Better Together For Children



Marlborough Board of Education
FY26 Budget Information
Town Budget Hearing

April 14, 2025

The BOE Budget Supports Students

- The families, community, and school district of Marlborough have a long and proud history of unifying around the goal of educating children.
- The annual education budget in Marlborough is developed to provide a solid return on investment for students, families, and the community.
- Budget information https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/budget

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- The Proposed FY26 Operating Budget details the funding needed to achieve aspirational goals for all students detailed in the MES Strategic Continuous Improvement Plan, providing:
  - educators who work tirelessly to provide a growth-oriented experience with class sizes that support learning
  - books and materials for effective instruction
  - supports to meet students' academic, emotional, and behavioral needs
  - special education services in the least restrictive environment

Marlborough BOE FY26 Budget

	Approved FY 25	Proposed FY 26
Operating	$8,654,081	$8,926,425 3.15%
Capital*	$40,000	$75,000

* FY26 Capital funds for; statutory HVAC inspection, sidewalk repairs, replacement of external doors, replacement of internal door locks

Marlborough BOE 5-Year Budget History

Budget Year	% Increase
2022	3.08
2023	2.78
2024	4.82
2025	2.60
2026	3.15

3.15% BOE Operating Budget Increase vs. 5.35% State Average for BOE Adopted Budgets

- The Marlborough BOE budget increase is, once again, significantly below the average budget increase across the state.
- The Board of Education's budget increase of 3.15% is lower than its average increase for the prior four years (3.32%) and among the lowest BOE increases in the state.

Source: CASBO - CT Association of School Business Officers, as of 4.7.25 (*data changes daily as budgets are reported to CASBO*)

Strong Return on Investment

The Marlborough School District spends less per pupil than other comparative school districts yet has strong programs and outcomes. Highlights include:

- Students exceeding state assessment index scores in literacy, math, and science
- Model K-3 Foundational Reading Program
- Math Program yielding positive trends in student outcomes
- Award-winning choral, instrumental, and visual arts programs
- Immersive Spanish instruction in grades K-6; innovative physical education & health experiences, a well-resourced library & the return of a guaranteed STEAM program and full slate of extracurricular clubs

Per Pupil Expenditure

- Marlborough continues to have one of the lowest Per Pupil Expenditures in its Demographic Reference Group (DRG-C) & compared with all public PreK-6 school districts in the state.

[Per Pupil Expenditure reports detail expenditures for each district including their share of district expenses such as transportation and the district's central office.]

DRG-C Per Pupil Expenditure (2023-2024)

District	PPE	District	PPE
Cornwall (K-8)	$34,007	Pomfret	$22,226
RSD 12	$31,218	Andover (PK-6)	$22,038
RSD 04	$29,496	Columbia (PK-8)	$21,600
RSD 13	$28,300	New Hartford (PK-6)	$21,588
Essex (PK-6)	$27,679	Barkhamsted (PK-6)	$21,438
RSD07	$27,204	Oxford	$21,221
Sherman (PK-8)	$27,183	Somers	$21,032
Mansfield (PK-8)	$25,984	Salem (PK-8)	$20,816
RSD 17	$25,947	Suffield	$20,794
RSD 8	$25,449	Tolland	$20,365
RSD 18	$24,634	RSD 10	$20,164
RSD 14	$24,147	Hebron (PK-6)	$19,816
Canton	$23,009	**Marlborough (PK-6)**	**$19,607**
RSD 19	$22,736	Bethany	$19,107
Bolton	$22,301	Ellington	$19,106

Source: https://public-edsight.ct.gov/overview/per-pupil-expenditures-by-function---district

PK-6 School Districts Across CT
Per Pupil Expenditure
(2023-2024)

District	PPE	DRG	District	PPE	DRG
Norfolk	$49,304	E	Andover	$22,038	C
Deep River	$29,208	E	New Hartford	$21,588	C
Hampton	$28,863	E	Barkhamsted	$21,438	C
Essex	$27,679	C	Woodbridge	$20,283	B
Chester	$27,164	E	Hebron	$19,816	C
Chaplin	$26,867	E	**Marlborough**	**$19,607**	**C**
Scotland	$24,010	E	Orange	$19,558	B
Winchester	$23,080	G	Bethany	$19,107	C

Source: https://public-edsight.ct.gov/overview/per-pupil-expenditures-by-function---district