school up to Grade 12.

ACHB income guidelines

Family Type	Maximum Qualifying Income (effective July 1, 2015)
Single parent with 1 child	\$26,023
Single parent with 2 children	\$31,010
Single parent with 3 children	\$36,325
Single parent with 4 children	\$41,957
Couple with 1 child	\$31,237
Couple with 2 children	\$36,634
Couple with 3 children	\$41,594
Couple with 4 children*	\$46,932

*For each additional child, add \$4,973

For information regarding the Alberta Child Health Benefit, please call 1-877-469-5437 (toll free) or visit their website at <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2076.html>. Please note it can take several weeks to receive coverage.

Extraordinary Circumstances Waiver

If you do not meet the criteria described for a fee waiver, you may review and follow the instructions to apply for an [Extraordinary Circumstances Waiver](#) with the CBE.

Contact |

CBE Central Fee Waiver Support at feewaiver@cbe.ab.ca