

Tuition Information for PK students in JPPSS:

Free Tuition for all JPPSS preschool classes, including the academy schools, are available to children who meet age and income eligibility requirements (200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level). Classes shall be provided at no cost except for the applicable lunch cost to the child or his/her family for any child who is eligible to receive reduced price meals. Tuition will be charged for the months of August through May, for any child who does not meet eligibility requirements (200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level). Families will be required to provide Proof of Income (documentation of gross income with forms found on the PK Department's web page) in order to determine eligibility for free tuition. Families who do not provide proof of income will be charged tuition at the highest rate on the sliding fee scale that is developed reviewed and adjusted yearly according to the Federal Poverty Level.

Families are required to submit one of the following "Proofs of Income" listed below for each parent in the household and/or adult who provides financial assistance to the family/child:

Proof of Income (*Total number of adults in household who support the child:* ;
Total number of Children in household:)

- Positive match via the eScholar DirectMatch system
- 2 consecutive check stubs for EACH ADULT ON THE APPLICATION who supports the child; stubs must be issued within 2 months of the date of the application and showing the parent/adult name, pay period, hours worked, hourly rate and year-to-date income.
- An official letter signed by your employer on company letterhead stating all of the following:
 - * Where parent/guardian is employed
 - * The average number of hours parent/guardian works per week
 - * Hourly rate of pay
 - * Date employed and year-to-date income
- Dated and signed [Declaration of Income for Irregular Employment Form](#) (Form must be filled out completely)
- Letter or certificate showing current status of SNAP/Food Stamps - must include the parent and child names and valid effective dates (Certified through _____)
- A Statement from the Social Security Administration verifying that the child listed on the application is a recipient of SSI benefits, which must be accompanied by two current check stubs, for each adult in the household.
- Current foster care placement agreement from DCFS. Foster parents are NOT required to upload their income, only the DCFS foster care agreement.
- Unemployed parents must submit a dated and signed [Statement of No Income Form](#); this includes stay-at-home moms & stay-at-home dads. (Form must be filled out completely)
- Parents who are homeless must upload a homeless certificate issued by the JPPSS Homeless Coordinator.
- 2018 Income tax forms are only REQUIRED if the parent/guardian is self-employed;**
Income tax forms for 2018 (W2, 1040A, or 1099) must show parent names and annual income

Please email the PK Department at echh@jpschools.org or call (504) 349-7912 for clarification regarding eligibility determination for free tuition.