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CBC Fees and Transparency Report 2026

A briefing for school heads and boards on what parents pay under CBC. Every figure comes from the Kenya Gazette, Ministry of Education circulars, or a fee structure published by the school itself. Official examination outcomes are not in this edition.

In brief. Public day senior schools charge parents KSh 0. Public boarding senior schools may charge up to KSh 40,535 or KSh 53,554 a year. In a sample of 12 private CBC junior schools that publish a current fee structure, Grade 7 day bills ran from KSh 126,000 to KSh 541,500 a year (median KSh 372,600). In a sample of 6 private Grade 10 boarding bills, every one was above the higher public ceiling of KSh 53,554. These private figures are a published-fee sample, not a national average. Packages differ, and Nairobi is over-represented.

1. Methodology

This report uses only documents that can be checked:

- Gazette Notice No. 1449 of 2026, published in the Kenya Gazette of 6 February 2026, for public senior-school parent fees.
- Ministry of Education FDJSE circulars for 2026, as already tabulated in our junior-school capitation guide, for the rule that public junior schools should not charge parents tuition or levies.
- Fee structures published by the schools themselves, written up on CBC Guide in October 2026 from those official documents. Annual totals are used only where the school published a year figure, stated a year cost, or the page labelled a three-term sum as our arithmetic.

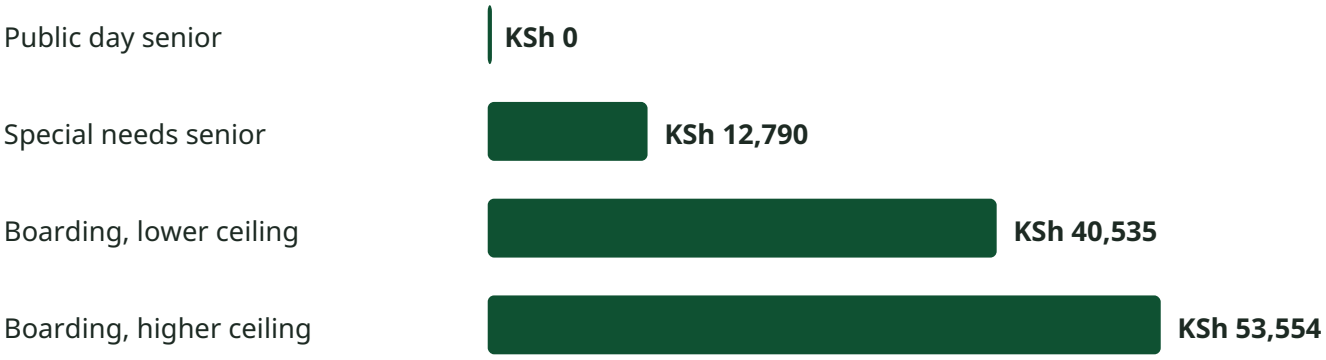
We did not use third-party fee listings, undated or draft sheets, or figures we could not tie to a labelled total. International-curriculum fee pages in the same collection are not mixed into the CBC ranges. Day and boarding are kept separate. 2026 and 2027 sheets are labelled by fee year; this is a picture of currently published structures, not a year-on-year change series.

On 21 November 2026, CBC Guide had 53 published campus fee-structure pages, plus 3 group comparisons, in the school-fees section. The comparable tables below use the subset of those pages where a CBC Grade 7 day or Grade 10 day or boarding annual figure could be locked to a labelled total. Counties with only one or two private sheets are not given a “county range.”

2. Public CBC fees

Fees for every public senior school are set by the Cabinet Secretary in Gazette Notice No. 1449, issued under the Basic Education Act. The notice is dated 12 January 2026, was published on 6 February 2026, and took effect on 5 January 2026. It does not name schools and does not use clusters C1 to C4 to set the fee. Fees are paid 50% in Term 1, 30% in Term 2 and 20% in Term 3.

What parents pay at public senior school, per year



Source: Kenya Gazette, 6 February 2026, Gazette Notice No. 1449, via Kenya Law. Government capitation at every senior school in the notice is KSh 22,244 per learner per year. At a day school, the parent share is KSh 0. At a boarding school previously approved for the higher ceiling, the combined government-plus-parent total is KSh 75,798.

SCHOOL TYPE	GOVERNMENT (KSH)	PARENT (KSH)
Day senior school	22,244	0
Boarding, higher previously approved ceiling	22,244	53,554
Boarding, lower previously approved ceiling	22,244	40,535
Special needs senior school	—	12,790

Public junior schools (Grades 7 to 9) are funded through Free Day Junior School Education. Ministry circulars for 2026 say junior schools are not allowed to charge other fees or levies, and are not allowed to charge for a lunch programme. Parents at a public junior school should not be paying tuition.

Source: Ministry of Education FDJSE circulars, 6 January 2026 (ref. MOE.HQS/3/7/33(17)) and 19 August 2026 (ref. MOE.HQs/3/7/33 (15)), as tabulated in our junior-school capitation guide. Full vote-head tables for senior schools are in our senior school fees 2026 guide.

3. Private published-fee sample

The tables are annual Kenya shilling bills for CBC Grade 7 day, Grade 10 day and Grade 10 boarding, taken from schools that published a 2026 or 2027 fee structure. What the bill covers is not the same at every school. Treat the ranges as a spread of published bills, not as a like-for-like tuition index, and not as an average for all private schools in Kenya.

Grade 7 day, annual (n = 12)



Minimum KSh 126,000, median KSh 372,600, maximum KSh 541,500. Values are listed in the table. Amounts in Kenya shillings.

SCHOOL	COUNTY	FEE YEAR	ANNUAL (KSH)	WHAT THIS FIGURE COVERS
Castle Academy	Kiambu	2026	126,000	Tuition includes break and lunch; stationery and textbooks extra

SCHOOL	COUNTY	FEE YEAR	ANNUAL (KSH)	WHAT THIS FIGURE COVERS
Blessed Assurance Academy	Machakos	2026	139,233	Tuition, with French included; other charges extra. Year is termly fee × 3, labelled as our arithmetic.
City Rose Academy	Nairobi	2026	150,500	Published year total: tuition, meals, assessment and the other lines on the junior-school sheet.
Nyeri Good Shepherd Academy	Nyeri	2026	188,000	Published Grade 7 day-scholar total.
Makini Junior School Kisumu City	Kisumu	2027	193,575	Published Grade 7 tuition total.
Light Academy Mombasa	Mombasa	2026	371,400	Day package: tuition, lunch, club and subscriptions. Year labelled as our arithmetic.
Nova Pioneer Eldoret	Uasin Gishu	2027	373,800	Published year, termly option, Grade 7.
Makini Junior School Ngong Road	Nairobi	2027	434,042	Published Grade 7 total.
Makini Junior School Runda	Nairobi	2027	454,661	Published Grade 7 total.
Riara Junior School	Nairobi	2026	454,800	Inclusive package (tuition, lunch, textbooks, French, computer, sports, swimming, coding). Year is termly fee × 3, labelled as our arithmetic.
Riara Springs Junior School	Nairobi	2026	454,800	Published Grade 7 termly fee × 3, labelled as our arithmetic.
Nova Pioneer Athi River (CBE)	Machakos	2027	541,500	Published year, termly option: tuition and meals.

Grade 10 day, annual (n = 8)



Minimum KSh 169,233, median KSh 417,488, maximum KSh 647,100.

SCHOOL	COUNTY	FEE YEAR	ANNUAL (KSH)	WHAT THIS FIGURE COVERS
Blessed Assurance Academy	Machakos	2026	169,233	Tuition; boarding extra. Year is termly fee × 3, labelled as our arithmetic.
Makini Senior School Kisumu City	Kisumu	2027	212,934	Published Grade 10 total.
Moi Educational Centre	Nairobi	2026	275,000	All-inclusive standard package (tuition, lunch, books, stationery, swimming). No boarding listed. Entry charges extra for new students.
Light Academy Mombasa	Mombasa	2026	378,200	Day package: tuition, lunch, club and subscriptions. Year labelled as our arithmetic.
	Nairobi	2027	456,775	Published Grade 10 total.

SCHOOL	COUNTY	FEE YEAR	ANNUAL (KSH)	WHAT THIS FIGURE COVERS
Makini Senior and High School Runda				
Nova Pioneer Eldoret	Uasin Gishu	2027	467,100	Published year, termly option, Grade 10.
Nova Pioneer Tatu City	Kiambu	2027	574,200	Published year, termly option, Grade 10 (grade table). Other lines may be billed separately.
Nova Pioneer Athi River (CBE)	Machakos	2027	647,100	Published year, termly option: tuition and meals.

Grade 10 boarding, annual (n = 6)



Minimum KSh 78,000, median KSh 528,200, maximum KSh 812,700. Every figure in this table is above the gazette's higher public boarding ceiling of KSh 53,554.

SCHOOL	COUNTY	FEE YEAR	ANNUAL (KSH)	WHAT THIS FIGURE COVERS
Mambrui Secondary School	Kilifi	2026	78,000	Published Grade 10 year total, including boarding (and a one-off admission fee in Term 1).
Blessed Assurance Academy	Machakos	2026	229,233	Tuition and boarding. Year labelled as our arithmetic. Other charges extra.
Lukenya Boys (Senior School)	Machakos	2026	382,500	Published tuition-and-boarding fee × 3. Subscriptions, admission, activity, insurance and medical extra.
Light Academy Mombasa	Mombasa	2026	673,900	Boarder package: tuition, boarding, club and subscriptions. Year labelled as our arithmetic.
Riara Springs Girls' Boarding Senior School	Nairobi	2026	735,000	Inclusive of boarding. Year is termly fee × 3, labelled as our arithmetic. Uniform and caution extra.
Nova Pioneer Tatu City	Kiambu	2027	812,700	Published Grade 10 full-boarder example, termly option, boys column (girls column: 813,450).

> Nyahururu Elite School publishes a Grade 10 termly fee of KSh 97,500 (KSh 292,500 for three terms, our arithmetic). The document does not say whether boarding is included, so that figure is not in the day or boarding ranges. CBC projects and admission charges are extra. See the school page.

4. Patterns in this sample

- The legal public ceiling and the private published bills sit far apart. A public day senior school charges parents nothing. The lowest Grade 10 day bill in this private sample is KSh 169,233. The lowest Grade 10 boarding bill, KSh 78,000 at Mambrui Secondary School, is still above the higher public boarding ceiling of KSh 53,554.

- Public junior schools should charge parents no tuition. The lowest Grade 7 day bill in this private sample is KSh 126,000 (Castle Academy, with break and lunch included).
- The middle of the Grade 7 day sample (median KSh 372,600) is close to the middle of the Grade 10 day sample (median KSh 417,488). The spread is wide in both cases. Nairobi campuses cluster toward the upper half of the Grade 7 table; Kisumu, Nyeri, Machakos and Kiambu also appear, but most Kenyan counties have no school in this published-fee set.
- Fee sheets often leave work for the parent: some do not say whether a total is per term or per year, or whether boarding, lunch and textbooks are included. We skipped documents that had those problems. Even in this cleaned sample, “what the fee covers” has to be read row by row.

5. Outcomes

Official examination outcomes are not in this edition. The Kenya National Examinations Council does not publish official per-school results that we can verify, and we do not have an official national results release on file to cite here. Unofficial league tables are not used. Outcomes will be added when official public data is published.

6. The CBC Guide School Mark

Alongside this report we have published the CBC Guide School Mark: a free, independent mark for schools that publish a current fee structure, list the CBC grades they offer, and provide a public way for parents to get in touch. It is never sold. No school is listed as awarded in this first edition. Reviews are manual.

Sources

- Kenya Gazette, 6 February 2026, Gazette Notice No. 1449, via Kenya Law.
- Ministry of Education FDJSE circulars of 6 January 2026 and 19 August 2026, as cited in our junior-school capitation guide.
- School fee documents and the CBC Guide pages linked in the tables. The full collected list is on the school fees tracker and at /fees/.

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