



TUITION AND FEES POLICY
2026-27

Tuition (USD)	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Option #4
Grade Levels	Annual (15 July)	Early Bird Discount (15 April)	70/30 Semester Plan (15 July & 15 Nov)	9 Monthly Installments (15 July-15 March)
Toddler: Half Day	6,800	6,120	4,760	756
Toddler: Full Day	8,040	7,236	5,628	894
Pre-K: Half Day	6,800	6,120	4,760	756
Pre-K: Full Day	8,040	7,236	5,628	894
KG	8,620	7,758	6,034	958
Primary Gr. 1-5	10,950	9,855	7,665	1,217
Secondary Gr. 6-12	12,950	11,655	9,065	1,439

Tuition Terms and Conditions

1. **All tuition payment plans** exclude the mandatory, non-refundable, non-transferable Matriculation Fee and the New Student Fee (NSF) (See below). These fees are paid separately and prior to acceptance each year.
2. **Early Bird Discount (EB)**
 - a. EB is available to returning students with two full years successfully concluded at CRIA
 - b. EB is available to new students who have a sibling with two full years successfully concluded at CRIA
 - c. EB provides a 10% discount on Tuition Fee, excluding the Matriculation Fee and the NSF, and must be paid together by April 15th
 - d. EB discount is not available to those who have scholarship/financial aid/ other discount provisions (sibling discount, etc.) in place
 - e. EB Tuition Fee, Matriculation Fee, and the NSF are non-refundable and non-transferable
3. **A sibling discount** of 10% for the third child and 20% for the fourth child and above; pertains to the youngest child(ren) enrolled full-time for tuition fees only
4. **Late payments** shall incur a 1.5% monthly penalty and will lead to de-enrollment if any portion is unpaid by the last day of each quarter term as per *Ministerio de Educacion Publica de Costa Rica Decree # 24017*. Term end dates for 2026-27 are found on the School Calendar
5. **All tuition and fees payments** are non-transferable, non-refundable and are required
6. **Early Years' program students** must be potty-trained *before* acceptance to the Early Years' program. Students are assigned to grade levels by age:
 - a. Toddler (Age 3 by August 15)
 - b. Pre-K (Age 4 by August 15)
 - c. KG (Age 5 by August 15)
 - d. Half day program option runs from 8:00am to Noon for Toddler to Pre-K, without full breadth of specialist classes



- e. Half day program students may upgrade to full day program at prorated tuition
- f. Half day program students who stay beyond 12 noon for whatever reason are charged a \$30 per day tuition surcharge, billed monthly

Other Mandatory Fees

Matriculation Fee	
	(annual fee)
New Students	\$1,250
Returning Students	\$1,250

New Student Fee	Toddler to Gr. 5	Gr. 6 to Gr. 12
	(one-time fee)	(one-time fee)
Local Students*	\$750	1,250
International Students	\$2,500	\$2,500

***Local Students are defined as students who are** currently attending a Costa Rica based school, private or public, at time of application. For Early Years students entering school for the first time, "local students" must be citizens or have residency status in Costa Rica.

Other Fees Terms and Conditions

- **Returning Students:** Matriculation Fee due date for returning students is 15th April prior to the August start date. The Matriculation Fee is \$1,250 if paid by April 15th; if paid after April 15th the Matriculation Fee is \$1,500 to guarantee a seat
- **New Students:** In addition to the New Student Fee, the Matriculation Fee is required within fifteen (15) business days from notice of acceptance. After 15 business days, the Matriculation Fee increases to \$1,500. Student acceptance and seat are not guaranteed until the New Student Fee and the Matriculation Fee are paid in full
- **New and returning students** may not attend classes until all payments are made
- **All tuition payments and mandatory fees** are non-refundable and non-transferable

New Student Fee: Toddler-Grade 12

- All new students pay a New Student Fee, whether local students, international, or starting school for the first time
- This fee is for new students who are enrolling for one quarter term, one semester, or full year
- New Student Fees are billed upon acceptance along with the Matriculation Fee and are non-refundable, non-transferable and must be paid to guarantee a seat

Partial Year Students: Toddler-Grade 11

We have families who enroll students for either one quarter term or a semester term and then transfer back to a home country school. CRIA accommodates such students with the following terms and conditions:

- One quarter term is 30% of the annual tuition rate for the grade level; one quarter term is the minimum time for enrollment at CRIA



- One semester term pays 55% of the annual tuition rate
- Students who are enrolled between one full semester and one full year are subject to paying the annual tuition payment in full, no prorated payments
- Students who are enrolled between one quarter and one semester are subject to paying the semester tuition fee in full., no prorated payments
- New Student Fee and the Matriculation Fee must be paid in full for Partial Year Students
- Students in High School (Grades 9-11) must be enrolled for a minimum of one full semester
- All fees for Partial Year Students must be paid in full before entering school, no payment plans
- Grade 12 students who are graduating from CRIA must pay full year tuition and be in attendance for the full academic year, no partial payments are accepted; no early graduation provisions are permitted

Billing and Payment

- School fees are quoted in USD
- Payment can be made in colones at the official Banco Central sell-rate or in USD
- International checks are not accepted for payment of any school fees
- All bank transfer fees are paid by the sender
- Cryptocurrency Payments Bitcoin and Ethereum payments are accepted. Terms and conditions apply. For instructions, please contact the Business Manager-Accounts Receivable
- Payment in cash can be made by depositing the amount due in any branch of:

Local Wire Transfers or Deposits

Banco BCR

Name: Guanacaste School Parents Team, SA
Bank: Banco de Costa Rica
Denomination: DOLLARS
Cedula #: 3-101-668823
IBAN: CR90015201001030749436

Banco Nacional

Name: Guanacaste School Parents Team, SA
Bank: Banco Nacional
Denomination: DOLLARS
Cedula #: 3-101-668823
IBAN: CR50015119320020021224

International Wire Transfers

For international wire transfers, please add \$70 to the total of the invoice for bank fees.

SWIFT:	BCRICRSJ	Bank Address:
UNIVERSAL CODE:	019339	Banco de Costa Rica
Account #:	001-0307494-3	Av Central y Av Segunda
IBAN:	CR90015201001030749436	Calle 4y6, San Jose, CR
Account Name:	Guanacaste School Parents Team, SA	
ID:	3-101-668823	



Payment made by deposit must be identified with the student's name, with a copy sent (by email) to the School Business Office: cuentasporcobrar@criacademy.com, attention Maria Vilchez. Otherwise, the deposit cannot be credited to your school account.

Additional Fees and Expenses

Additional fees are charged by the school or paid for directly by parents:

- a. regular school-to-home transportation
- b. bus service
- c. food services
- d. instrument rentals, consumable materials or special tools, technology, calculators, etc.
- e. official P.E., House Team, and CRIA school uniforms
- f. some after school activities
- g. field trips and club/team trips
- h. a copy of the school yearbook and school photos
- i. personal reference texts, when required by the school
- j. A **school supplies list** is provided for each grade level for each student to purchase. See the school website for supplies lists

Tuition fees surcharges for special education services/programs are required for enrollment at CRIA. Special Education services or programs could include, but are not limited to, special classes/tutoring in areas such as ELL, remedial learning, specialized arts and ASAs, learning disabilities, gifted and talented programs, online courses, and support services for students who are learning impaired or who have identified limited special needs.

CRIA pays for MAP (KG-Grade 8) and PSAT testing (Grade 9-11) at School Director-approved timings each year. Any additional external testing per year beyond the testing covered by the school must be paid for by the student taking the test.

Students with past records of behavioral challenges, IEPs, or special needs, however minor, must disclose such information during the application process. If it is determined that a student is accepted to CRIA without parents disclosing important information for acceptance, or during enrollment it is found that CRIA does not have the support services to attend to the special needs, behavioral, academic, or emotional, the family shall be counseled to withdraw enrollment in the best interest of their child and/or the school community.

Enrollment to CRIA is contractually for one year and is not guaranteed in subsequent years.