



Elementary Program

LEARNING SCENARIOS

In-Person: As of the date of this writing, we believe that we are on track to open for in-person instruction on September 9, 2020. We will operate with a robust health and safety plan that we will communicate to you in a future correspondence. Our procedures will be consistent with guidelines issued by the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and PAIS (Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools) as may be amended and will include:

- temperature checks
- personal protective equipment (masks for all adults at all times and likely for children) changes to pick-up, drop-off, visitors procedures, and school events
- hygiene requirements for staff and students
- detailed plans for addressing any community cases of COVID-19
- other precautions as deemed necessary

Throughout the school year, we will make necessary adjustments to the above and any other safety precautions as guided by ongoing CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and PAIS recommendations.

As of now, recommendations for re-opening schools indicate that the size of our classrooms will allow for full attendance each day. In order to minimize contact between classrooms, each classroom will be considered to be its own “pod” and the use of shared spaces (like playgrounds) will be staggered, with thorough cleanings in between use. Additionally, specials classes may be delivered through Zoom while children remain preserved in their “pods.”

Online (Mandated): When school must be closed to any in-person learning Gladwyne Montessori will automatically move to an online-only program for students in our Primary and Elementary programs. Elementary programming will continue with minimal changes and **tuition will remain consistent with in-person learning.**

Hybrid (Mandated): If Gladwyne Montessori is required to decrease the number of students attending in person at any one time due to Government mandate or a localized COVID-19 outbreak, in-person attendance will be staggered.

- Elementary students will attend school 5 out of every 10 days.
- The school will make every effort to accommodate families’ desires relative to this schedule.
- The school will offer online parallel instruction both in a synchronous (learning that happens in real time) and asynchronous (learning that occurs through online channels without real-time interaction) format for the days students are not attending in-person.
- **Tuition will not be reduced**, as children at this developmental level will be expected to be fully prepared to learn across modalities (in-person, hybrid, or online).

Online (Optional): During this continued uncertain period of time, when we are learning in person, some parents and guardians may want to remain enrolled at Gladwyne Montessori but may feel reluctant to send their children to school. We are prepared to accommodate those families who would prefer to keep their children home. Each classroom will be equipped with the technology necessary to live stream. Lessons will be taught to children who are learning from home throughout the school day. These will be pre-arranged with the classroom teacher when possible.

Tuition will not be adjusted for families who elect to learn from home when we are operating in person.

ENROLLMENT CONTRACT DEADLINES AND IMPACT ON TUITION

July 1, 2020 is the enrollment commitment date for the 2020-2021 school year. Students who withdraw after July 1 but before August 1 will be responsible for 60% of tuition. Students who withdraw after August 1 will be responsible for 100% of tuition due for the 2020-2021 school year.

Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year will be as follows:

Elementary Program	In-Person Tuition	Hybrid Tuition	Online Tuition
Grade 1-5	\$25,274	\$25,274	\$25,274
Grade 6	\$26,256	\$26,256	\$26,256

Prorated refund credits will only be applied as a result of mandated school closures or a mandated reduction in building capacity according to the following program terms:

- No prorated refund credits will be applied regardless of in-person, hybrid, or online modalities.
- Withdrawals from the school after August 1, 2020 will not release parents/guardians from their financial obligation for the full school year.