



**TUITION INFORMATION & RUBRIC
2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Apple Valley School is committed to providing accessible and high-quality early childhood education for families in Lander, Wyoming. We also believe strongly in providing competitive “livable” wages to recruit and retain excellent teachers and promote staff retention and well-being. Please read the following with care.

We are committed to ensuring Apple Valley School's financial accessibility for every family who has secured a placement in our program regardless of their ability to pay. In the 2022/2023 school year over 40% of our student body received some form of tuition assistance and we expect a similar percentage moving forward. The AVS board and our school Director invest significant time and energy into fundraising so that all children seeking to attend the school can do so regardless of their financial situation. If you are interested in supporting tuition for other families in need, please consider making a donation to the school!

We use these statewide and national statistics when evaluating and setting tuition rates for the coming year. A review of childcare expenses around the state and nationally reveals that the average cost of childcare is between \$9,100 and \$11,650 per year and that families should expect to pay 15-22% of their monthly household income towards childcare expenses. In Wyoming, it is statistically typical for families with two children to pay 22% of their annual income toward childcare and early education.

Upon review of this tuition matrix, if you determine that your family will be seeking an Individual Tuition Adjustment Plan, please review our Individual Tuition Adjustment Application. Tuition Adjustments Applications will be reviewed by our board tuition adjustment committee. We will work with your family to help you access all the community and school support we can to ensure that children have access to this Early Education. The review will include an objective assessment of key financial indicators to inform the level of support we can offer. In the 2022/2023 school year, 40% of families in our school received some level of financial support. Our board is committed to fundraising for this purpose.

Tuition at Apple Valley School includes a warm snack in the morning and a snack during aftercare. Families are responsible for packing a lunch for their child. In the coming year we will offer 3 separately billed programs: Morning Care, School Day Care, and After Care. Our tuition fees are billed monthly and rates are based on a 20 days/month average. For Morning Care, you can drop your child off anytime between 7:30 and 8:00 for a \$5 per day charge. Our School Day Care drop-off window is between 7:55 and 8:15 am and our pick-up window is from 3:00 to 3:15 pm. Our After Care Program runs from 3:15 to 5:15 pm and costs an additional \$18 per day when scheduled and \$20/day for drop-ins.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS	5 DAYS PER WEEK	4 DAYS PER WEEK	3 DAYS PER WEEK - for children 3 and under
Morning Care - 7:30-8:00	\$100 per month	\$80 per month	\$60 per month
School Day Care - 8:00-3:15	\$900 per month	\$720 per month	\$540 per month
Aftercare - 3:15-5:15	\$360 per month	\$288 per month	\$216 per month

The school calendar for the coming year including closure dates is listed on our website. As a general rule, we follow the public school holiday closures. Tuition is not reimbursed for holidays, sick days, or family vacations. We do not have make-up days for snow closures and tuition is not reimbursed for snow closures. We cannot pause tuition for families choosing to travel outside of school holidays and canceling your tuition for travel time will result in forfeiting your spot. Summer programming may be billed differently and will allow for more flexibility when it comes to pausing billing plans and changing attendance schedules without losing your spot. Summer tuition adjustments will be managed on a case by case basis.