

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Elliott Landon

Re: Tuition Rates for 2015-16

Date: June 1, 2015

We annually establish tuition rates to cover the following circumstances:

1. To provide the basis for calculating the 25% tuition rate for the non-resident children of school employees.
2. To cover students who move out of Westport before April 1, who are permitted to complete the school year at 25% of the full-year tuition.
3. To cover exceptional cases, such as when families enroll children expecting to move to Westport and then fail to establish residency, or other unforeseen circumstances.

During the current 2014-15 school year there were 31 children of employees who attended our schools. We anticipate approximately the same number for the 2015-2016 school year.

Several years ago, in response to a Board request, a formula was developed for tuition rates for the various levels which gave a close approximation of actual costs. (The base tuition figures do not include the cost of bus transportation between home and school as this service is not provided to non-resident students. It also does not include special education costs as these are assessed on an individual basis for students requiring special education.)

For the upcoming 2015-16 school year we have applied the general budget increase of 1.80% to the 2014-2015 rates. The chart below shows the current rates and the new rates for 2015-2016 (rounded off).



TUITION RATES: 2015-16 GRADES K-12

Grade Level	Full Non-Resident Tuition		Employee Tuition	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
K-5	15,715	15,998	3,929	3,999
6-8	22,005	22,401	5,501	5,600
9-12	23,568	23,992	5,892	5,998

TUITION RATES: 2015-16 PRE-SCHOOL

The full rates for our integrated pre-school were established during the 2014-15 budget process by the Pupil Services Department in collaboration with the Business Office, and are competitive with other area pre-schools. Westport residents' children with special needs receive free tuition, as per federal mandate. Westport residents' children without special needs are admitted to the program at the tuition rate(s) shown below. Employees' children are admitted only after all residents' children have been accommodated. As with K-12 tuition, employees pay 25% of the full rate.

	Full Rate	Employee Rate
2-3 year-olds 4-days per week	4,917	1,229
3-4 year-olds 5 days per week	6,296	1,574
3-4 year-olds 5 days per week (Extended day)	9,954	2,488

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the tuition rates for the 2015-2016 school year, as set forth in a memo dated June 1, 2015 and appended to the Minutes of that Meeting.