



TRANSPORTATION

The Westport Board of Education provides transportation for approximately 5,200 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
Type II Van	15
NON-PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	
Type I Large Bus	2
Type II Van	2
WESTPORT TOTAL FLEET	
Type I Large Bus	37
Type II Van	17

2026/2027 BOE RECOMMENDED BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS FOR 2025/26

<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 2025/26</u>	<u>Internal - 511</u>	<u>Transported 2025/26</u>	<u>Public - 512</u>	<u>Transported 2025/26</u>
Coleytown Elementary	447	Coleytown Elementary	21	ACES	2
Greens Farms	416	Greens Farms	16	ACES Whitney north	0
Kings Highway	432	Kings Highway	2	CES	2
Long Lots	525	Long Lots	9	CES Rise Academy	0
Saugatuck Elementary	426	Saugatuck Elementary	6	JM Wright	2
Bedford Middle	693	Bedford Middle	6	Sound School	0
Coleytown Middle	464	Coleytown Middle	0	TOTAL	6
Staples High School	1553	Staples High School	4		
TOTAL	4956	Vocational Lifeskills	7		
		Westport Connections	6		
		TOTAL	77		
<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>				
<u>Private - 513</u>	<u>Transported 2025/26</u>				
Aspire	0				
CCCD (Milestones)	1				
Cedarhurst	4				
Charles Hayden	1				
Foundation School	1				
Hope Academy	2				
Hubbard	3				
Pinnacle	2				
Spire School	2				
St. Catherine Center	0				
St. Vincents	2				
Westport Day	4				
TOTAL	22				

Totals are as of October 1, 2025

510-519 TRANSPORTATION

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
3,784,907	4,751,769	4,470,209	4,561,918	4,568,518	510 REGULAR	4,709,518			4,709,518
1,345,844	1,254,450	1,447,612	1,515,297	1,479,975	511 SPECIAL ED INTERNAL	1,563,808		(207,660)	1,356,148
281,949	239,712	169,948	219,698	185,370	512 SPECIAL ED PUBLIC	249,238			249,238
677,060	788,257	935,522	970,951	970,951	513 SPECIAL ED PRIVATE*	812,039			812,039
58,063	52,425	59,406	82,955	82,955	516 FIELD TRIPS	84,435			84,435
306,650	220,063	166,773	300,000	300,000	517 LOW SULPHUR DIESEL FUEL	220,000			220,000
\$ 6,454,473	\$ 7,306,676	\$ 7,249,470	\$ 7,650,819	\$ 7,587,769	TOTAL	\$ 7,639,038	\$ -	\$ (207,660)	\$ 7,431,378

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

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
143,076	190,081	229,003	206,006	233,536	520 PROPERTY INSURANCE	216,306			216,306
9,182	4,342	4,373	4,788	4,373	521 FLOOD INSURANCE	4,592			4,592
389,052	410,258	376,099	468,475	405,273	523 LIABILITY INSURANCE	471,899			471,899
94,069	84,259	69,751	74,634	61,201	529 ATHLETIC INSURANCE	78,366			78,366
\$ 635,379	\$ 688,940	\$ 679,226	\$ 753,903	\$ 704,383	TOTAL	\$ 771,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 771,163

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

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
647,361	659,788	690,534	771,621	771,621	SYSTEMWIDE	793,453			793,453
\$ 647,361	\$ 659,788	\$ 690,534	\$ 771,621	\$ 771,621	TOTAL	\$ 793,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 793,453

535 POSTAGE

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
29,745	15,304	30,674	30,000	30,000	SYSTEMWIDE	30,000			30,000
\$ 29,745	\$ 15,304	\$ 30,674	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	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

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
7,000	5,977	5,877	7,000	7,000	CENTRAL ADMIN	6,000			6,000
4,529	5,240	7,731	10,000	10,000	RECRUITMENT	8,000			8,000
\$ 11,529	\$ 11,217	\$ 13,608	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	TOTAL	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000

550 PRINTING

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
			-		COLEYTOWN ELEM				-
					GREENS FARMS				-
					KINGS HIGHWAY				-
					LONG LOTS				-
					SAUGATUCK				-
2,626	1,069	2,074	3,000	3,000	BEDFORD MIDDLE	6,100			6,100
450	450	500	600	600	COLEYTOWN MIDDLE	4,000			4,000
4,730	6,697	7,576	6,500	6,500	STAPLES	5,641			5,641
					District				
-					SPECIAL EDUCATION				-
2,148	964	40	1,200	1,200	MAINTENANCE	1,200			1,200
920	504	872	1,000	1,000	CENTRAL ADMIN	1,200			1,200
3,115	2,665	5,919	3,000	6,561	TEACHING AND LEARNING	6,900			6,900
1,674	1,659	2,185	1,800	1,800	COMMUNITY INFO	1,800			1,800
\$ 15,663	\$ 14,008	\$ 19,166	\$ 17,100	\$ 20,661	TOTAL	\$ 26,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,841

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

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
2,469,831	3,716,539	3,703,663	3,870,214	3,870,214	560 PUBLIC & PRIVATE INST ¹	4,058,700			4,058,700
1,295,457	1,132,600	1,429,469	1,100,000	1,100,000	567 LITIGATION & SETTLEMENTS	1,100,000			1,100,000
14,053	33,088	43,900	35,000	43,797	569 SUMMER TUITION	40,000			40,000
\$ 3,779,341	\$ 4,882,227	\$ 5,177,032	\$ 5,005,214	\$ 5,014,011	TOTAL	\$ 5,198,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,198,700

¹ BOE Recommended

\$5,148,700

(\$700,000) Anticipated state reimbursement

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

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

\$4,058,700

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

2022-2023 Year-End Expense	2023-2024 Year-End Expense	2024-2025 Year-End Expense	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 Projected Expense	FACILITY	CURRENT SERVICES	ENROLL- MENT	CHANGE TO PROGRAM	2026-2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
17,009	16,053	26,925	16,000	12,600	CENTRAL ADMIN	11,500			11,500
8,906	3,680	3,569	13,000	13,000	TEACHING AND LEARNING	13,500			13,500
3,837	5,250	4,301	5,250	5,250	TECHNOLOGY	5,250			5,250
7,367	6,740	9,551	7,000	7,000	SPECIAL EDUCATION	7,600			7,600
1,200	-	161	1,800	1,800	HEALTH	1,500			1,500
4	2,284	2,259	1,600	1,600	MAINTENANCE	2,600			2,600
4,056	9,961	6,124	10,000	10,000	ALL DISTRICT	14,635			14,635
\$ 42,379	\$ 43,968	\$ 52,890	\$ 54,650	\$ 51,250	TOTAL	\$ 56,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,585

