

Full Day Kindergarten Tuition Options

2020-2021 [FY21]

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Massachusetts Statewide Context

- 96.4%
 - Percent of all Kindergarten public school students in a Full-Day Kindergarten
- 69%
 - Percent of Shrewsbury Public School students in Full-Day Kindergarten
- 316
 - Number of MA school districts offering Full Day Kindergarten
- 38
 - Remaining number of MA school districts [including S.P.S.] charging a fee. The number of districts charging a fee has been steadily declining each year.

Range of Fee Level

District	Tuition for 2019-2020 school year
Acton-Boxborough	\$4,500
Andover	\$3,575
Belmont	\$3,500
Beverly	\$2,100
Braintree	\$3,250
Cohasset	\$3,500
Duxbury	\$4,000
Easton	\$3,500
Groton-Dunstable	\$5,000
Hanover	\$3,750
Harvard	\$3,750
Hingham	\$3,750
Holliston	\$3,475
Littleton	\$1,750
Marblehead	\$3,516
Medfield	\$3,500
Millis	\$3,150
Nashoba RSD	\$3,331
Newburyport	\$3,800

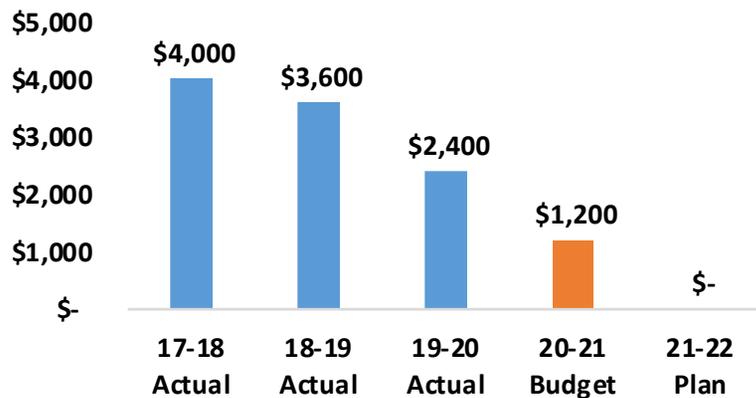
District	Tuition for 2019-2020 school year
North Attleborough	\$3,000
North Reading	\$4,250
Norwell	\$4,000
Pentucket	\$3,800
Reading	\$4,450
Saugus	\$2,700
Scituate	\$3,500
Sharon	\$3,100
Shrewsbury	\$2,400
Topsfield	\$3,400
Triton RSD	\$2,950
Tyngsborough	\$3,750
Walpole	\$1,800
Wayland	\$2,700
Westborough	\$3,400
Westford	\$4,200
Weymouth	\$3,500
Whitman-Hanson	\$3,200
Wrentham	\$3,250

Source: Strategies for Children tuition analysis, June 2019

FY21 Enrollment Budget Assumption

- Enrollment
 - Based upon our enrollment projections and limited classroom space, we estimated 260 students would be in Full-Day Kindergarten next year.
 - Based upon estimated special education placements and reduced fee levels for economically disadvantaged families, we estimate a net 77% will be “full-pay”.

FY21 Tuition Budget Assumption



- This chart depicts the planned and incremental step down of tuition.
- This plan matches our Strategic Priority to provide universal, tuition-free kindergarten when we open the new Beal School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Tuition Options

Est. FDK Enrollment	Annual Tuition	Total Gross Revenue	Est. Net Revenue after SPED Placements and Financial Assistance [77% of gross]	Increased Revenue from Initial Budget	Notes
260	\$ 2,400	\$ 624,000	\$ 480,480	\$ 240,240	No change from '19-'20 SY
260	\$ 2,205	\$ 573,300	\$ 441,441	\$ 201,201	Decrease rate by 8%
260	\$ 2,025	\$ 526,500	\$ 405,405	\$ 165,165	Decrease rate by 16%
260	\$ 1,800	\$ 468,000	\$ 360,360	\$ 120,120	Decrease rate by 25%
260	\$ 1,200	\$ 312,000	\$ 240,240	\$ -	Decrease rate by 50%

The original budget plan assumed the planned step down and reducing rate to \$1,200 per student. Setting the rate higher than \$1,200 will generate additional revenue to close the budget gap.

Process

- Tonight is to provide and explain a series of options for the School Committee to consider in the context of:
 1. Maintaining the direction of the Strategic Priority to step down tuition incrementally so that we offer free and universal Full-Day Kindergarten starting with the opening of the new Beal in the 2021-2022 school year.
 2. Understanding our FY21 budget problem and that any revenue generated beyond our original assumption of \$1,200 per student will assist in closing the FY21 budget gap.