



SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION COSTS

Every attempt is made to educate students with disabilities alongside their non-disabled peers. A small number of students, however, have intensive needs that cannot be met within the public school setting. The district provides tuition and transportation for these students to attend approved special education facilities operated by private entities or Regional Education Services Centers (i.e., “out of district placements”). Rocky Hill Public Schools currently contracts with some of the following special education programs: Solterra, CREC Polaris School, CREC River Street School, and Oak Hill.

In addition, the Board of Education is responsible for the special education costs associated with students attending magnet schools through parent choice and the daily costs of tutorial services for students who are hospitalized for physical and psychiatric illnesses.

Excess cost reimbursement to the district is allocated for students whose tuition and transportation costs exceed \$92,937. For example, if a student’s total costs are \$200,000, the first \$93,000 (approximate) is absorbed by the district. The excess cost reimbursement (based on 100% of excess cost) would be \$107,000*. The state, however, does not reimburse 100% of excess cost. Typically, it is in the 70% range making the local budget cost that much higher. The district receives no excess costs for students whose transportation and tuition does not exceed \$92,937.

EXAMPLE:

(A)	1 student	\$200,000
	Local Budget Cost	<u>93,000</u>
	Excess Cost Reimbursement	\$107,000 (at 100% reimbursement)
	Excess Cost Reimbursement	\$ 74,900 (at 70% reimbursement)
	 Total Local Budget	 \$125,100 (70% excess cost reimbursement)
 (B)	 30 Students @ \$93,000	 \$2,790,000
	Local Budget Cost	\$2,790,000
	 Excess Cost Reimbursement	 \$ 0

If the State (DCF) places a student out of district, Rocky Hill is responsible for the first \$19,892 (approximately). After this threshold is met, Excess Cost Reimbursement starts.

*Due to the fiscal condition of the State, the District does not anticipate 100% reimbursement. Therefore, the 2026-27 budget is based on a 70% excess cost reimbursement.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

	STUDENT	Location
PRIVATE		
		Oak Hill
		Grace Webb
		Solterra
		Hubbard Day North
		Adelbrook Academy
		Arch Bridge School
PUBLIC		
		CREC River St.
		CREC Polaris
MAGNET		
		Discovery
		Ana Grace
		CREC Aerospace & Engineering
		CREC Computer Science & Engineering
		CREC Academy of the Arts
		CREC Academy of International Studies

	PROJECTED BUDGET 2026-27
TOTAL ACTUAL 2025-26 TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION	\$1,409,030
PROJECTED 2026-27 TUITION AFTER EXCESS COST (70%)	\$1,267,688
PROJECTED 2026-27 CONTRACTED TRANSPORTATION	\$595,768
NET 2026-27 BUDGET	\$1,863,456
PROBABLE NEW STUDENT PLACEMENTS (2026-27)	\$0
NEW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026-27	\$1,863,456

DIFFERENCE 2026-27 and 2025-26	\$454,026
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TUITION BREAKDOWN		ACCOUNT
PUBLIC	\$602,041	22.561.1200.06
PRIVATE	\$665,647	22.561.1200.88
TOTAL	\$1,267,688	

		FY 2025-26
BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS		
TUITION (ACCOUNT 22.561)	\$1,267,688	\$935,965
TRANSPORTATION (ACCOUNT 22.516)	\$595,768	\$473,465
TOTAL PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET	\$1,863,456	\$1,409,430