



Gateway Regional School District

FY '26 Budget - Public Hearing- 3.5.25

Instructional Vision

Students will:

- Engage in their school community
- Recognize their strengths and areas of growth to reach their potential
- Work together to support each other as members of the learning community
- Seize opportunities and direct next steps for learning based on interests and abilities
- Push through challenging tasks with a positive attitude.
- Know what they are learning and why they are learning it.

Gateway Staff will:

- Know and reach every student
- Believe in every student's potential
- Push every student to grow as a learner and community member
- Create meaningful and personalized opportunities for all students
- Trust students to succeed after **productive struggle**
- Empower students to know what and why they are learning.

Students are empowered through **intentional design**.

FY '26 Assumptions

Chapter 70 will be \$104 minimum aid per student instead of \$75 per student (\$21.6K)

Interest rates will remain somewhat stable (\$170K)

Rural School Aid will be at least level funded at \$16 million (\$971K)

Medicaid will continue to be funded (Estimated at \$77K)

District will continue to receive federal and state grants at or close to current levels (\$1.56M)

Special education transportation will be level funded until such time as out placements are known (\$448K)

One bus run will be reduced based upon lower ridership (\$77K)

U.S. Department of Education will continue to operate

There will be staffing shifts and reductions based upon enrollment loss/trends/class size

The waiver for capital stabilization will be approved

Summary of Proposed FY '26 Budget

FUND - DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY '22	ACTUAL FY '23	ACTUAL FY '24	BUDGET FY '25	BUDGET FY '26	\$ CHANGE FROM '25	% CHANGE FROM '25
Chester Elementary School	\$1,410,718	\$1,406,696	\$1,258,374	\$1,434,846	\$1,494,787	\$59,941	4.2%
Littleville Elementary School	\$2,864,645	\$2,620,700	\$2,724,180	\$3,015,174	\$3,132,104	\$116,930	3.9%
Gateway Regional School	\$4,629,177	\$5,075,064	\$4,904,121	\$5,088,013	\$5,132,480	\$44,467	.9%
District Special Education	\$482,566	\$462,769	\$638,043	\$598,979	\$552,903	(\$46,076)	(7.7%)
District	\$5,106,165	\$5,019,345	\$5,428,018	\$5,670,791	\$5,778,755	\$107,964	1.9%
Non-Foundation	\$1,879,121	\$2,006,912	\$2,116,765	\$2,163,957	\$2,163,640	(\$317)	(.01)%
TOTALS	\$16,372,392	\$16,591,486	\$17,069,501	\$17,971,760	\$18,254,669	\$282,909	1.57%

Revenue Projections

	FY '25	FY '26	\$ Change
Chapter 70	\$6,228,930	\$6,306,514	\$77,584
Worthington Obligation	\$54,528	\$0	(\$54,528)
Bank Interest	\$80,000	\$170,000	\$90,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$73,000	\$77,553	\$4,553
Charter School Reimb.	\$67,668	\$13,521	(\$54,147)
Excess & Deficiency	\$421,000	\$428,000	\$7,000
Regional Transp. Reimb.	\$711,865	\$736,080	\$24,215
Homeless Transp. Reimb.	\$25,000	\$3,444	(\$21,556)
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$5,000	\$5,000	0
Total	\$7,666,991	\$7,740,112	\$73,121

Student Number Comparisons

March 2024 to March 2025

TOWN	3/1/24 Census	3/1/25 Census	Change in Census
Blandford	101	95	-6
Chester	126	128	+2
Huntington	265	256.5	-8.5
Middlefield	27	24	-3
Montgomery	68	69.5	+1.5
Russell	207	207	0
Totals	794	780	-14

Census Percentage Comparisons

March 2024 to March 2025

TOWN	3/1/24 Census %	3/1/25 Census %	Change in Census %
Blandford	12.720	12.179	(.541)
Chester	15.869	16.410	.541
Huntington	33.375	32.885	(.490)
Middlefield	3.401	3.077	(.324)
Montgomery	8.564	8.910	.346
Russell	26.071	26.539	.468
Totals	100.00	100.00	—

Minimum Contribution Comparison

Town	FY '25	FY '26	\$ Change	% Change
Blandford	\$1,008,285	\$1,085,880	\$77,595	7.70%
Chester	\$944,747	\$974,162	\$29,415	3.11%
Huntington	\$1,606,237	\$1,657,914	\$51,677	3.22%
Middlefield	\$266,219	\$259,565	(\$6,654)	(2.50)%
Montgomery	\$782,099	\$808,899	\$26,800	3.43%
Russell	\$1,285,387	\$1,273,649	(\$11,738)	(.91)%
Totals	\$5,892,974	\$6,060,069	\$167,095	2.84%

Total Assessment Comparisons

	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY
TOWN	FY '25	FY '26	\$ INC./(DEC.)	% INC./(DEC.)
Blandford	\$1,569,382	\$1,628,392	\$59,010	3.76%
Chester	\$1,644,903	\$1,705,143	\$60,240	3.66%
Huntington	\$3,078,646	\$3,122,773	\$44,127	1.43%
Middlefield	\$416,264	\$396,630	(\$19,634)	(4.72%)
Montgomery	\$1,159,915	\$1,205,794	\$45,879	3.96%
Russell	\$2,435,659	\$2,455,825	\$20,166	.83%
Totals	\$10,304,769	\$10,514,557	\$209,788	2.04%

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 1, 2025 CENSUS

TOWN	Pre Sch.	Kdg.	1	2	3	4	5	Total Pre-5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Out of District Spec. Needs	TOTAL PRE-12	School Choice	Charter School	TOTAL	PERCENT
BLANDFORD	10	8	8	5	4	4	3	42	10	7	4	6	7	2	3	39	0	81	14	0	95.0	12.179%
CHESTER	13	10	8	10	7	5	12	65	9	4	10	6	10	9	7	55	0	120	8	0	128.0	16.410%
HUNTINGTON	19	16	16	17.5	24	13.5	14	120	20.5	18	18	10	11	15	6	98.5	4	222.5	30	4	256.5	32.885%
MIDDLEFIELD	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	7	2	3	4	0	0	0	1	10	0	17	5	2	24.0	3.077%
MONTGOMERY	7	7	10	7.5	4	4.5	3	43	3.5	5	1.5	0	3	2.5	0	15.5	0	58.5	10	1	69.5	8.910%
RUSSELL	10	14	11	18	6	9	16	84	12	16	19.5	13	15	5.5	10	91	1	176	30	1	207.0	26.539%
TOTAL	61	55	55	59	45	37	49	361	57	53	57	35	46	34	27	309	5	675	97	8	780.0	100.000%

TOWN	Pre Sch.	Kdg.	1	2	3	4	5	Total Pre-5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Total Pre-12
EXCHANGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TUITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
SCHOOL CHOICE	0	0	2	2	5	8	1	18	0	8	3	2	4	1	4	11	29
TOTAL	0	0	2	2	5	8	1	18	1	9	3	2	4	2	4	14	32
GRAND TOTALS	61	55	57	61	50	45	50	379	58	62	60	37	50	36	31	323	707

VOCATIONAL	West Voke	Smith Voke	Total Voke
TOWN			
BLANDFORD	4	7	11
CHESTER	4	5	9
HUNTINGTON	8	31	39
MIDDLEFIELD	0	3	3
MONTGOMERY	4	3	7
RUSSELL	14	9	23
TOTAL	34	58	92

3/1/2025

Vocational student interest for FY '26

Current students expressing interest in vocational schools for FY '26
(Student count as of 3/1/25)

Deadline for applications - April 1

Town	Potential New Enrollees for FY '26
Blandford	2
Chester	5
Huntington	15
Middlefield	0
Montgomery	2
Russell	11
Total	35

FY '26 Vocational Information for Gateway Towns

	Required Baseline Contribution	Adjusted Required Contribution	Reduction in Minimum Contribution to GRSD due to vocational	Ch. 70 Paid Directly to Towns for Vocational Offset	Total Net School Spending For Vocational	Vocational Foundation Enrollment	Ch. 70/GRSD Minimum Local Contribution Relief Per Vocational Student
Blandford	\$1,248,664	\$1,085,880	\$162,784	\$77,586	\$240,370	11	\$21,852
Chester	\$1,051,069	\$974,162	\$76,907	\$79,282	\$156,189	9	\$17,354
Huntington	\$1,962,512	\$1,657,914	\$304,598	\$436,448	\$741,046	39	\$19,001
Middlefield	\$301,524	\$259,565	\$41,959	\$13,290	\$55,249	3	\$18,416
Montgomery	\$899,143	\$808,899	\$90,244	\$31,236	\$121,480	7	\$17,354
Russell	\$1,466,687	\$1,273,649	\$193,038	\$255,579	\$448,617	24	\$18,692
Total	\$6,929,599	\$6,060,069	\$869,530	\$893,421	\$1,762,951	93	

Closing the gap to reach goal of 2% assessment increase needs offset with other funding sources

- ❖ School Choice - Funding all technology staff and related expenses, paraprofessionals, and paraprofessional/nurse, transportation - \$720K
- ❖ Rural School Aid - Funding \$971K
- ❖ State and federal grants funding used to supplement budget and programming - Currently funding - \$1.5M
- ❖ Tuition from incoming students for vision program funding vision supplies partial salaries of assistant special education director and vision staff - \$217K



Links & Questions

LINKS

[FY '26 Budget on ClearGov](#)

[FY '26 Preliminary Cherry Sheets - Municipal & Regional](#)

[FY '26 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid](#)

QUESTIONS

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