



**Roots School**

**Parent Handbook  
Grades K-5**

2020-2021  
Academic Year

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### General Information

Our Mission, Vision, Values, Curriculum, School Practices .....	3
---	---

### General Policies & Procedures .....

Hours of Operation .....	4
Placement Policy .....	4
Application Process .....	4
Signing Application and Enrollment Documents .....	4
New Students/Waiting List.....	5
Late Enrollment .....	5
Absences, Excessive Absences, Vacations, Long-term Absences .....	5
Late Pick-Up Fees .....	5
Health Policy / Tuberculosis (TB) / Health Record / Medication .....	6
Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 policies .....	6
Emergency Medical Care / General Emergency / Disaster Plans .....	6-8
Insurance.....	8
Transportation/Excursions.....	8
Policy Regarding Special Learning Needs Students .....	8
Statement of Non-Discrimination.....	8
Disclosure of Information on Students, Parents/Guardians.....	8
Transition to A New Facility or School Setting .....	8
Non-Smoking Environment.....	8
Communication/Open Door Policy .....	9
Respectful Environment Policy .....	9
Cell Phone/Electronic Use.....	9
Change of Address and Contact Information .....	9
Policy Changes .....	9

### Parent Participation Hours and Annual Fundraiser Involvement Policies .....

10-11

### Tuition and Enrollment

Tuition and Fees Schedule.....	12
Tuition Payment Policy and Procedure .....	13
FACTS Management.....	13
Enrollment Policy / Late Payment Policy / Withdrawal Policy / Dismissal Policy .....	13

## **OUR MISSION**

Through experiential and academic learning, we encourage students to integrate creativity, critical thinking, integrity, and compassion to engage collaboratively and realize their potential as unique, fulfilled individuals.

## **OUR VISION**

To create a sustainable, educational environment where children are given the opportunities to blossom into happy and healthy individuals.

## **OUR VALUES**

- Our teachers nurture children to become creative, confident and reflective learners.
- Lifelong learners are created through active inquiry, exploration and involvement in the community.
- Children have unlimited potential and are not defined by grade level.
- Experiential hands-on learning in a purposeful and supportive environment provides tools that enable children to apply their learning to daily life.
- Setting clear and achievable expectations is important to children.
- Multi-age classrooms are reflective of the world in which older and younger people learn together.
- Our parents are our partners in the school community.

## **OUR CURRICULUM**

- Consists of integrated studies, which include content knowledge, skill development, and social and emotional growth.
- Attempts to meet the needs of all children through multiple intelligence approach.
- Offers our children a strong foundation in the basic subjects through creative, meaningful, and untraditional approaches.
- Includes parents as partners in our teaching.
- Provides students with off-campus experiences that further enrich their learning.
- Presents students with opportunities to work with community members and groups.

## **OUR PRACTICES**

- We maintain small class size to ensure the quality of your child's education.
- Children remain with teachers for more than one year.
- Classrooms provide a social context for learning.
- Field studies help children deepen their knowledge of the world.
- Recess with all classes promotes cross-grade relationships.
- Community sharing assemblies celebrate student work and talents.
- We attempt to address any issues as quickly as possible.
- Decisions are thoughtfully made by our Board, which is comprised of elected community members and teachers.

## **GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

These policies are statements of the general or customary method by which ROOTS operates and interacts with students and families. Whenever the individual rights or duties of students or families are being determined under any circumstance, the final decision rests with the Board of Directors based upon the totality of the circumstances and any decision made by an employee, agent or officer of Roots School may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**K-2 Grade** 8:45am – 3:00pm (Drop off between 8:45am - 9:00am only/Pick Up 3:00 - 3:15pm only)

**3-5 Grade** 8:30am – 2:45pm (Drop off between 8:30am - 8:45am only/Pick Up 2:45pm - 3:00pm only)

\*Please refer to Roots Return to Campus Plan for any updated information on Hours of Operation

Children should be brought to school on-time so as not to disrupt learning. Children cannot be dropped-off earlier than 8:30am. All students are expected to be picked up at the time school dismisses for the day. (Please review “Late Pick-Up Policy” on page 7)

## **PLACEMENT POLICY**

We assess children at the level at which they are functioning, which may be below, at, or above grade level, depending upon the child.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

In order for any student to begin attendance during the 2020/2021 academic year, he/she must be at least 5 years of age by the first day of the academic year.

New families must submit an application and an application fee before being considered for acceptance. Following acceptance, students will be considered enrolled once Roots School has received the completed Application Forms, and interview conducted, and an informal assessment. Please refer to tuition payment schedules on page 16.

Once a child is officially admitted, the following documents must be completed, signed, and submitted to the teacher prior to the first day of the academic year:

- 1) Application Forms
- 2) Excursion Permission
- 3) Emergency Treatment Consent Form
- 4) Health History and Medical Insurance Information
- 5) Proof of TB (Tuberculosis) test
- 6) Immunization Records or Religious Waiver
- 7) Media Release Permission
- 8) Parent Participation Form
- 9) Code of Conduct Form
- 10) Financial Responsibility / Late Payment Form
- 11) Liability Form

Please note that students who have not made appropriate deposit, tuition installment and/or who have outstanding balances from previous years will not be allowed to begin the academic year until their account is settled.

## **SIGNING APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTS**

All documents must be signed by both parents/guardians of the student when both have joint legal custody, regardless of marital status. Families must provide sufficient documentary evidence of legal and physical custody of a child upon request. Parental signatures unreasonably withheld by a parent of a student who is subject to a joint custody agreement or order shall be disregarded for purposes of this policy. However, such parents shall be prohibited from entering or remaining at Roots School, or from participating in any Roots School off-site function until such documents are signed.

## **NEW STUDENTS/WAITING LIST**

To be officially considered for open spaces in the Roots School, parents/guardians must complete an application form and submit the non-refundable \$100 fee. Once accepted, the Application Form with accompanying non-refundable fee must be received in order to secure enrollment. All payments due per the Application Form must be made as outlined in the form.

If Roots School classes are full, families who have already submitted an application and the non-refundable fee will be placed on the waiting list.

## **LATE ENROLLMENT**

Students who join Roots School after the first day of the academic year, but before October 01, 2020, are responsible for the full annual tuition. Students who join Roots School after October 01, 2020 will pay tuition at a pro-rated **monthly rate based on weeks**. All students are responsible for the full field trip fee of **\$250.00** at the time of enrollment.

## **ABSENCES**

If your child will be absent, please notify the office by email, [office@rootsmaui.org](mailto:office@rootsmaui.org) or phone call, 808-250-7988 by 9:30am.

## **EXCESSIVE ABSENCES**

In order to best support students to be as successful as they can be, both socially and academically, attendance is very important. We at Roots School firmly believe in encouraging and guiding students toward healthy and balanced lives and believe that teaching them discipline is part of that.

Children missing more than 25 days of school within any given school year may be “held back.”

Exceptions may be made by an agreement between the main teacher and the parents/guardians prior to any absences for extraordinary circumstances.

## **VACATIONS/LONG-TERM ABSENCES**

Families are responsible for the full annual tuition regardless of excused or unexcused, short or long term absences. Parents must notify teachers of vacations and anticipated absences in advance.

## **LATE PICK UP FEES**

There is a \$1/minute charge for late pick ups starting at 3:30pm.

When an adult picks up a child anytime after 3:30pm he/she must complete the Late Pick Up form, indicating the name(s) of the child(ren) who were picked up late, the time of pick up, the late fee amount, and whether or not the amount was paid at pick up. The parent/guardian and teacher who stayed late must both sign the form. If parents/guardians are not picking up and signing the form for whatever reasons, they are still responsible for the late fee. Fees are charged per parent/guardian picking up, and not per child. If the parent/guardian does not pay at the time of pick up, the late pick up fee will be added to the following month's tuition payment.

When parents/guardians are late, teachers will call them starting at 3:30pm. They will call each parent/guardian listed on the registration form. If neither parent/guardian can be reached, the teacher will call the person listed as the emergency contact. Every family must provide at least two ways of being reached (phone or email) and must list an emergency contact. Parents must provide updated contact information if that should change during the school year.

Please note that teachers are prohibited by Roots School policies to drive students anywhere except to the hospital or police station. Therefore, if teachers have been unable to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts for two and a half hours after the students have been dismissed, the teacher is required to take the student to the Maui Police Department in Wailuku, where the student may remain until the parent/guardian arrives. In this extreme situation, parents will be charged a late fee assessed from the time of dismissal until the time the teacher has arrived home.

## HEALTH POLICY

Please keep your child home if he/she has...

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Chronic or deep-seated cough
- Dry cough/ shortness of breath
- Yellow or green mucus
- Chicken Pox
- Measles
- Diarrhea
- Impetigo
- Ukus (head lice) or any sign of eggs
- Pinworms
- Ringworm
- Symptoms indicative of any communicable disease, i.e.,:
  - heavy mucous discharge
  - constant cough
  - sore throat
  - headache
  - stomachache
  - nausea/vomiting

**If your child has pinworms, ringworms or head lice/ukus, the school will send out a school wide email informing all other parents that there is a case in the school.** Students found with head lice/ukus are required to be absent from Roots School for a minimum of 24 hours and must be nit-free in order to return to school

If a child becomes ill while at school, he/she will be separated from the group. Parents/Guardians will be called immediately, and parents/guardians will be expected to pick up their child as soon as possible.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED SARS-COV-2 RELATED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

**Question:** In terms of the way the school will operate based on how many COVID cases are on Maui, will this be a daily decision or is it based on an average over a certain amount of days/weeks?

**Answer:** If Maui were to reach 6-10 confirmed cases mid-week and we were functioning “Low,” we will complete the week in our “Low” mode and then the following week, we would move to the hybrid model. Our hope is that by helping families create “pods” prior to school starting, families have enough time to create a schedule and lean on one another if things change. In order to downgrade, we will need two weeks of cases in that category. So for example, if we were in the “Medium Low” category, we would need two weeks of 0-5 COVID cases on Maui in order to return to “Low.”

**Question:** If my child or their teacher has allergies and is not sick, will they be asked to stay home?

**Answer:** In order to avoid this, please have your child’s doctor provide a letter stating what your child’s allergies are and the symptoms. Roots staff will do the same.

**Question:** What happens if my child gets sick?

**Answer:** If your child(ren) and/or family members are home sick, please contact their doctor and based on the child’s symptoms, the doctor can determine if the sick child/person needs a COVID test. If not, a doctor’s note indicating that your child can return to school is required. If they do need a COVID test, you will need to wait for negative results before returning.

\*Please refer to Return To Campus Plan for related changes to COVID-19

### **TUBERCULOSIS (TB) / HEALTH RECORD**

State law and State Department of Health administrative rules require tuberculosis (TB) tests for all students, faculty and staff entering school or participating in communal learning activities to be tested for tuberculosis up to a year before the first day of communal learning activities.

### **MEDICATION**

Please do not bring medication to Roots School. Teachers will not dispense medication, with the exception of asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens. If the student has a prescription for either of these items, then the parent/guardian must meet with the teacher to make special arrangements for these medications.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

If time permits, we will contact parents/guardians immediately. If the injury is life threatening, we will administer first aid and/or CPR, and call 911. In situations where we need to get into an ambulance or car with a child, or when other children need to be supervised by another adult, one of the other teachers will provide substitute care for the remaining children. Unless otherwise recommended, your child will be taken to Maui Memorial Medical Center, the nearest emergency facility. It is required that parents/guardians sign medical releases and medical authorization forms. Roots School is equipped with a medical kit, and we are certified in Infant & Child CPR & First Aid.





## **GENERAL EMERGENCY**

In the event of an emergency during school hours, parents/guardians will be notified to pick up their children.

## **DISASTER PLANS**

In the event of a disaster (flood, fire, etc) we will contact parents/guardians. If the need arises, we will evacuate the nearest dedicated evacuation shelter, which is Haiku School, at 105 Pauwela Road in Haiku.

During the year, there will be periodic safety drills and evacuation exercises to ensure the utmost safety of all of the children in case of emergency.

## **INSURANCE**

Roots School is covered by liability insurance.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Due to liability issues, teachers are strictly prohibited by Roots School policies to drive students anywhere except on field trips. If parents/guardians are asked to drive for field trips (see Parent Hours Policy, page 12). Parent/Family drivers MUST provide a copy of their current driver's license, proof of insurance and current certificate of registration.

## **POLICY REGARDING SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS STUDENTS**

The philosophy behind Roots School is to provide hands on learning experiences in multi-age environments where children can work at their own level and pace while being encouraged through peer interaction, teachers, staff, family and themselves. It is Roots School's goal to meet the needs of each individual child. The Roots School program can be modified, and this can be successful for many styles of learners. However, Roots School staff must meet with each family and student on a case-by-case basis to ensure a proper fit for the child, the classroom dynamic and the family. Although our school and philosophy may provide a positive experience for some children with special needs, in the final analysis, Roots School does not have the services or trained staff required to meet the needs for children with special learning needs.

The following resources might be helpful to you:

- Hawaii Department of Education - <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org>
- Horizons Academy - <http://www.horizonsacademy.org>

## **STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

At Roots School, we strive to accommodate the learning styles and needs of a broad variety of students. Furthermore, students are admitted without regard to race, color, religious preference, nationality, ethnic origin or disability. However, Roots School reserves the right to refuse admission or the continuation of services to those whose needs are unable to be met by our program.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS**

Roots School will not disclose any information about students and/or their parents/guardians to anyone except the student's parents/guardians without prior written permission from the parents/guardians, unless an emergency arises. If you do not want your contact information included in our Student Directory that will be shared with the class, please notify the office.

## **TRANSITION TO A NEW FACILITY OR SCHOOL SETTING**

When students transition to Roots School or to another school, Roots School staff will work with the student, parents/guardians, and new caregivers/teachers to make the transition as smooth as possible.

## **NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT**

Roots School Preschool and Roots School are non-smoking environments at all times.

## **COMMUNICATION/OPEN DOOR POLICY**

We welcome parents/guardians visiting individually. Some parents/guardians may choose to wait until after their child has adjusted to the new environment before visiting. Please make arrangements ahead of time.

Communication with parents/guardians will be conducted via newsletters and individual emails from teachers. If a parent/guardian is unable to access email, he/she must work with the teacher to establish an alternative form of communication.

Parents/Guardians agree to inform Roots School of any major incident or situation that may impact their child's ability to focus or perform at school, and agree to work closely with the school and his/her teachers to ensure their child's safety and success, and the safety of other Roots School students, teachers and administrators. For examples: major change in his/her home environment, moving, custody rights, divorce, new sibling, etc.; changes in the routine, new medical information, and changes in your work number and/or schedules.

## **RESPECTFUL ROOTS ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

All Roots School employees and families will be treated with respect, honesty and dignity. Behavior and/or situations which run contrary to such treatment will not be tolerated.

### *Examples of Disrespectful Behavior include:*

- Any verbal or written statement objectively interpreted by a reasonable person to be menacing or taunting in nature (e.g., coercion, intimidation, bullying, ridiculing or belittling);
- Written or verbal comments, behaviors, or jokes that are rude, degrading, demeaning, insulting, embarrassing or offensive;
- Bullying or shouting which is demeaning, taunting or considered teasing;
- Attempting to discredit an employee or other member of the Roots School community by spreading false information;
- Any behavior considered to be sexual misconduct by a reasonable person.

### *Remedies:*

- 1) Teachers or parents/guardians should report disrespectful behavior to the Head of School.
- 2) The Head of School will contact the person who has been identified as behaving disrespectfully and ask him/her to provide information from his/her perspective.
- 3) The Board of Directors will determine appropriate action, which may be communicated through the Head of School.
- 4) In the case of on-going disrespectful behavior may result in expulsion

## **CELL PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC USE**

Students are not permitted to bring or use electronics, including cell phones, between 8:45am and 3pm

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you change your home/office address, phone number, or email address, please contact the school immediately with the changes to 808-250-7988, or by email to [office@rootsmaui.org](mailto:office@rootsmaui.org).

## **POLICY CHANGES**

These policies may be changed at any time at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Whenever a policy is changed, the same shall be e-mailed to every family. Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure their e-mail addresses are current with the school.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS AND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER INVOLVMENT**

Each parent is required to participate for twelve (12) hours during the academic year regardless of the number of children the family has enrolled in Roots School. In addition, parents are also required to participate in the Annual Fundraiser each year.

Parent meetings are occasionally held to discuss Roots School structure, policies, events, and arising needs of the children. They reflect support for the teachers, support for the parents, and provide an avenue for the growth and vision of Roots School. Parents who are unable to attend meetings are responsible for following up to find out what decisions were made. Because of the diversity in families and students, parent/guardian hours are based on the number of parents/guardians active in the student(s)' lives. Within a given family, parents are free to take on another parent's hours. Two-parent families will be responsible for a total of 24 hours/year.

### **Why parent participation hours are vital to Roots School**

This is one of the ways to keep Roots School tuition low. Important additional benefits to parent participation are getting to know other parents and families and developing bonds with other families and children in our community. Children who observe parents participating, see that their parents are committed to the school community, and that the unique education provided by Roots School is important to the family. Please keep in mind that at Roots School, there is minimally paid administration and no staff support. This means that in order to accomplish important fundamental tasks, parents must contribute their time in a responsible and effective manner.

### **Examples of parent jobs include:**

Driver and Chaperone for Field Trips:

- All field trips count as 3 hours, unless the field trip is less than 3 hours in length. All Parent/Family drivers must provide a copy of valid driver's license, current proof of insurance and current registration.

Teaching:

- An elective class (e.g. cooking, jewelry-making, foreign language, drama, music);
- An ongoing core class such as music or PE;
- Offering an after-school club
- Coaching a Roots School sports team

General Work:

- Cleaning classrooms
- Maintaining the grounds, including the gardens; landscaping, and/or maintaining parking lot
- Laundry and water (each job totaling 3 parent hours per month)
- Construction projects;
- Errands/Shopping for supplies (if specifically requested by the teacher);
- Fundraising, including developing and implementing fundraising opportunities;
- Event participation such as the Annual Fundraiser or any other fundraising and/or community activities

Administrative:

- Committee meetings when necessary

Public Relations:

- Distributing flyers;
- Help w/Open House and other community events

### **Extra Hours**

If a parent works beyond his/her twelve (12) hours in a particular year it is considered an appreciated donation to the school. For example, a parent teaching a class throughout the year for more than an hour per week. The extra hours will not be applied towards the following academic year.

### **Cash Payments Instead of Volunteering**

Families unable to fulfill the volunteer requirements have the option to pay \$25 per hour missed. **Please note that the \$25 per hour missed does not imply that the work is worth \$25 per hour.** Roots School recognizes that some work could cost Roots School considerably more or considerably less on the open market. Roots School, however, requires help from parents in order to keep tuition low and to help build our community.

### **Expenses Related to Hours**

As with parent-taught classes, any reimbursements for expenses related to a task must be approved **before** they are spent. Parents are expected to take responsibility for minor expenses related to a task (e.g. cell phone time, printing, copying, supply costs). If Roots School is requesting that the parent perform a task which includes major expenses (over \$10), the Board of Directors will look for donations before assigning the task.

**TUITION PAYMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Tuition cost currently accounts for almost all of Roots School’s income, our budget relies on tuition being received in a timely manner. Furthermore, almost all of Roots School’s income pays for the hiring of teachers, mortgage, and other necessary expenses for the upcoming year. Teachers are hired on an annual basis and we must honor our obligations to the individuals directly responsible for educating the students.

The following terms and conditions have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be used in administering financial procedures at Roots School. Please read these policies and procedures carefully. Contact the Roots School office if you have any questions.

**ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES \$8,850 + ONE-TIME \$250 field trip fee**

Please indicate the payment plan selected by initialing next to it and signing the agreement on next page.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **One Tuition Payment\*\***  
Due by April 1, 2020 ..... \$8,700 Tuition Prepayment #1(\$8450 + one-time non-refundable field trip fee of \$250 field trip fee)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two Tuition Payments\*\*\***  
Due by April 1, 2020 ..... \$4575 Tuition Prepayment #1(\$4325 + one-time non-refundable field trip fee of \$250 field trip fee)  
Due by June 1, 2020 .....\$4,325.00 Tuition Prepayment #2
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Twelve Monthly Tuition Payments\***  
Due by April 1, 2020 ..... \$987.50 Tuition prepayment #1 (\$737.50 + one-time non-refundable field trip fee of \$250 field trip fee)  
Due by May1, 2020 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #2  
Due by June 1, 2020 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #3  
Due by July 1, 2020..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #4  
Due by August 1, 2020..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #5  
Due by September 1, 2020 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #6  
Due by October 1, 2020 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #7  
Due by November 1, 2020 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #8  
Due by December 1, 2021 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #9  
Due by January 1, 2021 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #10  
Due by February 1, 2021 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #11  
Due by March 1, 2021 ..... \$737.50 Tuition prepayment #12

- \* Please note that the monthly installment schedule does not correspond to the service received that month. The installment schedule is merely a convenient way to meet your total financial obligation.
- \*\* Reflects \$400 discount for one tuition payment
- \*\*\* Reflects \$200 discount for two tuition payments

**Sibling Discount:** The sibling discount of \$300 annually, may be given to each sibling enrolled after the oldest child when a family enrolls more than one child paying full tuition. If tuition is paid in installments, the discount will be pro-rated. This discount cannot be combined with other discounts for tuition payments in K-8. Sibling discounts are intended to alleviate the financial burden for parents who are paying for more than one child to attend Roots School, the term "sibling" only applies to children living full-time in the same household.

**Enrollment and FACTS Deadlines:** In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) in the upcoming academic school year, all paperwork must be completed and submitted to Roots School no later than the date defined in the Enrollment Contract.

Roots School requires all families to use FACTS, an online management system to process tuition and fee payments. FACTS is free for families who select the “One Tuition Payment” option. Sign up for FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com> before the date defined in the Enrollment Contract.

**NOTE:** All tuition and fees paid are non-refundable, including any prepayments and field trip fees. Your financial obligation to pay the tuition and fees for the full academic year is unconditional. Students are enrolled for the full academic year, and no adjustments in tuition can be made by the Roots School for absences, vacations, withdrawal, and/or dismissal. Enrollment is not based on specific teachers or staff members. If tuition assistance is cancelled for any reason, Roots School must be notified in writing immediately. Please continue reading on the next page for Roots School policies and procedures for enrollment, late fees, withdrawal, and dismissal.

## **ENROLLMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE**

By signing a Roots School Enrollment Contract, parents/guardians agree to accept all the policies, procedures, and rules of the Roots School as stated in the current Parent Handbook.

Students are enrolled for the FULL ACADEMIC YEAR. There are no adjustments made for any reason; any tuition and fees paid or outstanding will not be refunded or cancelled in the event of absence, vacations, withdrawal, and/or dismissal from the school. Enrollment is not based on specific teachers, or staff members. Tuition and fees paid are non-refundable after the due dates.

Enrollment, as specified within the Enrollment Contract may be cancelled by the parents/guardians in writing, without penalty (except forfeiture of the Non-Refundable prepayments) prior to June 1, 2020.

If enrollment is cancelled on or after **June 1, 2020**, including any late enrollments throughout the academic year; parents/guardians financially responsible for the student(s) are still financially obligated to pay the **full annual tuition** and all fees.

If the student receives tuition assistance, the parent/guardian is financially responsible for any remaining tuition and all fees not covered through the plan. If tuition assistance is cancelled for any reason, Roots School must be notified in writing immediately.

## **LATE PAYMENT FEES AND RETURN PAYMENT FEES**

A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for any payment not received within 9 (nine) days of the due date. Tuition and fees are considered past due 30 (thirty) days after the billing date. In addition to the late fee, an interest rate of 1.5% per month may be applied to delinquent accounts until the overdue amount is paid. Additional fees may be charged by FACTS for returned payments. Parents/guardians who have difficulty making timely payments must contact the Roots School office to arrange a satisfactory payment arrangement. Failure to comply with an accepted alternate payment plan shall require immediate dismissal of the child from Roots School. Hardship requests for alternate payment plans shall be approved or denied by the Board of Directors. When such arrangements have not been made, an account in arrears for more than 45 days will be sent to a collection's agency or attorney. Parents/guardians must pay all collection fees, attorney fees, and any other costs associated with collecting any outstanding amounts.

## **WITHDRAWAL POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Withdrawal from Roots School prior to the end of the academic year has an impact on the students socially and on Roots School operationally. When a family commits to Roots School, they are making a full year commitment; tuition and fees are due and owing at the beginning of the year. In addition to following the Enrollment Policy & Procedures information, a "Written Notice of Withdrawal" must be completed and submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to withdrawal in writing by Certified U.S. Mail or in-person. Parents/guardians must pay all collection fees, attorney fees, and any other costs associated with collecting any outstanding amounts. If a request to withdraw is cancelled, the student will be allowed to continue at Roots School provided that the space has not already been filled by someone on the waiting list. If the student is re-enrolled, a \$50 administrative fee will be due and owing.

## **DISMISSAL POLICY & PROCEDURE**

If the unfortunate circumstance arises in which Roots School determines that the student may not remain enrolled at Roots School and should be dismissed; all tuition shall be forgiven in ratio to the remaining days of school, except in those instances in which the separation is due to a violation of these policies by the parents/guardians. All fees paid are non-refundable.