



Bethel Christian Academy

Unlocking Opportunities Together

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

On October 3, 2023, the North Carolina State Budget (House Bill 259) became law. The new law authorizes several changes to the State's Opportunity Scholarship Program, which will begin with the 2024-2025 school year.

OSP Changes for the 2024-2025 school year include:


- ▶ Removal of the income cap for families to receive the scholarship; now all North Carolina students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be eligible for the Scholarship regardless of income.
- ▶ Prior public school enrollment is no longer a requirement for eligibility for the scholarship.
- ▶ A student's scholarship amount will be based on household income.
- ▶ Scholarship amounts will range from approximately \$3,000 to approximately \$7,000 per student.
- ▶ Every student in NC will now become eligible for the OSP.

2024-2025 School Year


- ▶ K-12 Enrollment Fee / Student = \$300.00
- ▶ K-12 Curriculum Fee / Student = \$600.00
- ▶ K-12 Tuition / Student = \$6,000.00

- ▶ No Family or Early Bird Discounts.

- ▶ These are the amounts of what each student will be charged.

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- ▶ 1. As a part of BCA's new enrollment process, we will make it an enrollment requirement for each family to Sign-Up (Feb 1) for the New Expanded Opportunity Scholarship (www.ncseaa.edu) or Sign-Off with us that they do not want to receive any financial assistance.
 - ▶ 2. BCA will open enrollment for current students on Jan 8, 2024 and for New Students on Feb 1, 2024. All parents will need to complete all the application forms and pay the \$30.00 New Application Fee to be enrolled for the new school year. The \$30.00 New Application Fee reserves a place for your child (desk, teacher, classroom) for the next school year.
 - ▶ 3. BCA promises every family that applies for the Opportunity Scholarship in the month of February some kind of financial assistance (OSP or BCA) to assure every family pays no more than they paid in the 2023-2024 school year and pay it the same way (monthly plan). Therefore, in the practical sense, there is no increase in tuition the next school year.

- ▶ 4. The **financial assistance from the OSP** is based on state policy and will be different for each family. BCA has no authority of **who** it is awarded to or **how much** a family is awarded. BCA will not make public who receives the scholarship or how much they receive.
- ▶ 5. The **financial assistance from BCA** will be applied to anyone who applied for the OSP in the month of February and receives no OSP financial assistance. This is when BCA will give financial assistance to bring their Tuition and Curriculum Fees to what they were or would have been during the 2023-2024 school year.
- ▶ 6. BCA will not be able to financially assist anyone who does not apply for the Opportunity Scholarship during the month of February.

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- ▶ 7. Families that come late (after March 1) to BCA and therefore do not have the opportunity to apply for the OSP will not receive any OSP or BCA financial assistance.
 - ▶ 8. Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Cunningham, and Mrs. Jones serve BCA as the Enrollment Committee and will carry out the process just like previous years (testing, references, interviews, etc...) until we have reached capacity.
 - ▶ 9. If the OSP ceases to exist or BCA ceases to participate in the OSP, rates will all be refigured.

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Action Points for Current Families

#1 – Jan 8, BCA \$30 Application Fee @ www.bcatrojans.com

#2 – Feb 1, Apply for the OSP @ www.ncseaa.edu

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