HCOS Tuition & Resources

This page provides information and details regarding tuition & curriculum resources at HCOS.

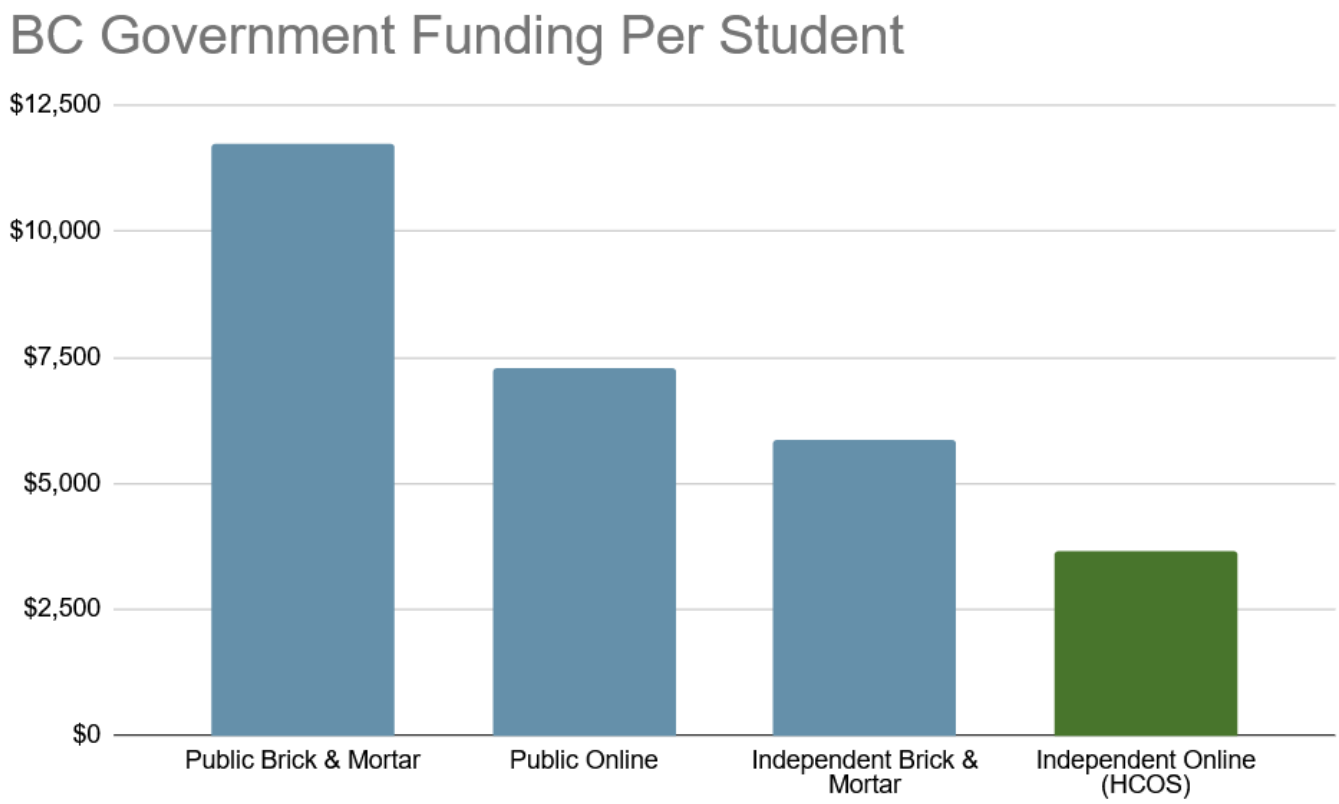
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Tuition at HCOS: Why It Exists

Online Learning is an underfunded sector in BC education, with the costs of running an online school only slightly lower than a traditional brick & mortar school. Yet online learning funding is, on average, only 62% of brick & mortar funding.

As an Independent Provincial Online Learning School, HCOS receives only 50% of the online funding that Public Provincial Online Learning Schools are allocated. While maximization of resources is a priority at HCOS, the minimal government funding received is not enough to cover the costs of the services we provide. As a result, it is necessary to charge a minimal tuition.



Tuition, Tuition Assistance & Resource Budgets

Our community is our priority. In determining resource allocation, we focus on ensuring students have access to the support and guidance from our excellent teachers, grad advisors, educational assistants, support staff and school leadership, along with robust programming options, online subscriptions and learning commons kits and books to help reduce the cost of purchasing additional curriculum.

Foundations K-9 Tuition & Resource Budget

Tuition Amount (per student)	**Resource Budget (per student)**
$200 per year or $20 per month	$600
• Tuition is charged only for the first three K-9 children in a family. The fourth child and on are free. • One-time payment releases full resource budget amount immediately. • Monthly payment option available through pre-authorized debit (paid September to June) releases $350 initially and the remaining amount after first payment. • Tuition is non-refundable.	• Available for third-party or internal spending.

Foundations K-9 Tuition Assistance Options

Home educating already requires financial sacrifice. In order to ensure access for all students, regardless of finances, we provide two assistance options:

$0 Tuition Option	Bursary Option
• No application necessary. Simply select this option. • $0 tuition • $350 Resource Budget (Available for third-party or internal spending)	• Apply for a bursary. • Bursary will offset the full tuition cost, up to $200, in most cases* • $600 Resource Budget (Available for third-party or internal spending)

* Bursary allocation will be determined by the volume of bursary applications and the available bursary finances. See below for more details on the HCOS Forward Together Bursary Campaign

Foundations K-9 FAQs

Please see our **Tuition & Bursary Family FAQs** page for many more additional questions and answers.

I have a student in the Grad Program (Grades 10-12). Do they count as the first student in the family?
No. The student count is limited to K-9 students. Grade 10-12 students have a different tuition structure (see below).

Am I able to help other families with tuition costs?
Absolutely! Please see the HCOS Forward Together Bursary Campaign below for information on how to give. This gift would be eligible for a tax receipt as per the standard charitable donation rate.

Are there other ways I can help my fellow home educators?
Yes. Help your fellow home school families save money on curriculum by returning the school's curriculum for reuse in the Learning Commons. When we can provide less expensive used curriculum for our families, they don't need to use as much of their resource budgets to buy new instructional materials.

How can you help?

- Return materials by post or in person to:
  905 Badke Road,
  Kelowna BC, V1X 5Z5
- Return materials directly to your support teacher

Community Connections (CC) & CC+

For Community Connections (CC) and CC+ tuition, please see the Learning Groups website for further information and registration.

Grad Program Tuition & Resource Budgets

The Grad Program functions **per course**, not as a whole student. Please keep that in mind in contrast to K-9.

Tuition Amount (per student)	Resource Budget (per course)
$200 per year or $20 per month	Varies (see below)
• A monthly payment option is available through pre-authorized debit (paid September to June) for students who have courses enrolled prior to September. • Courses enrolled after September must be paid in full at time of course enrollment.	• Individualized Elective or Hybrid Elective Courses: $50 • All Other Courses: $0 • The Learning Commons is stocked with common resources for many of our Individualized core courses and will be available for lending terms sufficient for course completion. • Available for third-party or internal spending. **CC+ courses** When students enrol in CC+ programming, they pay an application fee and will also pay grad tuition as noted in the right hand column). When it comes time to pay the CC+ program fees, the paid application fee will be automatically deducted from the total CC+ cost. Families are then responsible to pay the outstanding balance for CC+ programming costs.

Grad Program Tuition Assistance Options

Home educating already requires financial sacrifice. In order to ensure access for all students, regardless of finances, we provide the following tuition assistance option:

Bursary Application
• Apply for a bursary. This process will be simple and non-invasive. • Bursary will offset full course tuition costs in most cases*

* Bursary allocation will be determined by the volume of bursary applications and the available bursary finances. See below for more details on the HCOS Forward Together Bursary Campaign

Grad Program FAQs

Please see our **Tuition & Bursary Family FAQs** page for many more additional questions and answers.

Can I access a K-9 sibling's resource budget for my grad student if needed?
Yes. We will continue to treat resource budgets as a family budget in terms of accessibility for any student in the family.

Am I able to help other families with tuition costs?
Absolutely! Please see the HCOS Forward Together Bursary Campaign below for information on how to give. This gift would be eligible for a tax receipt as per the standard charitable donation rate.

Cross Enrollment Tuition & Fees

Cross Enrollment functions **per course**, not as a whole student. Please keep that in mind in contrast to K-9.

Type	Amount
Grade 10-12 Courses: Adult Dogwood (school-age): Adult (non-graduated): Adult (graduated): Grade 8-9 Courses: International Students:	$50 per course $50 per course (includes exam fee if applicable) $100 per course $650 per course $250 per course $995 per course

- All tuition & fees must be paid in full at time of course or exam registration
- There are no resource budgets available for cross enrolled students
- Per course fees are not refundable. However, courses may be exchanged for a different course at no cost

* Advanced Placement Courses (when available) have additional fees associated with taking the AP Exam.

Cross Enrollment Tuition Assistance Options

There are no tuition assistance or bursary options available for cross enrollment.

Home School Registered

Tuition Amount (per student)	Resource Budget (per student)
$0	$0

- HS Registered students will continue to receive the support of our Home School Liaison
- HS Registered students will continue to receive access to our Learning Commons, Subscriptions and Exam Bank
- HS Registered students are able to receive a high school transcript for $150

PO Spending

PO numbers for resource budget spending are typically released at HCOS Connect each year at the end of April. Once tuition is paid, the full resource budget is released. Please see the K-9 tuition table above for details on partial resource funding release with the monthly tuition payment option.

HCOS Forward Together

Forward Together is about ensuring families have the freedom of choice in how to educate their children. We believe finances should not be a hindrance to enrolling at HCOS. Let's work together to continue to make HCOS a viable option for all students.

We are looking for partners to help us continue to offer Christian Education through online learning to students all over the province of British Columbia. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt and will go to provide bursaries for families who cannot afford tuition.

Donate to Forward Together

Corporate Sponsorship

Email our Donor Relations Facilitator at forward.together@onlineschool.ca to discuss corporate sponsorship options.

Bursary Application

The bursary application is part of the tuition selection process in Encom. After selecting your tuition option you can select **Bursary Application** as a payment method. The bursary will be applied to each student for whom you selected a tuition option in the step 1.

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