



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Superintendent

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To: School Committee
Re: Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022 Fees & Tuitions

At your last meeting on March 24, Mr. Collins presented information regarding fees and tuitions that families pay for various services, programs, or activities that are optional in some manner. At that time, I indicated that I would be making my recommendations for adjustments for your April 7 meeting, and this memorandum contains these recommendations. Please refer to the materials from your March 24 meeting for additional information regarding these fees.

Given that families are being asked to increase their local property tax through the proposed operational override question on the ballot for the May 4 Annual Town Election, I do not believe it is wise to also require an increase in fees or tuitions. As such, my recommendation is to maintain Fiscal Year 2022 fees and tuitions at the rates that were originally established for Fiscal Year 2021, prior to the pandemic. As you know, because of the circumstances of the pandemic, some fees and tuitions were adjusted or eliminated this year, but since we anticipate a more normal situation next school year, it makes sense to return to the established rates in order to offset costs as expected per our budget plan.

The one exception to this recommendation is to eliminate the tuition for full-day kindergarten, in anticipation of the opening of the new Beal School and making good on the commitment to establish tuition-free, full-day kindergarten once the new school provided adequate space for all students to access it. However, if the operational override were to fail at the ballot, I believe the School Committee would need to revisit this and determine whether to maintain some level of tuition given the deep budget cuts that would be required with a "No" vote.

My recommendation is for fees and tuitions to be set at the following rates that were originally established for Fiscal Year 2021 as the rates for Fiscal Year 2022, with the exception of Full-Day Kindergarten tuition:

Transportation Fee:

\$320 per student. The fee would continue to apply to students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 6 who reside two miles or less from their assigned school and to all students in Grades 7-12, with no change to the family cap of three bus fees and the late fee of \$50 per student (with a family cap of three late fees).

Athletic Fees

Shrewsbury High School: \$325 per sport per season. A family cap of no more than three athletic fees for high school students in the same family per school year would remain in effect.

Oak Middle School: \$100 per sport with a family cap of no more than three athletic fees per Oak family per school year.

A late fee of \$50 for each high school athletics registration and a \$25 late fee for each Oak athletics registration beyond the established deadline for that season.

Activity Fees

Shrewsbury High School: \$110

Oak Middle School: \$75

Sherwood Middle School: \$55

Music Lesson Fees

One semester of 14, 30-minute lessons: \$426

One semester of 14, 45-minute lessons: \$617

One semester of 14, 60-minute lessons: \$809

\$50 late fee

Preschool Tuition

Program	Annual Rate
Two Half Days/Week	\$2,239
Three Half Days/Week	\$2,910
Four Half Days/Week	\$3,507
Five Half Days/Week	\$4,292

\$100 non-refundable registration fee

Use of Mass. Dept. of Early Ed. & Care State Median Income Chart for financial assistance eligibility

10% sibling discount

\$25 fee for late monthly payment

Full-Day Kindergarten Tuition

If the new Beal School opens as planned, full-day kindergarten will be provided for all students with no tuition required.

Extended School Care Tuition

	Before School Care - Monthly	After School Care - Monthly
Two Days/Week	\$56	\$122
Three Days/Week	\$82	\$184
Four Days/Week	\$112	\$244
Five Days/Week	\$138	\$306

\$20 non-refundable registration fee

\$25 fee for each early release day

\$25 fee for late monthly payment

Financial assistance eligibility based on subsidized lunch eligibility