

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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An Incredibly Important Week of Events

March 9, 2026: BOE Subcommittees

March 10, 2026: BOE Budget Presentation at Board of Finance Meeting at 7pm

CAPSS Superintendent Awards in Plainfield for WES and WMS Students (Principals attending on my behalf as I'll be presenting the 26-27 Budget)

March 11, 2026: Chris and BOE - Day on Capitol Hill Advocacy in Hartford /PTO Budget Presentation

March 12, 2026: Parent Conferences: Admin Team Safety Training 12-4PM

March 13, 2026: Parent Conferences: Admin Team Safety Training 12-4PM

March 14, 2026: Basket Bash Tickets 1-3PM, Event 1:30-3:30 in WMS Gym

March 15, 2026: WEF St. Patrick's Day Event from 12:00-1:30 in WES Gym

March 24, 2026: Public Hearing

April 7, 2026: Town Final Budget

April 21, 2026: Annual Town Meeting

April 28, 2026: Budget Referendum



**Congratulations to our
CAPSS Award Winners this
year!**

WES: Natalie Murphy

WMS: Gregory Hart

WMS: Maizey Szydlo

**Please take a few minutes and read the charts below:
They will give you an indication of why I have emailed and
called the governor's office to see if he can come to
Woodstock for a meeting and why many of us have testified
repeatedly to all at the state level. When you see how much
we receive from the state, you will be shocked.**

Please review this so that you see why we are advocating relentlessly at the state level.

The purpose of this model is to illustrate the changes in the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula variable values for each town over the past five years.

To use this model, please select a town in the Woodstock box below. The data in the table will update based on the town selected. Please note the "Year" columns of the table refer to the fiscal year ECS grant that was calculated using the demographic and town wealth data in the table.

Town:	ECS Fiscal Year					5-Year Change	
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	(%)	(#)
ECS Components							
Demographics¹							
Resident Student Count	1,247	1,215	1,158	1,127	1,098	-12%	-149
Low-Income Students							
Free or Reduced Price Lunch Count	170	175	200	206	219	29%	49
Free or Reduced Price Lunch Percentage	14%	14%	17%	18%	20%	46%	6%
Concentrated Poverty Count	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
Multilingual Learners							
Multilingual Learner Count	8	15	11	11	7	-13%	-1
Multilingual Learner Percentage	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-1%	0%
Town Wealth							
Property Wealth							
Equalized Net Grand List per Capita ²	\$149,081	\$153,329	\$160,598	\$180,522	\$196,464	32%	\$47,383
Income Wealth							
Median Household Income ³	\$86,821	\$92,165	\$94,451	\$101,496	\$104,487	20%	\$17,666
Public Investment Community (PIC) Bonus ⁴							
Public Investment Community (PIC) Index Score	226	232	-	-	-	-	-
Public Investment Community (PIC) Index Rank	108	114	-	-	-	-	-
Phase-In Status in FY 27 ⁵	Decrease						
Fully Funded Grant (as of ECS FY) ⁶	\$4,089,425	\$4,194,949	\$4,327,546	\$4,077,902	\$3,960,896	-3%	-\$128,529
ECS Entitlement (as of ECS FY) ⁷	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	0%	\$0

Please understand this means that the state contribution from 2023 on this chart until now has not changed.

Additionally, the state says we are "over-funded." --- Keep reading

ECS Formula Component Comparison Tool

The purpose of this tool is to provide comparisons between Connecticut towns based on the data used in the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula. The data displayed in this model is for the fiscal year 2027 ECS calculation.

To use this tool, select towns in the blue cells below to view and compare town variable values.

Use the drop-down menus in the Woodstock cells to the right to select towns to view and compare.

	Woodstock	Pomfret	Putnam	Thompson	Brooklyn
Resident Student Count	1,098	500	1,112	798	1,149
Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Count	219	99	606	382	336
Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Percentage	20%	20%	54%	48%	29%
Multilingual Learner Count	7	8	53	21	13
Multilingual Learner Percentage	1%	2%	5%	3%	1%
Equalized Net Grand List per Capita ¹	\$196,464	\$200,888	\$168,567	\$171,509	\$160,317
Median Household Income ²	\$104,487	\$105,642	\$67,416	\$88,421	\$90,575
Public Investment Community (PIC) Index Score ³	PIC Rank Lower than 42	PIC Rank Lower than 42	287	PIC Rank Lower than 42	PIC Rank Lower than 42
Public Investment Community (PIC) Index Rank	PIC Rank Lower than 42	PIC Rank Lower than 42	23	PIC Rank Lower than 42	PIC Rank Lower than 42
FY 2027 ECS Grant ⁴	\$4,990,532	\$2,670,987	\$8,340,282	\$7,534,704	\$6,969,690
FY 2027 ECS Per-Student Grant	\$4,545	\$5,338	\$7,498	\$9,446	\$6,063

So, of the approximate \$19,800 per pupil expenditure in WPS, \$4,545 dollars comes from the state.

That is only 23% of public school funding from the state of CT for our per-pupil allocation.

The state needs to do more and the burden cannot continue to fall on the local taxpayer.