

## **Church Attendance Policy**

The gift of parochial tuition is a blessing from our congregation, and as all gifts, it should be treated with gratitude and respect. We have an obligation to be good stewards of this gift and therefore we ask those receiving this benefit to spend time with us in corporate and mutual worship to our God in response to His much greater gift.

Therefore, a member who, with their child(ren), attend LCMS congregational worship services a minimum of thirty-six (36) times per year, including a minimum of twenty-six (26) times at St. John's Lutheran Church is eligible to receive tuition support.

1. St. John's Lutheran Church is committed to tuition support for and child(ren) in K-8 going to St. John's Lutheran School. SJS supports Parochial Schooling by paying 92% of total cost, which was adopted in January 2016 by SJS voters. The remaining 8% is considered the parental responsibility.
2. At least one parent/guardian must meet requirements for policy to apply. The child(ren) being covered are required to attend with parent/guardian.
3. Attendance figures are obtained from information provided in the Record of Fellowship books available in the pews at each worship service. This information is entered on a weekly basis into the membership computer database. If a member attends a LCMS church other than St. John's, the member should bring back a bulletin of the service attended, write their name(s) and date of service on the bulletin, and deliver it to the School office. The attendance will be recorded in St. John's records. Seasonal services (Lent & Advent) will count towards the attendance requirement.
4. The annual attendance is monitored from July 1-June 30 and is reviewed in July. Tuition and fee charges for the next school year may be based on this status. Attendance precedes the tuition support. Attendance in current year will apply to support in the subsequent year.
5. The School Board/Principal will notify any member, in writing, if they have not met the minimum attendance requirements for that year. For the first time, per family, failing to meet the attendance policy, St. John's Lutheran Church will place the family on probation the following school year. If the minimum attendance requirements have not been met during that year, then the member will be responsible for the full support of the child(ren)'s tuition. However, any family removed from the parochial tuition support

program can rejoin upon meeting the attendance requirements for future school years.

6. For special circumstances, speak with Pastor. Pastor will discuss your circumstances with the Board of Elders and together they will make a decision regarding the tuition status and report it to the School Board/Principal.
7. A new family released in good standing from their previous congregation, will receive full tuition support upon becoming members of St. John's Lutheran Church. They will be required to meet St. John Lutheran Church's attendance policy for subsequent tuition support.

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