

DEFINITIONS

- Average Student Weight: A measure of student need in the sending town
- Total Revenue: Tuition (from sending town) plus state grant
- **Sending Town**: Where the student lives, when the student attends an out-of-district program
- Sending Town's Weighted Student Amount: A dollar value per student based on the town's average student weight and the ECS foundation amount



CALCULATING THE NEW STATE GRANT FOR EACH OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT

STEP 1: Compare FY 24 per student total revenue to Sending Town's Weighted Student Amount *(see next page)*

STEP 2: If FY 24 per student total revenue is....



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WHAT IS THE SENDING TOWN'S WEIGHTED STUDENT AMOUNT?

\$11,525

X Multiplied by Average Student Weight of the Sending Town



AVERAGE STUDENT WEIGHT

Town's Total ECS Weighted Student Count



MEANING:

Town's ECS # of students adjusted upward for the # of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch and English learners



-- Divided by --

Town's ECS # of Students



- A town with a higher percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch / English learners will have a higher Average Student Weight.
- A Board of Ed. magnet operator who receives a student from a town with a higher Average Student Weight will receive more grant funding for that student, than for a student from a town with a lower Average Student Weight.

BOARD OF ED. MAGNET OPERATORS & STUDENTS



- 11 operators
- Full-time programs only
- 24,311 students enrolled in total in FY 24
- 8,853 from out-of-district

FY 24 GRANT FUNDING & TUITION

IN-DISTRICT GRANTS

- Outside Sheff region: \$3,060
- Sheff region: \$0
- Great Path Academy (Hartford): \$10,652

TUITION

- No tuition charged for in-district students.
- Five operators charged tuition for out-of-district students; amounts can vary across a single operator's schools.
- Tuition ranged from \$2,150 to \$5,663.

WHAT HAPPENS IN FY 26 & BEYOND

- Grant: No statutory formula in place
- Tuition for out-of-district students: Remains at FY 25 level (which is reduced from FY 24)

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OUT-OF-DISTRICT GRANTS

- Outside Sheff region: \$7,227
- Sheff region: \$13,315
- Great Path Academy (Hartford): \$10,652