



*Shaping their future  
to be the best they can be*

February 21, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Besides the gift of life, the greatest gift parents or guardians can give their children is the gift of faith. We are very glad that you have chosen to send your children to a Catholic elementary school. It reflects both your commitment to raise your child(ren) in the Catholic faith, as well as your desire to provide them with an academically rigorous education within a nurturing family environment that will help shape their future to be the best they can be.

The Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Team has made the decision to increase tuition for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the first increase in tuition since the 2016-2017 school year. While the Leadership Team never likes to increase tuition, they are committed to providing our QCES students with the best educational experience we can. It is for that reason they agreed to a small increase in tuition for the 2019-2020 school year.

The “**Early Bird**” **Instructional Fee Rate** for the 2019-2020 school will remain at **\$190 per child, if paid in full by Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**. After **May 1st, 2019**, the Instructional Fee Rate will increase to \$290 per child. The “**Early Bird**” **Technology Fee Rate** will remain at **\$50 per child, if paid in full by Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**. After **May 1st, 2019**, the Technology Fee Rate will increase to \$100 per student.

**In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, both the Instructional Fee and the Technology Fee, which are non-refundable, must be paid by Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. PLEASE NOTE that current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year, 2018-2019, must pay their outstanding amount by Friday, March 29th, 2019, in order to enroll their child(ren) for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Please be aware that it is the desire of all four pastors to have every Catholic child in Quincy enrolled in one of our four Catholic elementary schools. It is also our desire, along with that of each school principal, to work with every family to the greatest extent possible to make a Catholic education an affordable investment in their children’s future.

Families seeking to receive tuition assistance must complete and submit the **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form, including all required supporting documentation** (W-2 forms, 2018 IRS and state 1040 or 1040EZ tax forms, and other documentation that FACTS may request from you) **by Friday, March 29th, 2019. The FACTS Application deadline for QND is also Friday, March 29th, 2019. The FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form can be completed and submitted online, and is now accessible on each school’s website. While the preferred FACTS Application deadline for QCES families is March 29th, FACTS applications will be accepted after that deadline. However, there is no guarantee that tuition-assistance funds will still be available for those applying after the preferred deadline of March 29th. The earlier QCES families submit completed FACTS applications, the greater the amount of money there will be in the “pool” of tuition-assistance of funds.**

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact either your parish priest or your school principal, both of whom are partners with parents and guardians in providing a Catholic education to every family that wishes to enroll their children. Thank you, again, for choosing a Catholic elementary school education for your children.

May God bless you and your family,

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**A Quick View of the  
Tuition & Fees Deadlines for Enrolling & Registering Your Child(ren)  
at a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year**

**Friday, March 1st, 2019:** Online registration for the 2019-2020 school year is active on each school's website. If you have any questions about the online registration process, please contact the respective school office where you wish to enroll your child(ren).

**Friday, March 29th, 2019:** Any outstanding amounts owed to your school (tuition, fees, hot lunch, etc.) for the current school year, 2018-2019, must be paid in full. **Families that are not in good financial standing with their school, will not be allowed to register their children for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Friday, March 29th, 2019:** The “preferred” deadline for QCES families to submit a completed FACTS Application, including all required supporting documentation such as 2018 W-2 forms, 2018 IRS and state 1040 or 1040EZ tax forms, etc., and other documentation that FACTS may request from you. The FACTS Application can be accessed through each school's website as well as the QCES Website – [quincycatholicschools.org](http://quincycatholicschools.org). **Please make sure you click on the FACTS Application link for your school.**

**Wednesday, May 1st, 2019:** The non-refundable “Early Bird” Instructional Fee of \$190 and the non-refundable “Early Bird” Technology Fee of \$50 must be paid in full in order to guarantee your child's(dren's) enrollment at one of the four Catholic elementary schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Friday, June 28th, 2019:** Tuition must be paid in full or you must have made arrangements to make payments for your child's(dren's) tuition through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program. *(A 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that you will be making payments through Tuition-Management Program.)*

# Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for 2019-2020

## Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition Rates for 2019-2020

	<u>Participating Registered Parishioner</u>	<u>Non- Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner</u>
One Child	\$2,750	\$3,725
Family (2 or more)	\$4,025	\$6,350

### The 2019-2020 Instructional Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Instructional Fee will remain at \$190 per child, if paid in full by **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**.
- After **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**, the non-refundable Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Instructional Fee cannot be included in a **FACTS Tuition Management Program (TMP)** payment plan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid through the **TMP**. In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the Instructional Fee must be paid in full by **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**.

### The 2019-2020 Technology Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Technology Fee will remain at \$50 per child, if paid in full by **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**.
- After **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**, the non-refundable Technology Fee will increase to \$100 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Instructional & Technology Fees cannot be included in a **FACTS TMP** payment plan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid through the **FACTS TMP** payment plan. **In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the Technology Fee must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 1st, 2019.**

### The Average Cost to Educate a Child in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School

- **The average cost to educate one child in a Quincy Catholic elementary school is approximately \$31.10 per day.**
- The **Participating Registered Parishioner Single Student Tuition Rate of \$2,750**, when broken down by the day, is **\$15.30 per day**.
- The **Participating Registered Parishioner Family (2 or more) Tuition Rate of \$4,025** is **\$22.35 per day**.
- The **Non-Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner Single Student Tuition Rate of \$3,725**, when broken down by the day, is **\$20.70 per day**.
- The **Non-Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner Family (2 or more) Tuition Rate of \$6,350** is **\$35.25 per day**.
- The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools' tuition is quite a bargain.
- **The difference between the cost to educate and the cost of tuition is underwritten/subsidized by each parish that sponsors an elementary school, through the stewardship of their parishioners.**

### Initiatives in Place to Help Offset the Cost of QCES Tuition

- We encourage those who are eligible to apply for scholarships through the **Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program**. For more information, go to **empowerillinois.org**. **Scholarships for eligible students will be awarded on a first come/first served basis**. The Empower Illinois scholarship application is now available for parents to apply.
- Participation in the **Gene Grawe Fund** will provide direct assistance to families through a tuition credit at the Catholic school of their choice. For more information about the **Gene Grawe Fund**, please contact **JoAnn Witte at 217-214-0169**.
- Eligible parents are encouraged to apply for tuition assistance by completing and submitting the **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application**. When awarding tuition assistance, the **QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Review Committee** strives to maintain their commitment to meet as close to 100% of a QCES family's tuition assistance need, as determined by **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment**, as possible.
- Parents of parochial school students in Illinois are eligible for the **Illinois Education Tax Credit for Private School Tuition and Fees**. This tax credit provision allows parents to write off 25% of their eligible education expenses for their own children, up to a maximum credit of **\$750**. Eligible expenses include tuition, book fees, and lab fees in excess of \$250. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.