



TRANSPORTATION

The Westport Board of Education provides transportation for approximately 5,300 students via full size buses, mini-buses and a two passenger lift vans on a daily basis. The law requires that we transport Westport students who attend our eight schools plus those who choose to attend local private schools, and state vocational technical schools.

The transportation contract covers regular daily transportation, special education transportation in and around Westport, as well as in-town non-public transportation. The contract includes: a fleet of vehicles that are contractor owned and operated equipped with GPS and cameras. These vehicles are environmentally friendly “green diesel” buses manufactured to run on ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

Regular – 510

This account carries the costs for daily runs to and from all public schools.

Special Education (Internal) – 511

Costs in this account are for the transportation of our special education students requiring transportation to schools within Westport including the preschool and Westport Connections

Special Education (Public) – 512

This account provides for the transportation services of students who are transported to other public schools outside of Westport, including CES regional education service centers.

Special Education (Private) – 513

This account provides for the transportation services of students who are transported to privately operated educational institutions outside of Westport.

Field Trips – 516

Extracurricular field trips are supported through this account. Additional field trip support is also provided through the parent organizations and student activity accounts of each school.

Fuel – Buses – 517

Costs in this account reflect the estimated fuel consumption of the “green diesel” fuel that is part of the transportation contract.

Alternative Education - 518

This account provides for the transportation services of students transported to alternative education programs.

Vocational Technical - 519

This account provides for the transportation services of students transported to the state vocational technical schools.

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

	Number of Buses
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	
Type I Large Bus	35* 37
Type II Van	15
NON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	
Type I Large Bus	2
Type II Van	2
WESTPORT TOTAL FLEET	
Type I Large Bus	37 39
Type II Van	17

* For FY26, there is a reduction of 2 Type I Large Buses (as part of the Route-to-Ridership Efficiency Study).

2025/2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS FOR 2024/25

<u>Regular</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
<u>510</u>	<u>Transported 2024/25</u>	<u>Internal - 511</u>	<u>Transported 2024/25</u>	<u>Public - 512</u>	<u>Transported 2024/25</u>
Coleytown Elementary	461	Coleytown Elementary	61	ACES	2
Greens Farms	458	Greens Farms	14	ACES Whitney north	0
Kings Highway	444	Kings Highway	5	CES	1
Long Lots	576	Long Lots	8	CES Rise Academy	0
Saugatuck Elementary	390	Saugatuck Elementary	6	JM Wright	3
Bedford Middle	705	Bedford Middle	5	Sound School	0
Coleytown Middle	484	Coleytown Middle	0	TOTAL	6
Staples High School	1627	Staples High School	4		
TOTAL	5145	Vocational Lifeskills	9		
		Westport Connections	5		
		TOTAL	117		
<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>				
<u>Private - 513</u>	<u>Transported 2024/25</u>				
Aspire	1				
CCCD (Milestones)	1				
Cedarhurst	6				
Charles Hayden	2				
Foundation School	1				
Hope Academy	3				
Hubbard	2				
Pinnacle	2				
Spire School	2				
St. Catherine Center	1				
St. Vincents	2				
Westport Day	4				
TOTAL	27				

Totals are as of October 1, 2024

510-519 TRANSPORTATION

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
3,808,178	3,784,907	4,751,769	4,740,594	4,716,930	510 REGULAR	4,561,918			4,561,918
1,143,307	1,345,844	1,254,450	1,454,846	1,313,386	511 SPECIAL ED INTERNAL	1,515,297			1,515,297
297,909	281,949	239,712	256,981	256,981	512 SPECIAL ED PUBLIC	219,698			219,698
889,316	677,060	788,257	795,355	795,355	513 SPECIAL ED PRIVATE*	970,951			970,951
33,985	58,063	52,425	83,453	64,370	516 FIELD TRIPS	82,955			82,955
282,145	306,650	220,063	360,000	300,000	517 LOW SULPHUR DIESEL FUEL	300,000			300,000
\$ 6,454,840	\$ 6,454,473	\$ 7,306,676	\$ 7,691,229	\$ 7,447,022	TOTAL	\$ 7,650,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,650,819

INSURANCE

These accounts cover the cost of property and liability insurance jointly purchased with the Town for all of the Board of Education buildings/vehicles/employees as follows:

<u>LIMIT</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>CARRIER</u>
\$100,000,000	Boilers and Machinery	CIRMA
\$ 1,000,000	Crime	CIRMA
\$ 3,000,000	General Liability (Aggregate)	CIRMA
\$494,127,005	Property	CIRMA
\$ 1,000,000	School Leaders Policy	CIRMA
\$ 1,000,000	Vehicles	CIRMA
\$ 10,000,000	Umbrella/Excess Liability (1 st)	Indemnity Insurance Co.
\$ 25,000,000	Umbrella/Excess Liability (2 nd)	North River Insurance Co.
\$ 500,000	SES Flood Insurance	Selective Insurance Co.
1,000,000	Media Legal Liability	Axis Insurance Co.
\$ 500,000	Workers' Compensation	CIRMA

PROPERTY INSURANCE – 520

FLOOD INSURANCE – 521

LIABILITY INSURANCE – 523

ATHLETIC INSURANCE – 529

520-529 INSURANCE

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
47,925	143,076	190,081	192,529	194,413	520 PROPERTY INSURANCE	206,006			206,006
9,777	9,182	4,342	4,475	4,475	521 FLOOD INSURANCE	4,788			4,788
429,358	389,052	410,258	437,827	392,636	523 LIABILITY INSURANCE	468,475			468,475
101,658	94,069	84,259	88,472	69,751	529 ATHLETIC INSURANCE	74,634			74,634
\$ 588,718	\$ 635,379	\$ 688,940	\$ 723,303	\$ 661,275	TOTAL	\$ 753,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 753,903

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS – 530

This account carries all telephone, cell phone and Internet Service Provider (ISP) charges including inter-building data connections, and modifications and repairs for our VoIP System.

Costs include SAN storage management, cybersecurity measures, backup equipment, replacement costs for network components at the end of their life-cycle, and maintenance costs for the “dark fiber” connections, the firewalls, the network infrastructure and backups, the video distribution system and the Student Inter-Operability Framework (SIF).

POSTAGE – 535

Costs of bulk mailings and day-to-day postage for all schools and central office are covered in this account. We engage a first class mail discount postage service in an effort to be more cost effective.

530 COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
626,421	647,361	659,788	680,740	680,740	SYSTEMWIDE	771,621			771,621
\$ 626,421	\$ 647,361	\$ 659,788	\$ 680,740	\$ 680,740	TOTAL	\$ 771,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 771,621

535 POSTAGE

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
21,020	29,745	15,304	30,000	30,674	SYSTEMWIDE	30,000			30,000
\$ 21,020	\$ 29,745	\$ 15,304	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,674	TOTAL	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000

ADVERTISING – 540

The Board advertises in newspapers for bidding and legal notices. In addition, the Board advertises in order to recruit new staff for employment openings.

PRINTING EXPENSE – 550

This account is for payment to outside vendors for various printing projects. The high school newspapers also draw from this account.

Monies are allocated for various handbooks and staff development program booklets, such as:

- Proposed Budgets
- Recruitment Materials
- High School Handbooks
- Middle School Handbooks
- Parent Handbooks
- Program of Studies

540 ADVERTISING

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
5,224	7,000	5,977	7,000	5,323	CENTRAL ADMIN	7,000			7,000
5,074	4,529	5,240	10,000	7,600	RECRUITMENT	10,000			10,000
\$ 10,298	\$ 11,529	\$ 11,217	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,923	TOTAL	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000

550 PRINTING

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
			-		COLEYTOWN ELEM				-
					GREENS FARMS				-
					KINGS HIGHWAY				-
					LONG LOTS				-
					SAUGATUCK				-
4,541	2,626	1,069	6,100	2,500	BEDFORD MIDDLE	3,000			3,000
	450	450	650	500	COLEYTOWN MIDDLE	600			600
2,614	4,730	6,697	5,187	6,000	STAPLES	6,500			6,500
					District				
-	-		500	-	SPECIAL EDUCATION				-
1,149	2,148	964	1,000	1,300	MAINTENANCE	1,200			1,200
75	920	504	1,500	1,000	CENTRAL ADMIN	1,000			1,000
4,924	3,115	2,665	6,400	3,000	TEACHING AND LEARNING	3,000			3,000
3,150	1,674	1,659	2,500	1,867	COMMUNITY INFO	1,800			1,800
\$ 16,453	\$ 15,663	\$ 14,008	\$ 23,837	\$ 16,167	TOTAL	\$ 17,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,100

TUITION

The Westport Board of Education continues to monitor all students who are placed out-of-district. We have also provided support programs to allow students to remain in district who were previously placed out-of-district.

TUITION – PUBLIC & PRIVATE – 560

This account is for tuition expended for special education placements outside of the Westport Board of Education. According to the 1997 reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State law of Connecticut (10-76), local boards of education are required to place in outside placements those students who are in need of special education but are unable to be programmed within the district's special education programs.

COURT & AGENCY PLACEMENTS – 563

According to both above stated laws, if a student is placed in an outside placement by the Juvenile Court and/or the Department of Children and Families, the total educational costs of such a placement are to be borne by the Board of Education. All such placements must be made in a state-accredited setting with the local board having absolutely no control over outside placements made by the above stated agencies.

TUITION – ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION – 565

The Westport Public School System participated in the Wilton Alternative High School Program. As of FY 16-17, this program has been discontinued.

SETTLEMENTS & LITIGATION – 567

Occasionally the Westport Public Schools, as part of a legal challenge, will make payment to an institution or other party as part of a case settlement.

TUITION – SUMMER – 569

Westport Public Schools provide for extended school year services and educational opportunities as required by Individualized Education Programs.

560-569 TUITION

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
3,083,002	2,469,831	3,716,539	3,817,000	3,858,402	560 PUBLIC & PRIVATE INST ¹	3,870,214			3,870,214
1,150,893	1,295,457	1,132,600	1,100,000	1,100,000	567 LITIGATION & SETTLEMENTS	1,100,000			1,100,000
15,048	14,053	33,088	27,000	43,900	569 SUMMER TUITION	35,000			35,000
\$ 4,248,943	\$ 3,779,341	\$ 4,882,227	\$ 4,944,000	\$ 5,002,302	TOTAL	\$ 5,005,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,005,214

¹ Superintendent's Proposed:

\$4,907,011

(\$646,797) Anticipated state reimbursement

(\$250,000) Anticipated reimbursement from Bridgeport Public Schools

(\$140,000) Anticipated reimbursement from Norwalk Public Schools

\$3,870,214

TRAVEL/MILEAGE – 580

To reimburse employees for the use of their personal vehicles while on school business, per the Internal Revenue Service mileage rates.

580 TRAVEL MILEAGE

2021-2022 Year-End Expense	2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 BUDGET	2024-2025 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2025-2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
15,836	17,009	16,053	16,000		CENTRAL ADMIN	16,000			16,000
4,374	8,906	3,680	13,000		TEACHING AND LEARNING	13,000			13,000
5,000	3,837	5,250	5,250		TECHNOLOGY	5,250			5,250
5,824	7,367	6,740	7,000		SPECIAL EDUCATION	7,000			7,000
3,891	1,200	-	1,800		HEALTH	1,800			1,800
1,742	4	2,284	1,600		MAINTENANCE	1,600			1,600
3,340	4,056	9,961	10,000		ALL DISTRICT	10,000			10,000
\$ 40,007	\$ 42,379	\$ 43,968	\$ 54,650	\$ -	TOTAL	\$ 54,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,650

