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**East Windsor Public Schools**

*Our graduates go places!*

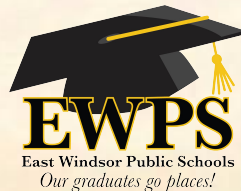
**Board of Finance Budget Workshop**

**Fiscal Year 2027**

**March 31, 2026**

# Current Proposed BOE FY27 Budget

- Total proposed local budget: \$29,853,274.40
- Represents a 3.43% increase over the current budget
- Increase of \$991,331.40 compared to FY26
- The FY27 budget includes the use of \$187,927 from the 2% Fund
- This amount will be fully maintained in the revolving account, representing approximately the average cost of one out-of-district special education placement



# Primary Drivers to FY27 Budget

- Medical: 11.5% increase (\$447,810)
- Transportation: 10% contractual increase
- Special Education: 1.88% increase (\$141,200)
- Loss of Grant Revenue: Approximately \$100,000
- Utility Costs: 10% increase, partially offset by the expiration of the energy efficiency loan program



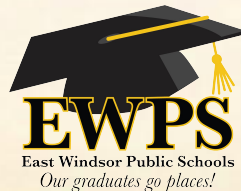
# 2% Non-Lapsing Fund

In Connecticut, what is commonly referred to as the “2% revolving fund” is a statutory provision that allows Boards of Education to retain a limited portion of unspent funds at the end of a fiscal year.

This provision allows a local Board of Education to:

- » Retain up to 2% of its annual operating budget if a year-end surplus exists
- » Transfer those funds into a non-lapsing account (often referred to as a carryover or reserve account)
- » Use these funds in future years for education-related expenses, rather than returning them to the municipality's general fund

This mechanism provides financial flexibility and helps districts manage unexpected costs, such as fluctuations in special education or other high-need areas.



# Schools Facilities and Maintenance

The district has executed a series of facility improvements focused on safety, efficiency, and the preservation of 60 and 70-year-old buildings.

## **Critical infrastructure repairs and maintenance:**

Efficient Central Office HVAC system  
Heating valve replacements at all schools  
Repairs to the EWHS clock and bell systems  
District-wide hallway and classroom repainting  
Gym floor recoating at all three schools  
New appliances for EWHS Home Economics

## **Safety repairs and maintenance:**

Replacement of emergency lights and fire exit signs  
Removal of non-GFI kitchen outlets at EWMS  
New exterior lighting at BBES

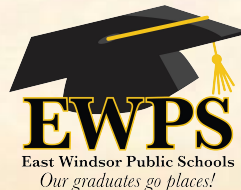
## **External site work:**

Parking lot repairs  
Tree and stump removal  
Maintenance of all grounds and fields

Additionally, the district implemented a comprehensive bleacher maintenance plan and provided essential summer support for FRC programming

## **Project Management**

- BBES chimney repairs and enclosure paneling
- EWHS runoff repair for edgeline
- SPED discovery room remodel
- EWHS track sodding
- Blister roof repairs
- Replacement of heating pumps at BBES and EWMS
- Replacement of fence doors with gate openers for Pre-K playground
- Removal of trees on property line at EWMS due to safety concerns
- Replacement of BBES sewer line
- Completion of annual district-wide radon testing and indoor air quality testing in compliance with new CT state requirements
- Regraded EWHS softball and baseball fields
- Repairs to district wide kitchen equipment
- Dubaldo Security System upgrades and repairs district wide



# Protecting Our Taxpayers



## FY27 Education Cost to Taxpayers



	<b>Total educational spending (gross)</b>	<b>\$33,086,877.79</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
	<b>Less: Revenue &amp; Offsets</b>		
	Grant and Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$911,347.00)	2.75%
	Projected Choice Revenue	(\$1,358,548.21)	4.11%
	Alliance District Grants	(\$186,987.00)	0.57%
	Excess Cost reimbursement	(\$395,148.33)	1.19%
	2% Fund / Additional Tuition	(\$381,572.70)	1.15%

**Net BOE appropriation (local budget line item): \$29,853,274.55 (90.21%)**

### Less: Town-Side Revenue

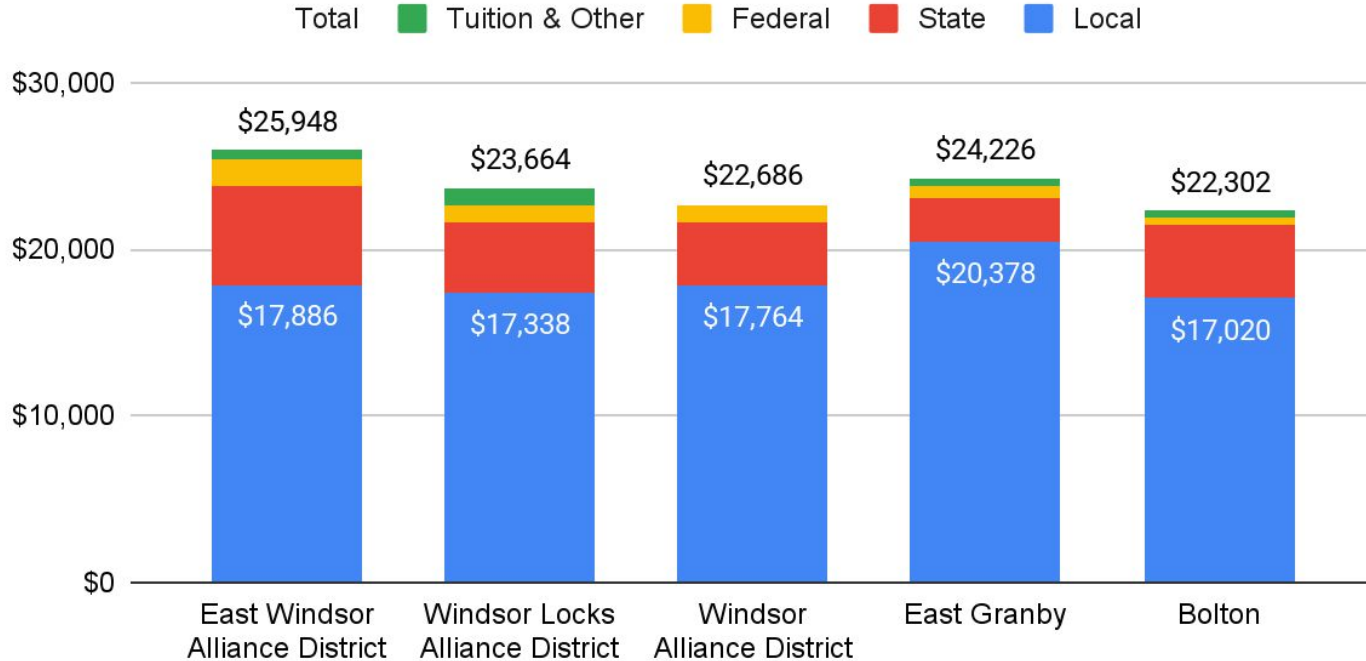
	Adult Ed grant to Town	(\$11,705.00)	0.04%
	State Education Cost Sharing (ECS)	(\$5,482,135.00)	16.57%

**Net cost to East Windsor taxpayers after town revenues:  
\$24,359,434.55 (73.61%)**

  
**Net Local  
Budget  
Request  
\$29,853,274.55**

  
**26.4% of  
Budget Funded  
By Outside  
Sources**

## Per-Student Spending for East Windsor and Comparison Districts FY24



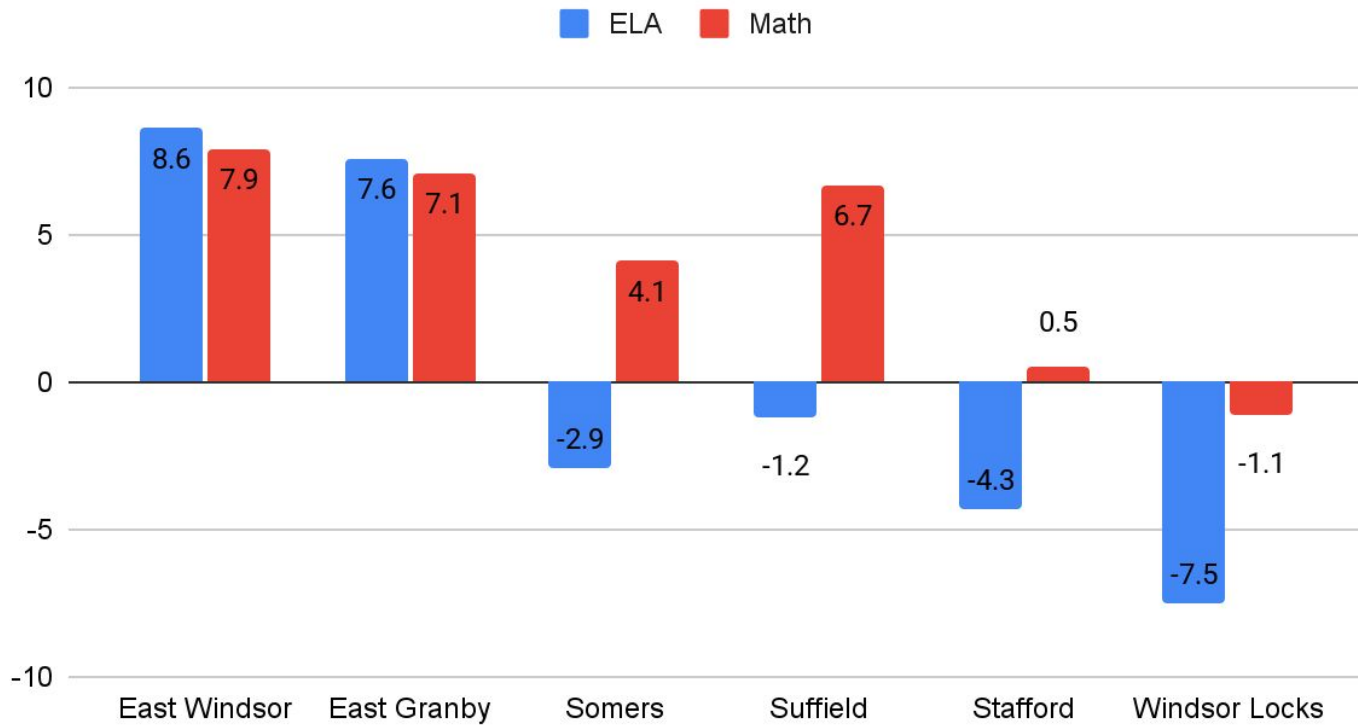
	<b>East Windsor Alliance District</b>	<b>Windsor Locks Alliance District</b>	<b>Windsor Alliance District</b>	<b>East Granby</b>	<b>Bolton</b>
<b>Low-Income</b>	56.6%	43.2%	47.1%	15.3%	24.5%
<b>Multilingual Learners</b>	6.9%	7.1%	3.1%	1.9%	0.9%
<b>Students w/ Disabilities</b>	20.4%	19.0%	21.6%	14.1%	12.4%
<b>BIPOC Students</b>	54.3%	43.1%	79.0%	25.7%	23.9%
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>3342</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>699</b>

# Town Budget Comparison (FY26)

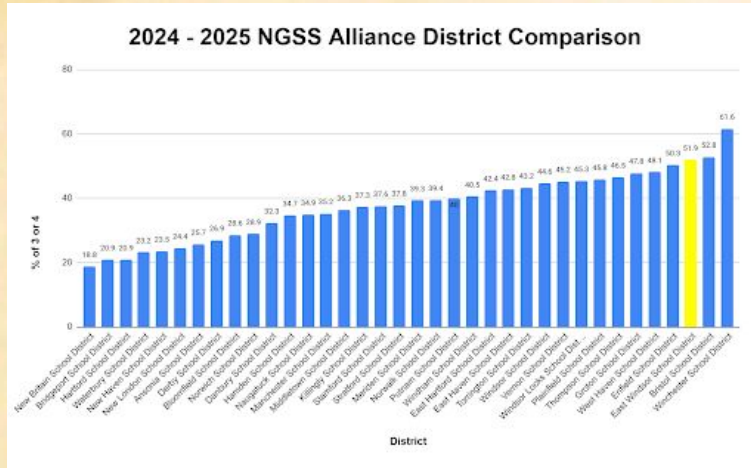
Town	Total Budget	Education (BOE)	Town Services	% Education
Bolton	\$26,331,982.00	\$16,800,367.00	\$9,531,615.00	63.80%
Windsor Locks	\$60,872,318.00	\$34,051,186.00	\$26,821,132.00	55.90%
East Windsor	\$47,712,566.00	\$28,861,943.00	\$18,850,623.00	60.50%
Windsor	\$152,012,160.00	\$89,275,124.00	\$62,737,036.00	58.70%
East Granby	\$28,308,091.00	\$20,923,500.00	\$7,384,591.00	73.90%

Sources: web searches, official town and school district websites, and artificial intelligence tools.

## Four Year Academic Growth Rates



# Achievements, Accomplishments, and Recognition



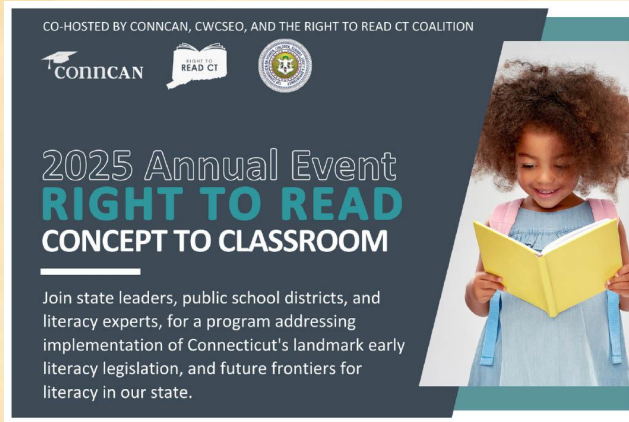
In 2024-2025, East Windsor Public Schools Ranked 3rd in ELA and Science and 4th in Math Achievement among 36 Alliance Districts representing 44% of the student population statewide.

(EdSight Secure, October 2025)



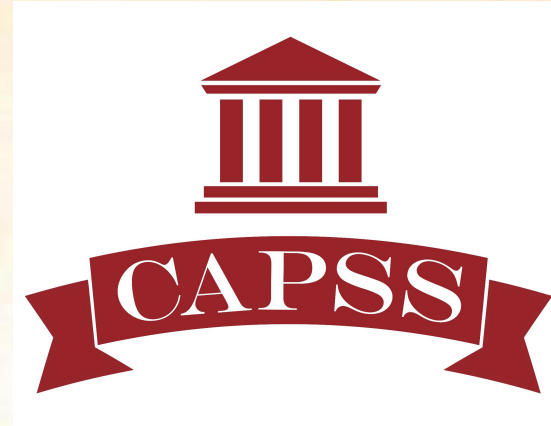
East Windsor Public Schools honored for achievements in test scores and improvements in student attendance at the CSDE Press Conference on August 28, 2025: Connecticut Students See Gains in Test Scores and Attendance: *Results mark statewide improvements in learning and attendance, signaling stronger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

# Achievements, Accomplishments, and Recognition



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)

# Responsible Approach to Staffing & Programming.

## Staffing Reductions (Last 3 Years)

-   School Nurse
  -   Payroll Associate
  -  3 Academic Tutors
  -   District-wide Social Worker
  -  Reading Specialist/SLP
  -   PE Teacher
- Overall, additional paraprofessional positions reduced based on student need.

## Program Expansions

-  District-wide Band Programming
-  World Language (Spanish)
-  Expanded without increasing staff.

# Budget Development & Oversight Process

## Ongoing Financial Oversight

BOE Finance Subcommittee and full Board review financials monthly

## Budget Monitoring & Adjustments

Finance Subcommittee reviews projections in  
**December & April**

Recommends adjustments and transfers based on spending trends and needs

## Budget Development (Internal)

**October:** Superintendent & Director of Finance meet with department heads to review proposed budgets

**November - December:** Follow-up meetings to revise departmental cost centers

## Budget Input & Proposal Development

**December - January:** Superintendent gathers BOE feedback on priorities

**Late January - February:** Superintendent presents initial proposed budget

**February:** BOE conducts budget workshop(s) and makes adjustments

## Budget Approval Process

**March:** BOE presents proposed budget to the Board of Finance

# 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)**

**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%**

# Thank you

