



EWPS

East Windsor Public Schools

Our graduates go places!

**BOARD OF EDUCATION FY27
BUDGET PRESENTATION
Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

Our Budget Goals Align With Our Strategic Plan

- Supporting Portrait of the Graduate instructional model at all grades.
- Providing opportunities for all students to find their path to success.
- Updating and maintaining facilities conducive to modern teaching and learning.
- Increasing awareness and understanding of EWPS accomplishments and challenges.



Our Budget at a Glance

Department	FY25 BUDGET	FY26 BUDGET	FY27 BUDGET	LOCAL INCREASE	% INCREASE
Broad Brook Elementary	\$3,565,430.23	\$3,450,413.48	\$3,568,140.81	\$117,727.33	3.41%
East Windsor Middle School	\$3,453,391.64	\$3,662,248.84	\$3,746,526.50	\$84,277.66	2.30%
East Windsor High School	\$3,219,532.58	\$3,292,957.45	\$3,365,959.37	\$73,001.92	2.22%
Special Education	\$6,750,150.39	\$7,494,927.45	\$7,636,126.64	\$141,199.19	1.88%
Facilities	\$1,868,895.34	\$1,802,350.55	\$1,945,704.10	\$143,353.55	7.95%
Technology	\$391,258.04	\$477,066.20	\$526,027.22	\$48,961.02	10.26%
Curriculum	\$201,130.86	\$208,235.42	\$258,189.92	\$49,954.50	23.99%
District Wide	\$6,383,763.71	\$6,885,359.14	\$7,223,139.72	\$337,780.58	4.91%
Transportation	\$1,243,799.92	\$1,228,956.46	\$1,300,948.00	\$71,991.54	5.86%
Health Department	\$441,256.24	\$341,672.37	\$348,888.97	\$7,216.60	2.11%
Athletic Department	\$287,613.05	\$280,678.00	\$294,000.00	\$13,322.00	4.75%
Band	\$16,424.00	\$15,938.00	\$21,196.00	\$5,258.00	32.99%
2% Fund/Additional Tuition	-\$478,000.00	-\$278,860.36	-\$381,572.70	-\$102,712.34	36.83%
Totals	\$27,344,646.00	\$28,861,943.00	\$29,853,274.55	\$991,331.55	3.43%

School Budget Proposal: Overview

Budget Snapshot

- **Proposed Increase: 3.43%**
- Level service and level staffing
- No reductions to existing programs or staffing levels

Guiding Philosophy

- Continued focus on reallocating and maximizing existing resources
- Eliminate what we no longer need
- Add resources only when necessary to implement the Strategic Plan
- Mindful stewardship of taxpayer dollars

Primary Budget Drivers

- Medical insurance increase:
~11.5%
- Local transportation contract
increase: ~10%
- Loss of federal funding:
approximately \$100,000
- Significant increases in electricity
costs

Mitigating Rising Costs

- Eliminated one daily bus run
- Energy efficiency projects are fully
paid after this year
- Special Education budgeted at a
1.88% increase based on current
needs
- Planned use of \$187,927 from the
District's 2% fund

BOE Budget Request Comparisons - Hartford County

Windsor Locks 16.78%

Bristol 10.95% (superintendent)

Rocky Hill 8.9%

South Windsor 8.16%

East Granby 6.9% (BOF 5%)

Avon 6.79%

Southington 6.71%

Canton 6.67%

West Hartford 6.61% (superintendent)

Source: CASBO & Budget

Glastonbury 5.84% (superintendent)

Plainville 5.76%

Newington 5.63%

Berlin 5.34%

Bolton 5.17%

Manchester 4.99%

Windsor & Enfield 4.97%

Wethersfield 4.48%

Farmington 4.35%

Granby 3.8%

Simsbury 2.79%

Protecting Our Taxpayers

FY27 Education Cost to Taxpayers			
Line item	Amount	% of gross spending	Cost remaining to taxpayers
Total educational spending (gross)	\$33,086,877.79	100.00%	\$33,086,877.79
Less: Grant and Miscellaneous Revenues	\$911,347.00	2.75%	\$32,175,530.79
Less: Projected Choice Revenue (GEN/SPED)	\$1,358,548.21	4.11%	\$30,816,982.58
Less: Alliance District Grants	\$186,987.00	0.57%	\$30,629,995.58
Less: Excess Cost reimbursement (offset in BOE budget)	\$395,148.33	1.19%	\$30,234,847.25
Less: 2% Fund / Additional Tuition (incl. Pre-K, SEED, Food Service offsets)	\$381,572.70	1.15%	\$29,853,274.55
Net BOE appropriation shown in Town budget (local budget line item)		90.21%	\$29,853,274.55
Less: Adult Ed grant to Town (town-side revenue)	\$11,705.00	0.04%	\$29,841,569.55
Less: State Education Cost Sharing (ECS) (town-side revenue; estimate if not final)	\$5,482,135.00	16.57%	\$24,359,434.55
Net cost to East Windsor taxpayers after town revenues		73.61%	\$24,359,434.55

Net Local Budget Request

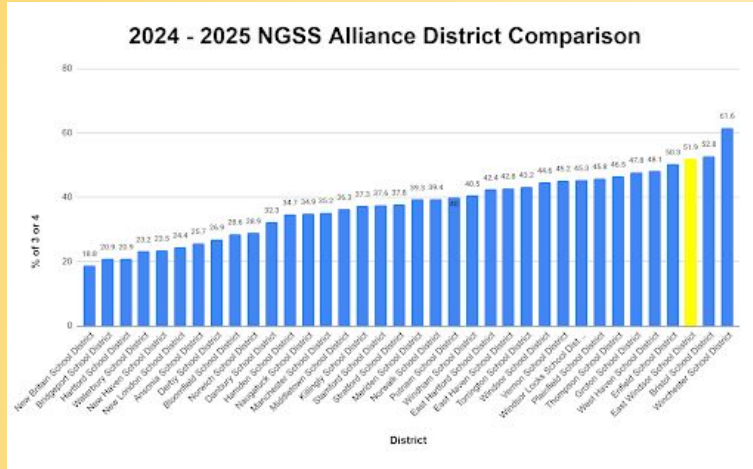
26.4% of Budget Funded By Outside Sources

Student Perspective - Small School ... Big Dreams

- Athletics
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Meaningful Community Involvement
- Thriving Music and Arts Programs
- Positive Adult Connections
- Empowering to achieve Big Dreams



Achievements, Accomplishments, and Recognition



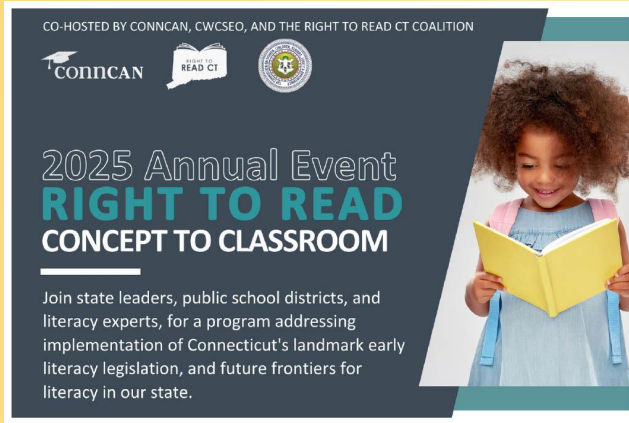
In 2024-2025, East Windsor Public Schools Ranked 3rd in ELA and Science and 4th in Math Achievement among 36 Alliance Districts representing 44% of the student population statewide.

(EdSight Secure, October 2025)



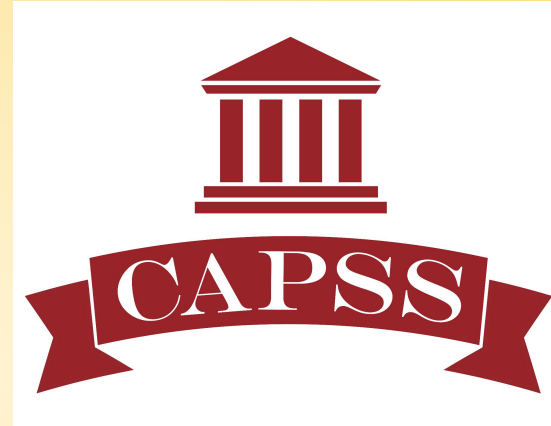
East Windsor Public Schools honored for achievements in test scores and improvements in student attendance at the CSDE Press Conference on August 28, 2025: Connecticut Students See Gains in Test Scores and Attendance: *Results mark statewide improvements in learning and attendance, signaling stronger momentum toward surpassing pre-pandemic performance levels.* (CSDE Aug. 28, 2025)

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East Windsor Public Schools invited to participate in a forum at the 2025 Annual Right to Read Conference on April 4, 2025:

East Windsor was recognized as a leader in the implementation of Science of Reading and literacy programs with Amy Dowell of Good Policy Partners calling the district “impressive”.
(Amy Dowell, Good Policy Partners, March 26, 2025)



East Windsor Public Schools utilized American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER funds to implement strategic multi-year plan focused on student recovery while carefully avoiding the "funding cliff" associated with expiring federal grants:

By prioritizing sustainable investments such as professional development, curriculum upgrades, and temporary support positions, the district ensured that critical educational enhancements could be maintained through the local budget once the emergency relief funds ended.

(CAPSS, October 2024)

Factors that Influence Budget Adjustments

- Budget remains fluid
- Special Education - always changing
- Unfunded Mandates
- Close-out of end of year expenses

