



# BOARD OF ED. MAGNETS FUNDING



Revised, Effective FY 26

## RECENT CHANGES

PA 24-81 replaced a flat per-student state grant amount of \$5,200 with a partially need-based formula, in FY 25 only. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, made the FY 25 grant structure and tuition reduction permanent. The grant phase-in and tuition reduction levels have been unchanged since FY 25.

## 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

## TOTAL REVENUE PER STUDENT

### IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS (SAME AS FY 24)

**No Tuition**

**Grant Varies**

- \$3,060 outside Sheff region
- \$0 within Sheff region

### OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

**58% of FY 24 Tuition**

**State Grant**

Ensures per student total revenue is at least equal to FY 24

## CALCULATING THE 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**



**FY 24 GRANT**

**+**

**42% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY 24 REVENUE, AND FY 24 GRANT**

The grant will vary based on the operator's FY 24 per student total revenue and the FY 24 grant.



**Less than the Sending Town's Amount**



**FY 24 GRANT**

**+**

**42% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SENDING TOWN'S AMOUNT, AND FY 24 GRANT**

The grant will vary depending on the sending town's amount and the FY 24 grant.

**THE BOARD OF ED. MAGNET OPERATOR RECEIVES THE SUM OF THE RESULTING PER-STUDENT GRANTS (ALONG WITH ANY 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 26, these amounts range from \$11,544 to \$15,932.



## 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 —

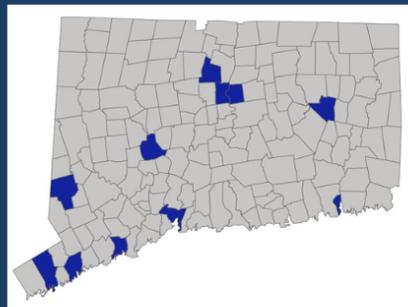
**Town's ECS # of Students**



### 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 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
- 24,057 students enrolled in total in FY 25
- 8,650 from out-of-district

## FY 24 GRANT FUNDING & TUITION

### IN-DISTRICT GRANTS

- Outside Sheff region: \$3,060
- Sheff region: \$0

### OUT-OF-DISTRICT GRANTS

- Outside Sheff region: \$7,227
- Sheff region: \$13,315

### 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.