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Pacific Montessori Society Sibling Discount Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

Selkirk Montessori School offers a discount for kindergarten to grade 8 siblings of students enrolled at the school. The sibling discount does not apply to pre-kindergarten students. The amounts of the tuition fee discount are outlined in the school's Schedule of Fees (found on the Selkirk [admissions page](#)). The discount calculation is based on the student with the lowest tuition and applied to the oldest student's tuition (applies to base tuition only). If a sibling should leave Selkirk Montessori School, the remaining sibling(s) tuition will be recalculated.

The Pacific Montessori Society reserves the right to adjust the Schedule of Fees, including the rates for sibling discounts annually as a part of its budgeting process.

2.0 Policy Rationale

Selkirk Montessori School recognizes that its community is better enhanced when siblings can attend Selkirk together. To this end, the Pacific Montessori Society Board of Directors includes within the fee structure an identified sibling discount for households with kindergarten to grade 8 siblings attending Selkirk Montessori School.

3.0 Policy in full

The tuition discount rate for kindergarten to grade 8 siblings enrolled at Selkirk Montessori School is as follows:

- For the current school year, there is a 15% discount for enrolling a second sibling and a 30% discount for each additional sibling.
- The current rates for sibling discounts are published in the school's Schedule of Fees.
- The discount applies to the tuition fee only as set out in the school's Schedule of Fees. There is no discount for the application fee or enrolment fee or other charges.

- The discount only applies while multiple non-pre-k siblings are enrolled in the school.
- The school requires legal proof that a student is eligible for the sibling tuition discount.
- There is no need for families to apply for the sibling discount. The discount will be applied and disclosed in the Tuition Fee invoice sent to the family.
- A family may contact the school's administration if it feels that its sibling discount was incorrectly calculated.

4.0 Definitions

Sibling – One or more individuals having at least one common guardian and/ or biological or adoptive parent.

Family – In addition to the standard definition of a nuclear family or a single-parent family, for the purposes of this policy, a family may consist of a situation in which one or more siblings reside with one parent, and one or more siblings reside with another parent; or one or more siblings reside in the care of a third party.

Blended Family – A blended family consists of a situation in which siblings of one parent are not related in a biological or adopted way with siblings of another parent, although all siblings reside in the same household.

A **legal guardian** has the legal authority (and the corresponding duty) to care for the personal interests of the individual. The relationship between the parents and the individual may remain. Guardianship can arise in a number of ways including:

- election by the incompetent (power of attorney);
- appointment by the court (judicial court order);
- assumption of the role of guardian without legal authority (guardianship role simply assumed by another party).

A parent is considered the guardian for their minor child. The birth certificate showing parentage is sufficient evidence.

5.0 Procedure

- Annually, the board will review and reconfirm the sibling discount levels as part of the overall budget, tuition and fees review process.
- Selkirk Montessori School's administration will produce a report annually to the board on the cost and benefit of this policy. The template for this report is provided in Appendix A.

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Annex A: Annual report to the board



Appendix A

School Year _____

Date _____

Total number of families participating in the sibling discount program _____

% of Sibling discount	# of students	Total Tuition before Discount	Tuition after discount	Difference
15%				
30%				
Total				

Approved