



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 [My CBE Account](#).

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:

- Instructional Supplies and Materials (ISM)
- Transportation (except for conditional riders)
- Noon Supervision
- Calgary Transit (for qualifying students)
- Musical Instrument Rental

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 do not have the above documents but have a low income and Treaty Status

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

Income Guidelines

The Calgary Board of Education 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.

Principal-Approved Waiver

If you do not meet the criteria described for a fee waiver, you may declare a financial hardship to your school principal. Your principal will work with you to either come up with a manageable payment schedule, or decide to waive part or all of your fees. We encourage parents to speak to your principal regarding unpaid fees so we can work together to find solutions.

Contact

Student Fees Helpline at feewaiver@cbe.ab.ca or 403-817-7888