

Exchange Teacher Program Fee Disclosure Statement

EXCHANGE TEACHER FEES:

- Sponsor fee: None. The Florida Department of Education is the J-1 Visa Sponsor and does not charge a Sponsor fee.
- Foreign or domestic third party partner fee: None
- Visa Fee: \$185.00
- Student and Exchange Visitor Information Center (SEVIS) fee: \$220.00
- Background check: \$75-\$99 (varies by school district)
- Annual estimate for food: \$7,656.07
- Annual estimate for rented housing: \$5,356.34
- Annual estimate for public transportation: \$621.70
- Monthly estimate for private transportation: \$200 - \$800 (varies according to location, vehicle and available purchasing options)
- Childcare: \$800 - \$850 monthly (varies by location and number and age of children)
- Utilities: \$150 - \$220 monthly (electricity, heating, cooling, water, garbage - varies by location)
- Internet: \$60 - \$70 monthly (varies by location and service plan)
- Cable: \$66 - \$88 monthly (varies by carrier, location and service plan)
- Phone: \$35 per person/month (varies by carrier and service plan)
- Please note: All estimates for food, housing and local transportation vary according to personal choice and area of residence.

For more information, please visit the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data for 2021-2022](#).

- Florida licensure-related fees
 - Application fee: \$75.00
 - Registration fee: \$60.00
 - Foreign credential evaluation report: Approximately \$200 - \$250. The exact amount depends on the foreign credential company and number of transcripts being evaluated.
- Background screening requirements: Please visit: <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/professional-practices/background-screening-requirements.shtml> to learn more.

For more information, please visit [Educator Certification](#).

EXPECTED WORK-RELATED DEDUCTIONS:

- Retirement System: Approximately 3% of annual gross income.
- State tax: 0% of income.
- Insurance (estimated amounts): \$90 - \$350 monthly depending on individual circumstances.
- Federal tax: See table below for taxable income information.
- Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA): FICA is a U.S. Federal payroll tax. It is deducted from each paycheck. From your wages, 7.65% will be deducted for FICA with 6.2% going to Social Security tax and 1.45% to Medicare tax. (Withholding taxes differ depending on the type of visa, country of origin, and length of stay in the U.S.)

For more information, please visit the [Florida Department of Revenue website](#).

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FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME RATES:

- 35% for incomes over \$231,250 (\$462,500 for married couples filing jointly)
- 32% for incomes over \$182,100 (\$364,200 for married couples filing jointly)
- 24% for incomes over \$95,375 (\$190,750 for married couples filing jointly)
- 22% for incomes over \$44,725 (\$89,450 for married couples filing jointly)
- 12% for incomes over \$11,000 (\$22,000 for married couples filing jointly)

For more information, please visit the [Internal Revenue Service website](#).

TEACHER SALARIES:

- Average Florida Teacher Salary: \$53,142.28 (Based on the 2022-23 Final Survey 3.)

For more information, please visit [PK-12 Public School Data Publications and Reports](#).