



Let's Break Down Tuition and Scholarships

Starting Tuition	\$9500
Choice Scholarship (for student living in New Palestine School District)	- \$6359.02
Community Partner Scholarship	- \$500
Balance (After TWO scholarships applied)	= \$2640.98
Helping Hands Scholarship (scholarship amount due based on FFRL)	- \$1500
Balance Due	= \$ 1,140.98

Payment Options:

1. Pay in by 12 monthly payments starting on June 15, 2026.
 - a. \$95.09 from June 2026- May 2027

2. Semi - Annual Payment
 - a. \$570.49 due on July 15, 2026
 - b. \$570.49 due on January 15, 2027

3. Pay in full by July 15, 2026.

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A Commitment to Sustainability, Quality, and Our Mission

At Zion Lutheran School, we are committed to providing a Christ-centered education grounded in strong academics, faith formation, and care for every child. As our school and ministry grow, we continually evaluate the true cost of educating a student at Zion to ensure long-term sustainability.

Understanding the True Cost of Education

The true cost to educate one child at Zion Lutheran School for the 2025–2026 school year is approximately **\$10,500 per student**.

This includes:

- Salaries and benefits for our faculty and staff
- Curriculum, instructional materials, and classroom supplies
- Technology and academic resources
- Utilities, maintenance, and operational costs required to keep our school running

Zion is no longer a small school. We now employ over 50 staff members, ranging from part-time to full-time, all of whom play a vital role in serving our students and families.

Looking Back: How Zion Has Been Supported

- 2025–2026 tuition was set at \$8,500
- Indiana Choice Scholarships covered around 70% of tuition for many families
- The remaining cost was made possible through:
 - Generous SGO donations
 - Direct support from Zion Lutheran Church offerings

In reality, our congregation has been subsidizing each student by **\$2,500–\$4,000** per year to help bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of education to \$10,500.

Why Change Is Necessary Now

Zion Lutheran School is also in the midst of an exciting building project to add much-needed classrooms and ministry space. Our congregation has been incredibly generous, pledging millions of dollars to support this growth. However:

- Congregational offerings that previously helped subsidize tuition are now reduced
- General funds are more limited as we steward resources responsibly
- Continuing to rely on the congregation to carry the majority of the financial gap is no longer sustainable

To ensure our school and ministry remain strong for generations to come, tuition must more accurately reflect the true cost of educating a child.

What This Means for Families

- Tuition will increase for the 2026–2027 school year
- Minimum family contribution per student will increase from \$300 to \$750 per year.
 - Families will pay across 12 months, semi annually, or in full
- Zion Lutheran Church will continue to provide needs based scholarship support based on annual household income. (proof of income required)
- This remains significantly lower than the minimum contribution from years past
 - *(Previously, the minimum family payment was \$3,600 per year)*

We recognize this change may be difficult. Please know this decision was made thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with long-term sustainability in mind.

Our Commitment Moving Forward

- We remain dedicated to **high-quality Christian education**
- Scholarships (Choice, SGO, and Zion assistance) will continue to be available
- We will remain transparent in financial stewardship
- Our goal is to ensure Zion Lutheran School thrives for many years to come

Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and trust in the mission of Zion Lutheran School.