



FY25 Fee Information

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Two Categories of Fees/Tuitions

1. Fees/tuitions that provide partial funding but do not cover the entire cost of services:

- Bus Transportation fee
- Athletic fee
- Preschool tuition

The current FY25 Budget recommendation made the following assumption:

**fee/tuition levels for busing, athletics, and preschool programs were planned as “status quo”*

2. Fees that cover the entire cost of services since these are auxiliary services provided by the School Department for the convenience of students and families:

- Extended School Care
- Music lesson

The current FY25 Budget recommendation made the following assumption:

**fees for Extended School Care and Music Lessons may increase to cover expected costs in order to maintain their “self-funding” status*



Bus Transportation Fee

Bus Fee History									
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Busing Fee	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 300	\$ 310	waived	\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ 320
<i>Total Budgeted Revenue</i>									\$ 740,000

\$960 Family Cap for FY24



Bus Transportation Fee Survey (MAPT)

District	Do you charge bus fees?	What is your annual fee?	What is your family cap?	Details (Grades, mileage, misc.)
Berlin-Boylston	No	Free	N/A	
Hudson	No	Free	N/A	Students living less than one mile from school are ineligible for transportation
Marlborough	No	Free	N/A	Students grades 6-12 living in "non-eligible zone" (close proximity to school) are ineligible for transportation
Milford	No	Free		
Millbury	No	Free		
Nashoba	No	Free		
Northboro-Southboro	No	Free	N/A	
Wachusett	No	Free		
Westborough	No	Free	N/A	Students grades 7-12 living less than one mile from school are ineligible for transportation
Worcester Public Schools	No	Free	N/A	N/A
Shrewsbury Public Schools	Yes	\$320	960	K-6, free over 2 miles
Hopkinton	Yes	\$280	\$560	Fee applies to all students grades 7-12
Maynard	Yes	\$270		2nd child and more, \$200 each
Framingham	Yes	\$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
Grafton	Yes	\$200	\$400	Fee applies to all students grades 7-12
Natick	Yes	\$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
Auburn Public Schools	Yes	\$100	\$250 Family Cap	Grades K-6 under 2 miles from school - All students Grades 7-12 - Fees are waived for Free and Reduced students.

Shrewsbury has the highest bus fee amongst the Assabet Valley Collaborative

Regional school districts are prohibited from charging a fee due to regional transportation state reimbursement



Athletic Fee

Athletic Fee History										
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total Budgeted Revenue
High School	\$ 290	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 310	\$ 315	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 370,000
Oak Middle						\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 25,000
										\$ 395,000

SHS Athletics

\$975 Family Cap for FY24

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

Oak Athletics

\$300 Family Cap for FY24

\$15/sport (\$45 Family Cap) for students eligible for Free or Reduced Price lunch



Mid-Wach League Athletic Fees - High School

School District	Per Sport Fee	Notes
Groton-Dunstable	\$ 400	\$1,200 family cap
Maynard	\$ 400	\$200 per sport for siblings, no cap
Bromfield	\$ 325	this is an average cost for sports (i.e. basketball is \$395, cross country is \$260)
Shrewsbury	\$ 325	\$975 family cap
Tyngsborough	\$ 300	\$300 1st sport/ \$200 2nd sport/ \$100 3rd sport (no cap)
Oakmont	\$ 285	no cap
Tahanto	\$ 250	\$600 family cap
Wachusett	\$ 250	\$350 family cap
Lunenburg	\$ 225	\$400 family cap per season
West Boylston	\$ 225	\$750 family cap
Algonquin	\$ 200	\$900 family cap
Westborough	\$ 200	\$600 family cap
North Middlesex	\$ 190	\$390 for hockey
Nashoba	\$ 175	\$175 1st sport/ \$150 2nd sport/ \$125 3rd sport (\$900 family cap)
Leominster	\$ 150	\$250 for hockey
Shepherd Hill	\$ 150	\$500 family cap
Hudson	\$ 125	\$250 for hockey; no family cap
Fitchburg	\$ 50	no family cap
<i>Districts with no athletic fee</i>		<i>Clinton, Gardner, Murdock, Quabbin, Marlborough</i>



Mid-Wach League Athletic Fees - Middle School

School District	Per Sport Fee	Notes
Bromfield	\$ 300	this is an average cost for sports (i.e. basketbal is \$395, cross country is \$260)
Tahanto	\$ 250	\$600 family cap
North Middlesex	\$ 250	\$600 family cap
Groton-Dunstable	\$ 210	\$1,000 family cap
Maynard	\$ 200	\$100 per additional sport, no cap
Tyngsborough	\$ 200	\$200 1st sport/ \$175 2nd sport/ \$150 3rd sport (no cap)
Westborough	\$ 200	\$600 family cap
Holden	\$ 120	No family cap
Ayer-Shirley	\$ 100	\$500 family cap
Shrewsbury	\$ 100	\$300 family cap
Nashoba	\$ 55	
Northborough	\$ 50	
Hudson	\$ 30	No family cap
<i>Districts with no athletic fee</i>		<i>Clinton, Gardner, Fitchburg, Quabbin, Marlborough, Grafton, Auburn, Millbury</i>



Preschool tuition

Preschool Fee History									
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Preschool Tuition <i>(tuition rates vary by program for 3, 4, and 5-day programs. This ex. shows 3 days/wk)</i>	\$ 2,466	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,825	\$ 2,825	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,910
	Total Budgeted Revenue								\$ 425,000

**A Massachusetts state-derived income
 “sliding scale” allows 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
**Shrewsbury	\$2,228	\$2,910	\$3,507	\$4,294		
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

- Music lessons are offered on a semester basis with a package of 14 lessons per semester. The fee structure was increased to \$37/ half hour and is as follows:
 - 14 lessons, 30 minutes each, \$518 per semester
 - 14 lessons, 45 minutes each, \$777 per semester
 - 14 lessons, 60 minutes each, \$1,036 per semester
- Fees support 100% of instructor cost
- Parents sign up on a semester basis and agree to pay for the 14 lesson package



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
Shrewsbury Public Schools- FY24 NEW	\$ 37.00	\$ 55.50	\$ 74.00
Concord-Carlisle Public Schools	\$ 36.00	\$ 53.50	\$ 71.00
Wellesley Public Schools	\$ 34.13	\$ 48.34	\$ 66.67
Shrewsbury Public Schools- Previous	\$ 30.49	\$ 44.07	\$ 57.79
David French (Westboro)	instructors set their own rates		



Next Steps

- Discussion from tonight's presentation
- Receive and process input from the community
- March 27th- Dr. Sawyer will make his recommendation
- March 27th- School Committee will vote on fees so we can prepare written materials for rollout, adjust payment systems where necessary, and communicate to families