



Early Childhood Food Contribution Request

Dear Red Granite Families,

As we prepare for a nourishing and connected school year ahead, we're reaching out to share a small, but meaningful request. For our Early Childhood program, we are asking families to contribute \$30 per semester or \$60 per year for 4-year Kindergarten students and \$60 per semester or \$120 per year for Kindergarten students to support our daily food and cooking activities.

Why Cooking Matters in Waldorf Education

In Waldorf-inspired early childhood classrooms, food preparation is not just nourishment—it's education. Through cooking and sharing meals together, children learn:

- **Rhythm and routine** that support emotional security
- **Practical life skills** like measuring, chopping, and pouring
- **Sensory development** through taste, texture, and scent
- **Social-emotional learning** by cooperating and sharing meals
- **Gratitude and reverence** for the food they eat

Contribution Details

- Semester/Annual Fee: \$30/\$60 for 4-year Kindergarten students, \$60/\$120 for Kindergarten students
- Due Date: First semester fees should be submitted no later than **September 5, 2025**. Second semester payments should be submitted no later than **January 9, 2026**. Payments can be made by semester or paid-in-full at the beginning of the year.
- How to Pay: Payments have to be made via Infinite Campus.
- If you would like to contribute more than the suggested amount to sponsor an additional child or to supplement our program, you are welcome to do that, just reach out to your child's teacher.

Financial Support Available

We are committed to ensuring all children participate in our wonderful food program. If this fee presents a financial hardship for your family, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our principal. We will ensure every child is fully included in all aspects of classroom life, regardless of financial contribution.

Warmly,

Red Granite Charter School Leadership Team