

Section 4: Regular Education Tuition/Assessment Summary (Dollars per Pupil)

Explanation of Terms

The various tuition and assessment per pupil rates have been taken from local and regional school districts' 2002-03 End of Year School Reports (ED001), Schedule 11.

The assessment per pupil for member towns of a secondary regional district includes both regular education and special education costs. All other tuition rates include only regular education. Costs of transportation and debt service are not included in this section.

Listed below are brief descriptions of the pupils sent out of district.

Designated High Schools

There are 20 towns in Connecticut that do not maintain a high school and are not members of a secondary regional district. These towns tuition their students to a designated high school, generally in another school district but in some cases to one of the three endowed academies. Some towns may use more than one designated high school. Similarly, some designated high schools take in students from more than one district. In these cases, the designated high school charges the same tuition rate for each sending town. However, because districts are reporting students on a full-time equivalent basis, towns sending students to the same designated high school may show different tuition rates. Also, when comparing districts using the same designated high school, differences in their tuition rates may occur if one of those districts is using additional designated high schools. Generally, the tuition rates associated with a vocational agriculture center are included under the All Others section. However, if the center is also the designated high school, then those tuition rates would be included in this section.

Secondary Regional Districts

There are 8 secondary regional districts with 27 member towns. The regional assessment reflects both regular education and special education. Within each region, the member towns have the same per pupil assessment rate. When comparing regional assessments, please note that Regional School Districts 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11 include Grades 7 through 12, while Districts 1, 9 and 19 reflect Grades 9 through 12.

Interdistrict Cooperative High Schools

Pursuant to Section 10-158a of the Connecticut General Statutes, towns may enter into cooperative arrangements. The arrangements are not predefined in statute, but are designed to reflect the needs of the partnering towns. The state provides a school construction bonus for such arrangements. In 2002-03, Salem and East Lyme partnered for the only active cooperative arrangement and involved their secondary students.

Private or Residential Facilities

Regular education tuition for pupils sent to private or residential facilities in and out of state. In many cases, the types of pupils reported here are those placed in a facility by the courts who would otherwise attend a regular education program in a public school. Costs related to special education and room and board are not included.

Approved Interdistrict Magnet Schools

In 2002-03 there were 27 full-time interdistrict magnet schools. The figures listed in this section reflect the tuition charges for regular education and exclude any additional costs for special education or transportation services. Please note that some magnet schools did not charge tuition to any of the sending towns. Also, many towns send students to more than one magnet.

All Others

Regular education tuition rates not covered under any of the other previous sections are reported here. This section includes vocational agriculture tuition in cases where the center is not a district's designated high school. Also included is regular education tuition for pupils sent to a regional educational service center (RESC), including RESC-operated part-time interdistrict magnet schools.