

# Shrewsbury Public Schools

FY24 Fee Information

1 March 2023

# Decision-making Process

- Tonight we will present information for your review and discussion
- Receive input from the community
- 15 March- you will receive Dr. Sawyer's recommendation
- 15 March- School Committee vote on fees so we can prepare written materials for rollout, adjust payment systems if necessary, and communications to parents

# Two Categories of Fees/Tuitions

- These fees/tuitions provide partial funding but do not cover the entire cost of services:
  - Bus fee, athletic fee, Preschool tuition
- These fees cover the entire cost of services since these are auxiliary services provided by the School Dept. for the convenience of students and families:
  - Extended School Care, Music Lessons

# Budget Assumptions

- In developing the current FY24 Operating Budget, fee/tuition levels for busing, athletics, and preschool programs were planned as “status quo”.
- It was assumed that fees for Extended School Care and Music Lessons will increase to cover expected costs in order to maintain their “self-funding” status.

# Bus Fee

	Fee History							
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
<b>Busing Fee</b>	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 300	\$ 310	Waived	\$ 320	\$ 320
						<i>Total budgeted revenue</i>		\$ 742,000

\$960 Family Cap for FY23

# Bus Fee Survey [MAPT]

"AVC" Denotes Member of Assabet Valley Collaborative	District	FY23 Fee	What is your family cap?	Details (Grades, mileage, misc.)
	Wellesley Public Schools	\$ 500	\$1,100	K-6 more than 2 miles = free bus. All others pay
	Franklin	\$ 360	\$1,080	Fee applies to all students grades K-6 who live 2.0 miles or less from school and all students grades 7-12
	North Andover	\$ 360	No cap	K-6 under two miles are paid busing 7-12 are all paid busing
	Wakefield Public Schools	\$ 360	No cap	Round Trip \$360.00 One Way \$250.00
	Newton	\$ 350	\$700	K-5 is free, grade 6 over 1.95 miles free, 7-12 pays the fee or files for financial assistance if no family cap
	Westford	\$ 350	\$850	Fee applies to all students grades K-6 who live 2.0 miles or less from school and all students grades 7-12
	Lexington Public Schools	\$ 330	\$825	Town Paid - K - 6 Over 2 miles Fee Based - K-6 Under 2 miles and all 7 - 12 grade
AVC	Shrewsbury Public Schools	\$ 320	\$960	K-6 free over 2 miles
	Northampton Public Schools	\$ 309	K-5 230.00 a year / 6 to 12th grade \$309.00	K-6 grade 2 miles or more are free, k to 6 grade 1.5 miles to 2 miles can purchase a pass.. 7 to 12th grade over 1.5 miles or more can purchase a pass.
	Watertown	\$ 300	\$475	K-5 Families Living more than 1.5 miles are free. Families living a walking distance of less than 1.5 miles but more than 0.75 miles (Fee applies). Grade 6 Families living more than 2 miles are free. Families living a walking distance of less than 2 miles but more than 0.75 miles (Fee applies) Grades 7-8 Families living a walking distance of more than 0.75 miles (Fee applies) Grades 9-12 (No Bus) High School is dead center of town which is 4 square miles or less than 2 miles.
	Hopedale Public Schools	\$ 300	FY23, \$300 per student/\$600 family cap, \$350 per student/\$700 family cap if paid after 6/1/2022	Grade K-6 over 2 miles no fee Grade 7-12 all students pay
	Hopkinton	\$ 280	\$560	Fee applies to all students grades 7-12
	East Longmeadow	\$ 270	\$540	
AVC	Maynard	\$ 270	No cap	2nd child and more, \$200 each
	Framingham	\$ 250	\$500	Fee applies to all students grades K-6 who live 2.0 miles or less from school and all students grades 7-12
	Barnstable	\$ 200	\$400	Grades K-6 residing 2 miles and under are non mandated as well as Grade 7-12 regardless of distance - these are fee based
AVC	Grafton	\$ 200	\$400	Fee applies to all students grades 7-12
	Natick	\$ 200	\$400	Fee applies to all students grades K-6 who live 2.0 miles or less from school and all students grades 7-12
	North Attleboro Public Schools	\$ 200.00	\$600	Students who are considered "Walkers": K-5 who live within 1.25 miles of their school 6-12 who live within 2 miles of their school. Walker status is flexible depending on the danger presented by major roads. K-6 students living within 1.25-1.99 miles of their school are expected to pay. K-6 students living 2 miles or more away from their school are provided free bus passes. 7-12 students are expected to pay for bus passes regardless of distance.
	Westport Community Schools	\$ 200.00	\$400	Westport provides transportation for grades k - 12, grades 7 - 12 are charged fees.
	Sutton	\$ 180.00	\$360	
	Plymouth	\$ 125.00	\$225	
AVC	Auburn Public Schools	\$ 100.00	\$250	Grades K-6 under 2 miles from school - All students Grades 7-12 - Fees are waived for Free and Reduced students.
	Acushnet	Free		
	Carver	Free		
	Clinton	Free		
	Falmouth	Free		
	Fitchburg	Free		
AVC	Hudson	Free		Students living less than one mile from school are ineligible for transportation
	Leicester	Free		
AVC	Marlborough	Free		Students grades 6-12 living in "non-eligible zone" (close proximity to school) are ineligible for transportation
	Medway Public Schools	Free		
	Millis	Free		
AVC	Millbury	Free		
	Monson	Free		
	North Adams Public Schools	Free		
AVC	Northboro-Southboro	Free		
	Oxford	Free		
	Palmer	Free		
	Salem Public Schools	Free		
	Seekonk Schools	Free		
	Uxbridge	Free		
	Waltham Public Schools	Free		
AVC	Westborough	Free		Students grades 7-12 living less than one mile from school are ineligible for transportation
	Westfield Public Schools	Free		

Shrewsbury has the highest bus fee amongst communities belonging to the Assabet Valley Collaborative.

Regional school districts are prohibited from charging a fee because they receive state reimbursement funding every year.

This survey from the Mass. Association of Pupil Transportation shows 23 districts that charge a fee and Shrewsbury ranks 8<sup>th</sup> highest on this list.

Notes:  
 1. Regional school districts are prohibited from charging a bus fee because they receive state school transportation reimbursement funding on an annual basis.  
 2. Per state law, all students who are eligible for Free or Reduced Price lunch due to economic need cannot be charged a transportation fee.

# S.H.S. Athletic Fee

	Fee History							
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
<b>S.H.S. Athletics Fee</b>	\$ 290	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 310	\$ 315	\$ 275	\$ 325	\$ 325
						<i>Total budgeted revenue</i>		\$ 370,000

\$975 Family Cap

\$50/sport [\$150 Family Cap] for students eligible for Free or Reduced Price lunch

# Mid-Wach League Fee Survey

School	Per Sport Fee	Notes		
Groton Dunstable	\$ 400	GD is \$400.00 per sport, per season. \$1,200.00 Family Cap for HS athletes.		
		MS is \$210.00 per sport, per season. \$1,000.00 Family Cap for MS athletes.		
		We do not combine HS and MS to reach a Family Cap.		
		Ice Hockey is \$500.00 per season, plus an assessment of practice ice costs. This brings the overall fee into the \$750.00 range.		
		Alpine Ski is always \$150.00 over the determined Season Pass at Nashoba Valley Ski Area. Last year a Seasons Pass was \$375.00 + \$150.00 Refunds are issued prior to the 1st game of the season or when a season ending injury occurs within the first few weeks of the season.		
Bromfield	\$ 325	Soccer V/JV \$325	V/JV B/G Basketball \$395	V/JV B/G Lax \$325
		FH V/JV \$325	Swim Team \$370	V/JV Softball/Baseball \$340
		XC \$260	Ski Team \$360	Outdoor Track \$280
		Golf \$360	B/G Indoor Track \$280	Tennis B/G \$325
		MS FH/Soccer \$300	MS B/G Basketball \$300	MS Baseball/Softball \$300
Shrewsbury	\$ 325	\$325	\$975 family max	Free & reduced \$50/\$150
Tyngsborough	\$ 300	300/200/100	1st/2nd/3rd sport no cap	2020 4th sport is free
Oakmont	\$ 285	285 / sport	no cap	
Tahanto	\$ 250	250/sport	600 family max	free waived
Wachusett	\$ 250	\$250	\$350 family max	Reduced Lunch \$175
Lunenburg	\$ 225	\$225 per sport per season, a second child in the same season is \$115, and \$6 for a 3rd- \$400 per season max. Ice hockey pays additional fees for ice time etc.		
West Boylston	\$ 225	\$225 per sport	Family cap of \$750; 225/125 second student-athlete in same season	Reduced Lunch \$60, Free lunch fee is waived
Algonquin	\$ 200	200/season	900 Family cap	
Ayer Shirley	\$ 200	200/year	100/MS 500/family cap	
Littleton	\$ 200	200 per sport	550 family max	425 surcharge for ice hockey
Westborough	\$ 200	200	\$600 cap	
Maynard	\$ 400	400/per year	200/other children no cap.	1/4 fee Families that meet Federal income guidelines
North Middlesex	\$ 190	\$190 Everything \$390 Hockey (Likely to go up to \$250 & \$500 next year)		
Nashoba	\$ 175	1st Sport \$175 / 2nd Sport \$150 / 3rd Sport \$125	\$900 family cap (extra fees do not count towards cap) Hockey, skiing, and swimming have extra fees (pool time, ice time, and ski tickets)	MS = \$55 per sport (**Looking to increase for FY24)
Leominster	\$ 150	\$150 Per Sport Waived in 2022	\$75 Reduced Lunch and Second Child Waived 2022	\$50 Free Lunch Waived in 2022
Narragansett	\$ 150	\$150.00/ \$30.00 (free or reduced)	\$600 family max	
Shepherd Hill	\$ 150	\$150/sport	\$500 family max	free & reduced waived
Hudson	\$ 125	125/ sport no cap	Hockey - 250	
Fitchburg	\$ 50	50/season	70% are waived	
Clinton	\$ -	No Athletics Fee		
Gardner	\$ -	No Athletics Fee		
Murdock	\$ -			
Quabbin	\$ -			
Marlborough	\$ -			



# Oak Middle Athletic Fee

	Fee History		
	FY21	FY22	FY23
<b>Oak Athletics Fee</b>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
	<i>Total budgeted revenue</i>		\$ 25,000

The Oak Middle School athletic fee was implemented in FY21 as mechanism to financially support the build out of more middle school sports opportunities after school.

\$300 Family Cap

\$15/sport for students eligible for Free/Reduced Price lunch

# Preschool Tuition

	Fee History							
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
<b>Preschool Tuition</b> <i>(Tuition rates vary by program for 3,4, and 5-day programs. This example shows 3 days/wk example.)</i>	\$ 2,466	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,825	\$ 2,825	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,910
						<i>Total budgeted revenue</i>		\$ 425,000

Use a MA state-derived income “sliding scale” to allow for lower payments for families with economic need.

# Preschool Tuition Survey

DISTRICT	YEARLY TUITION 2 half-day/wk (2.5/hr)	YEARLY TUITION 3 half-day/wk (2.5/hr)	YEARLY TUITION 4 half-day/wk (2.5/hr)	YEARLY TUITION 5 half-day/wk (2.5/hr)	YEARLY TUITION 4 full-day/wk (6/hr)	YEARLY TUITION 4 full-day/wk or 5 full days/wk
<b>**Shrewsbury</b>	<b>\$2,228</b>	<b>\$2,910</b>	<b>\$3,507</b>	<b>\$4,294</b>		
Berlin - Tahanto Reg.	\$1,680	\$2,520				
Bolton - Nashoba Reg.		\$3,170		\$4,800		\$9,600
Boylston - Tahanto Reg.	\$1,680	\$2,520				
Grafton			\$3,000	\$4,000		\$6,500
Hudson			\$2,305			
Marlboro				\$2,500		
Southboro School District			\$3,625		\$7,250	\$9,000
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Wachusett Regional	\$1,200		\$2,400	\$2,950		
Westboro				\$3,600		\$8,800
Lilliput	\$3,280	\$4,920		\$8,200		\$12,300

# Music Lessons

- Rates vary based upon length of session.
- Fees support 100% of the instructor cost.
- We have lost four instructors this past year due to our rate of pay. Three more have indicated possible departure if pay rates don't increase.
- The rate increase provides funding to raise our instructor rates most of whom are independent contractors.
- Parents sign up on a semester basis and agree to pay for a package of 14 lesson sessions.

# Music Fee Rate Survey

	Session Length		
	30 Min.	45 Min.	60 Min.
Sudbury Public Schools	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 80.00
Worcester Music Academy	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
Joy of Music [Worcester]	\$ 42.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 75.00
Apple Tree Arts [Grafton]	\$ 40.87	\$ 59.75	\$ 74.13
<b>Shrewsbury Public Schools-Proposed FY24 [Fall 2023]</b>	<b>\$ 37.00</b>	<b>\$ 55.50</b>	<b>\$ 74.00</b>
Concord-Carlisle Public Schools	\$ 36.00	\$ 53.50	\$ 71.00
Wellesley Public Schools	\$ 34.13	\$ 48.34	\$ 66.67
<b>Shrewsbury Public Schools-Current</b>	<b>\$ 30.49</b>	<b>\$ 44.07</b>	<b>\$ 57.79</b>
David French [Westboro]	Instructors set their own rates		

# Next Steps

- Discussion tonight
- Take community feedback between now and March 15th meeting when you are scheduled to vote on FY24 fee amounts