

What types of purchases are considered family expenses?

Parent Expense: HCOS is not able to pay for the following items as per Ministry Funding Guidelines and HCOS policy

Musical Instruments	Ministry considers this a family expense; HCOS can pay for lessons, but not instruments
General school supplies	Ministry considers this a family expense. Examples: notebooks, lined paper, pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, scissors, calculators, pencil sharpeners (including electric pencil sharpeners), daily planners, blackboards & whiteboards, etc...
Computer Accessories	Ministry considers this a family expense. Examples: adapters, USB, external storage, DVD drives, speakers, microphones, keyboards, mouse, etc...
Video games	HCOS considers this a family expense. Examples: Nintendo switch games, PS4 games, Xbox games etc...
Equipment & Costumes needed for activities and lessons	Ministry considers this a family expense; HCOS can pay for lessons, but not equipment or costumes. Examples: household appliances, workshop tools/equipment, sports equipment, greenhouse equipment, incubators, etc...
Cameras, microscopes & telescopes	Available on loan from HCOS Learning Commons
Rentals & Deposits	Ministry considers this a family expense
Furniture	Ministry considers this a family expense. Examples: desks, chairs, carpets, lamps, shelves, blackboards & whiteboards, etc...
Duty	HCOS considers this a family expense

Tuition	Ministry considers this a family expense; Funding cannot be used to pay tuition
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Summer Activities	HCOS does not pay for summer programing, day camps, trips, lessons or activities.
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If unclear about an item, please contact your teacher or the office for clarity *before* making the purchase.

ALL purchases must be made with approval from the teacher