

Recommendation to Increase K-Prep Fees

District 10 has been running the K-Prep program for several years. K-prep meets three days per week for three hours. There is one session in the morning and another in the afternoon. Enrollment is limited to 18 students in each session. The program typically fills and has a waiting list. The program is supported, in part, by fees paid by parents. The fee for the K-Prep program has been \$800 per year with discounts available for early payment. As we begin planning for K-Prep registration that will occur in January, I believe this is an opportune time to raise our fees. I recommend K-Prep fees be raised from \$800 to \$950 with no discounts for early payment.

Background

Before making this recommendation, administration reviewed other, similar programs available in the community. St. Luke's offers a 3-day per week, three hour per day program for three year olds (younger than our population) for \$1,430 per year plus a \$90 materials fee. They also offer a 5-day per week program for four year olds for \$1650 plus \$150 for supplies. That program breaks out to about \$335 per half-day session. The Itasca Park District offers a program very similar to ours for \$1100 per year.

Since a fully certified teacher staffs our program and because our program is aligned with our curriculum, we feel we would be justified in charging at least as much as the park district program. However, it is the administration's opinion that such a jump in fees in one year without warning is a bit too much. However, the administration will review this fee structure again next year.