VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE FY 25 FUNDING

DEFINITIONS

- **Average ECS 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 ECS student weight and the ECS foundation amount
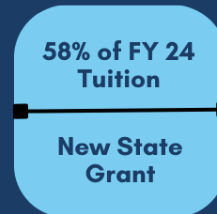
FY 25 TOTAL REVENUE PER STUDENT

IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS

No Tuition

$5,200 State Grant

SAME AS FY 24

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

58% of FY 24 Tuition

New State Grant

NEW STATE GRANT ENSURES FY 25 PER STUDENT TOTAL REVENUE = AT LEAST FY 24

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....

More than the Sending Town's Amount

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$5,200 (FY 24 Grant)

+

42% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY 24 REVENUE, AND $5,200

For a full-time student, the resulting grant is $8,066.

For a part-time student, the resulting grant is lower.

Less than the Sending Town's Amount

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$5,200 (FY 24 Grant)

+

42% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SENDING TOWN'S AMOUNT, AND $5,200

The grant will vary depending on the sending town's amount.

THE VO AG OPERATOR RECEIVES THE SUM OF THE RESULTING PER-STUDENT GRANTS (ALONG WITH TUITION).

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WHAT IS THE SENDING TOWN'S WEIGHTED STUDENT AMOUNT?

$11,525
ECS Foundation

Multiplied by

Average Student Weight of the Sending Town

- In FY 25, these amounts range from $11,551 to $15,856.

AVERAGE STUDENT WEIGHT

Town's Total ECS Weighted Student Count

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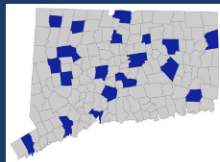
-- Divided by --

Town's ECS # of Students

MEANING:

- 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 Vo Ag 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.

VO AG OPERATORS AND STUDENTS

20 OPERATORS
- 18 full-time
- 1 part-time
- 1 both (mostly full-time)

STUDENTS IN FY 24
- 3,766 total
- 56% out-of-district, meaning operators received tuition and in FY 25, the funding changes apply
- 91% in full-time programs

FUNDING IN FY 24

- **Grant**: $5,200 per student (from state)
- **Tuition for out-of-district students**:
  - Full-time programs: $6,823
  - Part-time programs: $2,500 (Bloomfield) and $3,412 (Bridgeport)

WHAT HAPPENS IN FY 26 AND BEYOND

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