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On May 2, 2026, the Connecticut General Assembly passed an adjusted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2027, which makes several changes to K-12 education funding provided by the State to public schools.<sup>1</sup> This budget snapshot provides a nonpartisan look at how the adjusted budget impacts state education funding over the next fiscal year and includes an analysis of how funding in the new budget compares to current education spending levels.

This snapshot also details key policy changes to K-12 education funding and includes town-by-town runs for the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant as well as two separate supplemental grants — the Supplemental Education Aid grant and the District Relief and Compensatory Use Learning Aid (DRACULA) grant — that provide additional state education funding to every Connecticut community.

**As a reminder, the General Assembly’s adopted budget is one of the final steps in the budget development process.<sup>2</sup>**

- The budget analyzed in this document is the budget passed by both chambers of the General Assembly.
- Next, the budget will be sent to Governor Ned Lamont, who will sign it into law, veto it, veto specific line items, or let it go into effect without signing.

## Key Policies in Revised FY 2027 State Budget

- **Provides \$190.9 million for supplemental education funding to towns, magnet schools, charter schools, and AgriScience programs in FY 2027.** This funding is provided as one-time, supplemental funding for FY 2027 through two grants: the Supplemental Education Aid grant and the DRACULA grant.
- **Maintains funding for the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant and choice program grants at current levels in FY 2027.** ECS grant increases were provided to 16 towns to account for enrollment and demographic changes while all other towns will receive the same ECS grant funding in FY 2027 as they did in FY 2026. Though most school districts and school choice program operators can expect to see funding increases from supplemental education grants, this funding is not tied to changes in statutory language and is not provided through ECS or choice program grants.

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<sup>1</sup> Conn. Acts 26-68 as amended by Conn. Acts 26-76 and amended further by H.B. 5563 (An Act Concerning Various Criminal Law Proposals) as amended by House Amendment A (LCO #5944) and Senate Amendment A (LCO #6252).

<sup>2</sup> A more detailed explanation of Connecticut’s state budget process can be found at <https://schoolstatefinance.org/resources/connecticut-state-budget-process-office-of-fiscal-analysis>.

- **Establishes and expands several programs, including universal free breakfast and a new statewide literacy strategy.** The revised budget includes funding for universal free school breakfast, the expansion of free school lunch to students who qualify for reduced-price lunch, the expansion of a COVID-era school-based behavioral health initiative, and the creation of a statewide K-3 literacy coaching network.
- **Maintains funding for the state's largest special education grants.** The revised budget makes no changes to funding levels for the Excess Cost grant and the Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant.

### How would these policy changes impact students and schools?

- **The revised budget provides supplemental education funding to address the cumulative effects of inflation but only for the upcoming fiscal year.** This one-time funding supports districts in FY 2027 and potentially delays cuts to staffing, services, and programs. However, because the supplemental education funding is provided as a one-time grant, rather than through statutory changes to existing education funding formulas, school districts will continue to face rising fiscal pressures in future years.
- **Providing universal breakfast and eliminating costs for students who receive reduced-price meals will improve food security for students** while helping reduce the stigma around free school meals.
- Enhanced support in the budget for intervention initiatives, including the behavioral health pilot program and the placement of literacy coaches in some of the state's most underserved districts, **could lead to better student experiences, improved outcomes, and stronger mental health across schools.**

## Supplemental Education Funding<sup>3,4</sup>

The FY 2027 revised budget includes several **one-time** supplemental grants intended to help school districts, municipalities, and school choice program operators manage rising costs and reduce the burden on local taxpayers. While these grants will help provide school districts with critical funding, it is important to emphasize **this funding is temporary and not part of existing education funding formulas**. Table 1 on the following page outlines the supplemental education funding provided to each type of public school.

The budget includes two separate supplemental grants that are based off the ECS formula. The first, the **Supplemental Education Aid grant**, provides additional funding for towns and school choice operators. For towns, the grant is calculated based on the ECS formula and provides towns with the greater of: 1) the amount they would receive if the ECS foundation amount were increased to \$13,087 per student, or 2) at a minimum, a 2% increase over the town's FY 2027 ECS grant.

For school choice providers, the supplemental funding is also not an actual foundation adjustment, but appears to be calculated as if the foundation amount were increased in line with the growth permitted under the State's spending cap, which would theoretically bring the foundation to \$12,210 for these programs.<sup>5</sup> It is important to note that **the foundation amount for the ECS grant, and the grants for public school choice operators, was not formally adjusted in statute** under the revised budget. Instead, the total supplemental grant simply seems to align with these calculations.

The second supplemental grant, the **District Relief and Compensatory Use Learning Aid (DRACULA) grant**, builds on the Supplemental Education Aid grant by providing additional funding to ensure all municipalities receive at least a 4% total increase over their FY 2027 ECS grant amounts.<sup>6</sup>

While these grants are partly based on ECS and school choice program grant calculations, they are separate from existing grants and are largely not expected to continue in future fiscal years.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, while the revised budget requires that these funds be used for educational purposes, it doesn't obligate the funding to go directly to local and regional boards of education. Instead, the supplemental education funding for local and regional boards of education will be allocated to municipalities. Municipalities will have the option to adjust previously approved FY 2027 budgets to replace increased municipal funding with the supplemental state education funding.

<sup>3</sup> Conn. Acts 26-68 as amended by Conn. Acts 26-76 and amended further by H.B. 5563 (An Act Concerning Various Criminal Law Proposals) as amended by House Amendment A (LCO #5944) and Senate Amendment A (LCO #6252).

<sup>4</sup> For more information on supplemental grant allocations by town, please visit <https://files.schoolstatefinance.org/hubfs/Reports/FY%202027%20Supplemental%20Education%20Aid%20Town%20Runs.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> The spending cap growth rate is the greater of: (1) the percentage increase in personal income, or (2) the percentage increase in inflation.

<sup>6</sup> For more information on how the DRACULA grant is calculated, please see Appendix A.

<sup>7</sup> Section 392 of Conn. Acts 26-68 does require a \$152.2 million increase in the appropriation for ECS in FY 2028, which would be sufficient to cover the cost of a foundation adjustment of \$13,087, but does not contain language to direct the distribution of this funding.

However, if a town adjusts its previously approved FY 2027 budget, it must provide its local or regional board of education with, at a minimum, funding equal to what the town provided in FY 2026 plus the supplemental education funding allocated to the town under the revised state budget for FY 2027.

Finally, it's important to note that for Alliance Districts, these supplemental funds won't be counted as Alliance District support. Additionally, for all municipalities, this supplemental funding will not be included in their FY 2028 Minimum Budget Requirement calculations.

**Table 1: Supplemental Education Funding in the Adopted Budget**

Line Item	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	District Relief & Compensatory Use Learning Aid (DRACULA) Grant	Purpose
<b>Municipal ECS-Based Aid</b>	\$162.2 million	\$10.95 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides supplemental education grants to towns based on the ECS formula but <i>outside of ECS</i>.</li> <li>Grants are the greater of: 1) the amount towns would receive if the ECS foundation amount were increased to \$13,087 or 2) 4% of the town's FY 2027 ECS grant amount.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Educational Service Center (RESC) Magnets</b>	\$5.55 million	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides supplemental funding to the magnet school line item to increase per-student grant amounts to RESC-operated magnet schools.</li> <li>Grant calculations match the amounts that would result from raising the foundation amount to \$12,210 per student, which is reflective of increasing the foundation by the greater of: 1) the percentage increase in personal income or 2) the percentage increase in inflation.</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Education (BOE) Magnets</b>	\$2.75 million	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides supplemental funding to the magnet school line item to increase per-student grant amounts to magnet schools operated by local or regional boards of education.</li> <li>Grant calculations match the amounts that would result from raising the foundation amount to \$12,210 per student, which is</li> </ul>

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			reflective of increasing the foundation by the greater of: 1) the percentage increase in personal income or 2) the percentage increase in inflation.
<b>State Charter Schools</b>	\$8.7 million	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides supplemental funding to the state charter school line item to increase grant amounts to charter school operators.</li> <li>• Grant calculations match the amounts that would result from raising the foundation amount to \$12,210 per student, which is reflective of increasing the foundation by the greater of: 1) the percentage increase in personal income or 2) the percentage increase in inflation.</li> </ul>
<b>Vocational Agriculture</b>	\$800,000	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides supplemental funding to the vocational agriculture line item to increase grant amounts paid to local or regional boards of education that operate AgriScience programs.</li> <li>• Grant calculations match the amounts that would result from raising the foundation amount to \$12,210 per student, which is reflective of increasing the foundation by the greater of: 1) the percentage increase in personal income or 2) the percentage increase in inflation.</li> </ul>
<b>Department of Education Oversight</b>	\$3.0 million	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides funding to Department of Education for costs related to the distribution of supplemental education grants and the implementation of oversight activities established in the revised budget.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL AID</b>	<b>\$183.0 million</b>	<b>\$10.95 million</b>	<b>\$193.95 million</b>

## Analysis of Selected Appropriations

Table 2 below shows appropriated funding for significant K-12 education grants under the revised FY 2027 state budget in comparison to FY 2026 estimated expenditures and original funding levels appropriated for FY 2027 as part of the state's biennial budget. The appropriations in Table 2 focus on significant and relevant grants to municipalities and school districts. State funding for school choice programs is also included in the table.<sup>8</sup>

State education appropriations that would increase — **compared to the appropriated amounts for FY 2027 from the biennial budget adopted last year** — are highlighted in green, while those appropriations that are estimated to experience no change are highlighted in yellow. Appropriations that would decrease compared to current FY 2027 amounts in biennial budget are highlighted in red. The far-right column of Table 2 presents the key policy details contained in the revised state budget for each grant.

**Table 2: Selected State Education Funding Under Revised Budget, FY 2027<sup>9</sup>**

Grant	FY 2026 Estimated Funding	FY 2027 Biennial Budget	FY 2027 Revised Budget	Change After Budget Revisions	Key Policy Details
Education Equalization (ECS)	\$2,456,768,109	\$2,456,935,081	\$2,456,935,081	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to ECS grant.
Magnet Schools	\$320,425,940	\$344,345,603	\$339,255,603	-\$5,090,000	Eliminates \$5.59 million of the supplemental \$12 million assistance in FY 2027 for RESCs and adds an additional \$500,000 for Goodwin University Magnet schools.
State Charter Schools	\$141,803,548	\$144,122,548	\$147,337,541	\$3,214,993	Adjusts funding based on updated projected enrollment and demographic information and provides an additional \$225K to make \$75K planning grants

<sup>8</sup> Although the Adult Education and Development of Mastery Exams line items exceed \$10 million in appropriations, they are not included in the below table due to their relationship to public K-12 education operating expenses.

<sup>9</sup> Conn. Acts 26-68 as amended by Conn. Acts 26-76 and amended further by H.B. 5563 (An Act Concerning Various Criminal Law Proposals) as amended by House Amendment A (LCO #5944) and Senate Amendment A (LCO #6252).

Grant	FY 2026 Estimated Funding	FY 2027 Biennial Budget	FY 2027 Revised Budget	Change After Budget Revisions	Key Policy Details
					to three proposed charter schools.
Vocational Agriculture	\$26,333,711	\$26,295,732	\$26,132,180	-\$163,552	Adjusts funding based on updated projected enrollment and demographic information. This decrease does not represent a change to existing policy.
Supplemental Education Aid Grant*	\$0	\$0	\$183,000,000	\$183,000,000	Provides one-time supplemental funding to municipalities and choice program operators.
District Relief & Compensatory Use Learning Aid Grant (DRACULA)	\$0	\$0	\$10,945,502	\$10,945,502	Provides one-time supplemental funding to municipalities.
Technical Education and Career System - Personal Services	\$175,558,658	\$175,558,658	\$177,213,906	\$1,655,248	Funding is provided to hire up to 36 paraeducators in FY 2026, reducing reliance on contracted services.
Technical Education and Career System - Other Expenses	\$38,657,461	\$31,957,461	\$37,957,461	\$6,000,000	Additional funding provided to help CTECs meet increasing demand of costs for special education, utilities, and other consumables.
Special Education Excess Cost	\$221,119,782	\$221,119,782	\$221,119,782	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to

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					Excess Cost grant.
Priority School Districts	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to Priority School Districts funding.
Open Choice	\$30,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to Open Choice program funding.
Commissioner's Network	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,817,398	-\$52,000	Funding is adjusted to reflect current budget requirements.
Local Charter Schools	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to Local Charter Schools funding.
Sheff Transportation	\$77,661,541	\$80,326,212	\$80,326,212	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to Sheff Transportation.
Non-Sheff Transportation	\$14,275,787	\$14,275,787	\$14,275,787	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to Non-Sheff Transportation.
Sheff Settlement	\$23,714,911	\$18,721,292	\$18,721,292	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to the Sheff Settlement.
Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) Grant	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$0	Adopted budget makes no changes to the SEED grant.
High Quality Special Education Incentives	\$0	\$9,900,000	\$8,900,000	-\$1,000,000	Funding for the new High Quality Special Education Incentives grant is reduced.

Grant	FY 2026 Estimated Funding	FY 2027 Biennial Budget	FY 2027 Revised Budget	Change After Budget Revisions	Key Policy Details
School Breakfast Program	\$2,158,900	\$2,158,900	\$14,158,900	\$12,000,000	Funding is provided to support universal free breakfast for all Connecticut students.
Curriculum and Standards	\$4,215,782	\$4,215,782	\$6,215,782	\$2,000,000	Funding is provided for a statewide literacy strategy and curriculum.
School Based Behavioral Health Grants	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	Expands a COVID-era behavioral health pilot program from 7 to 20 schools.

## Analysis of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant Funding and Supplemental Education Funding to Towns

To distribute state education aid to towns for their local or regional public school districts, Connecticut uses the ECS formula, which was adopted in 2017 as part of the state budget and first used and implemented in FY 2019.

The biennial budget for FYs 2026 and 2027 adopted last year maintained the phase-in schedule to provide full ECS grants in both years of the biennium for towns considered “underfunded” according to the ECS formula. For towns considered “overfunded,” the biennial budget maintained prior year funding levels by holding these towns harmless until FY 2028.<sup>10</sup> In the revised state budget for FY 2027, no changes are made to the phase-in schedule or phase-out schedule of the ECS formula.

As stated in previous sections of this analysis, the supplemental education funding provided to towns under the revised FY 2027 state budget exists **outside the ECS formula**.

However, the revised FY 2027 state budget does include a provision that ECS grants in FY 2028 shall not be less than the appropriation in FY 2027 plus \$152.2 million. This amount would be sufficient to provide ECS grants using the formula with an increased foundation amount of \$13,087. Further legislative action is required, however, in order for these funds to be distributed in FY 2028.

Beginning on the following page, Table 3 provides the total state education funding each town is estimated to receive for FY 2027. The table includes each town's estimated FY 2026 ECS grant, their FY 2027 estimated ECS grant under the revised budget, their Supplemental Education Aid grant, and, if applicable, their District Relief and Compensatory Use Learning Aid Grant (DRACULA) grant. Towns projected to receive an increase in ECS funding in FY 2027 — over their FY 2026 ECS grant amount — are highlighted in green and towns projected to receive the same amount of ECS funding are highlighted in yellow.<sup>11</sup>

Please note that adjustments in ECS funding levels — both at the town level and overall — in the revised budget are the result of the ECS formula annually accounting for changes in enrollment, student needs, and community wealth. The ECS funding levels in the revised budget DO NOT reflect a policy change or additional funding beyond what towns are currently entitled to under state statute.

<sup>10</sup> Significant year-over-year shifts in enrollment, student need, and municipal wealth materially reduced the fully-funded ECS grant amounts for most Connecticut municipalities in FY 2027. These changes resulted in a majority of municipalities being considered “overfunded” by the ECS formula.

<sup>11</sup> Though municipalities will receive increased state education funding from supplemental education grants, the budget also provides municipalities that have already passed a budget for FY 2027 the opportunity to make adjustments to those budgets. As a result, districts may not receive the full appropriation as an increase to their approved FY 2027 budget.

**Table 3: Estimated FY 2027 State Education Grants for Each Town Under the Revised State Budget<sup>12</sup>**

*Note: Budgeted appropriations may differ from final grant amounts made by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to towns and school districts as final grant calculations take additional statutory provisions into account. Therefore, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the CSDE before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.*

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	\$40,096	\$40,096	\$2,084,974
Ansonia	\$21,332,353	\$21,332,353	\$939,494	\$0	\$22,271,847
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	\$69,181	\$69,181	\$3,597,424
Avon	\$909,358	\$1,278,861	\$173,326	\$0	\$1,452,187
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	\$29,885	\$29,885	\$1,554,012
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	\$4,080,374	\$253,476	\$0	\$4,333,850
Berlin	\$7,237,662	\$7,237,662	\$581,191	\$0	\$7,818,853
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	\$35,291	\$35,291	\$1,835,156
Bethel	\$10,047,664	\$10,047,664	\$200,953	\$200,953	\$10,449,570
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$1,219,752	\$105,234	\$0	\$1,324,986
Bloomfield	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$160,957	\$160,957	\$8,369,766
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	\$53,664	\$53,664	\$2,790,544
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	\$23,802	\$23,802	\$1,237,699
Branford	\$3,772,866	\$3,772,866	\$75,457	\$75,457	\$3,923,780
Bridgeport	\$212,796,357	\$212,796,357	\$15,015,199	\$0	\$227,811,556
Bridgewater	\$187,715	\$220,742	\$4,415	\$4,415	\$229,572
Bristol	\$55,102,941	\$55,102,941	\$4,528,816	\$0	\$59,631,757
Brookfield	\$1,379,178	\$1,379,178	\$27,584	\$27,584	\$1,434,346
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690	\$139,394	\$139,394	\$7,248,478
Burlington	\$4,699,203	\$4,699,203	\$280,369	\$0	\$4,979,572
Canaan	\$125,752	\$125,752	\$2,515	\$2,515	\$130,782
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	\$80,097	\$80,097	\$4,165,029
Canton	\$4,068,515	\$4,068,515	\$81,370	\$81,370	\$4,231,255
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	\$33,043	\$33,043	\$1,718,233

<sup>12</sup> Conn. Acts 26-68 as amended by Conn. Acts 26-76 and amended further by H.B. 5563 (An Act Concerning Various Criminal Law Proposals) as amended by House Amendment A (LCO #5944) and Senate Amendment A (LCO #6252).

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993	\$849,486	\$0	\$10,289,479
Chester	\$991,921	\$1,020,517	\$125,301	\$0	\$1,145,818
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	\$103,842	\$103,842	\$5,399,768
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	\$240,804	\$240,804	\$12,521,826
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$403,912	\$8,078	\$8,078	\$420,068
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	\$46,324	\$46,324	\$2,408,837
Cornwall	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$644	\$644	\$33,478
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	\$159,058	\$159,058	\$8,271,027
Cromwell	\$6,177,563	\$6,177,563	\$520,405	\$0	\$6,697,968
Danbury	\$62,336,919	\$62,336,919	\$2,952,103	\$0	\$65,289,022
Darien	\$540,833	\$540,833	\$60,986	\$0	\$601,819
Deep River	\$1,676,105	\$1,676,105	\$33,522	\$33,522	\$1,743,149
Derby	\$10,990,454	\$10,990,454	\$219,809	\$219,809	\$11,430,072
Durham	\$3,293,232	\$3,293,232	\$65,865	\$65,865	\$3,424,962
East Granby	\$2,044,159	\$2,044,159	\$255,098	\$0	\$2,299,257
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	\$71,119	\$71,119	\$3,698,195
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947	\$139,219	\$139,219	\$7,239,385
East Hartford	\$70,969,366	\$70,969,366	\$6,938,531	\$0	\$77,907,897
East Haven*	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$541,052	\$259,186	\$20,806,195
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	\$121,530	\$121,530	\$6,319,567
East Windsor	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$113,382	\$113,382	\$5,895,886
Eastford	\$947,176	\$947,176	\$18,944	\$18,944	\$985,064
Easton*	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$8,972	\$3,113	\$314,198
Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646	\$206,833	\$206,833	\$10,755,312
Enfield*	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$1,019,672	\$173,274	\$31,016,591
Essex	\$215,553	\$215,553	\$4,311	\$4,311	\$224,175
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	\$1,131,021	\$122,691	\$0	\$1,253,712
Farmington	\$3,707,985	\$3,707,985	\$74,160	\$74,160	\$3,856,305
Franklin	\$736,256	\$736,256	\$14,725	\$14,725	\$765,706
Glastonbury	\$6,717,318	\$6,717,318	\$134,346	\$134,346	\$6,986,010
Goshen	\$400,335	\$403,249	\$8,065	\$8,065	\$419,379
Granby	\$5,447,238	\$5,447,238	\$655,539	\$0	\$6,102,777
Greenwich	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$110,062	\$0	\$1,129,289

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	\$735,679	\$0	\$11,660,830
Groton	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$500,801	\$500,801	\$26,041,647
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	\$35,322	\$35,322	\$1,836,728
Haddam*	\$3,942,046	\$3,942,046	\$153,075	\$4,607	\$4,099,728
Hamden	\$42,723,021	\$42,723,021	\$2,227,363	\$0	\$44,950,384
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	\$21,168	\$21,168	\$1,100,744
Hartford	\$226,674,245	\$226,674,245	\$20,530,197	\$0	\$247,204,442
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	\$21,434	\$21,434	\$1,114,590
Harwinton	\$2,889,911	\$2,889,911	\$253,904	\$0	\$3,143,815
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	\$119,954	\$119,954	\$6,237,601
Kent*	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$1,532	\$138	\$43,421
Killingly	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$311,488	\$311,488	\$16,197,378
Killingworth	\$2,207,225	\$2,207,225	\$44,145	\$44,145	\$2,295,515
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	\$91,572	\$91,572	\$4,761,733
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	\$12,032,619	\$240,652	\$240,652	\$12,513,923
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$3,015,496
Litchfield	\$1,557,217	\$1,931,508	\$123,294	\$0	\$2,054,802
Lyme	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$6,428	\$6,428	\$334,247
Madison	\$395,466	\$395,466	\$7,909	\$7,909	\$411,284
Manchester	\$51,701,477	\$51,701,477	\$5,247,464	\$0	\$56,948,941
Mansfield	\$13,112,190	\$13,112,190	\$262,244	\$262,244	\$13,636,678
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086	\$59,042	\$59,042	\$3,070,170
Meriden	\$83,706,615	\$83,706,615	\$7,755,320	\$0	\$91,461,935
Middlebury	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$54,899	\$54,899	\$2,854,761
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	\$2,100,359	\$42,007	\$42,007	\$2,184,373
Middletown	\$28,184,338	\$28,184,338	\$2,656,038	\$0	\$30,840,376
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	\$193,465	\$193,465	\$10,060,165
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	\$105,459	\$105,459	\$5,483,853
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864	\$256,057	\$256,057	\$13,314,978
Morris	\$311,169	\$311,263	\$6,225	\$6,225	\$323,713
Naugatuck	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$1,438,012	\$0	\$35,534,598
New Britain	\$124,491,915	\$124,491,915	\$13,292,120	\$0	\$137,784,035
New Canaan	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$59,493	\$0	\$532,892

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	\$69,622	\$69,622	\$3,620,364
New Hartford	\$3,011,733	\$3,011,733	\$172,353	\$0	\$3,184,086
New Haven	\$170,824,330	\$170,824,330	\$7,652,745	\$0	\$178,477,075
New London	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$1,926,108	\$0	\$33,076,765
New Milford	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$232,906	\$232,906	\$12,111,116
Newington	\$16,889,688	\$16,889,688	\$928,230	\$0	\$17,817,918
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	\$89,914	\$89,914	\$4,675,519
Norfolk	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$1,108	\$1,108	\$57,631
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$146,627	\$146,627	\$7,624,579
North Canaan	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$138,210	\$0	\$1,935,528
North Haven	\$4,399,467	\$4,399,467	\$87,989	\$87,989	\$4,575,445
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307	\$53,206	\$53,206	\$2,766,719
Norwalk	\$16,447,293	\$16,447,293	\$1,959,389	\$0	\$18,406,682
Norwich	\$49,231,266	\$49,231,266	\$5,913,205	\$0	\$55,144,471
Old Lyme	\$1,494,874	\$1,494,874	\$29,897	\$29,897	\$1,554,668
Old Saybrook	\$132,244	\$132,244	\$12,132	\$0	\$144,376
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	\$20,310	\$20,310	\$1,056,118
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	\$73,540	\$73,540	\$3,824,091
Plainfield	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$307,289	\$307,289	\$15,979,022
Plainville	\$12,740,359	\$12,740,359	\$745,435	\$0	\$13,485,794
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	\$196,042	\$196,042	\$10,194,205
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	\$53,420	\$53,420	\$2,777,827
Portland	\$4,979,837	\$4,979,837	\$527,951	\$0	\$5,507,788
Preston	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	\$59,050	\$59,050	\$3,070,596
Prospect	\$5,836,389	\$5,836,389	\$116,728	\$116,728	\$6,069,845
Putnam	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$166,806	\$166,806	\$8,673,894
Redding	\$280,477	\$284,705	\$19,287	\$0	\$303,992
Ridgefield*	\$568,700	\$568,700	\$19,656	\$3,092	\$591,448
Rocky Hill	\$8,574,212	\$9,290,409	\$1,259,142	\$0	\$10,549,551
Roxbury	\$219,447	\$247,549	\$4,951	\$4,951	\$257,451
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	\$50,502	\$50,502	\$2,626,082
Salisbury	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$1,447	\$1,447	\$75,232
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	\$25,493	\$25,493	\$1,325,657

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Seymour	\$11,911,359	\$11,911,359	\$238,227	\$238,227	\$12,387,813
Sharon	\$29,987	\$29,987	\$600	\$600	\$31,187
Shelton*	\$9,087,506	\$9,087,506	\$317,310	\$46,190	\$9,451,006
Sherman	\$46,995	\$46,995	\$38,467	\$0	\$85,462
Simsbury	\$8,273,772	\$8,273,772	\$165,475	\$165,475	\$8,604,722
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	\$113,853	\$113,853	\$5,920,336
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	\$228,162	\$228,162	\$11,864,402
Southbury	\$8,158,182	\$8,380,512	\$732,698	\$0	\$9,113,210
Southington	\$20,848,374	\$20,848,374	\$416,967	\$416,967	\$21,682,308
Sprague*	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745	\$66,065	\$42,205	\$2,815,015
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	\$191,030	\$191,030	\$9,933,547
Stamford	\$22,003,161	\$22,003,161	\$1,441,637	\$0	\$23,444,798
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	\$63,492	\$63,492	\$3,301,569
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	\$21,460	\$21,460	\$1,115,931
Stratford*	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$1,119,920	\$92,255	\$31,516,543
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712	\$699,245	\$0	\$6,862,957
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	\$109,625	\$109,625	\$5,700,476
Thompson	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$150,694	\$150,694	\$7,836,092
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	\$182,111	\$182,111	\$9,469,750
Torrington	\$34,701,422	\$34,701,422	\$2,752,854	\$0	\$37,454,276
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	\$3,417,049	\$68,341	\$68,341	\$3,553,731
Union	\$211,728	\$272,335	\$38,171	\$0	\$310,506
Vernon	\$23,512,721	\$24,175,996	\$3,276,608	\$0	\$27,452,604
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	\$42,345	\$42,345	\$2,201,933
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	\$21,286,162	\$425,723	\$425,723	\$22,137,608
Warren	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$3,475	\$3,475	\$180,690
Washington	\$337,108	\$370,058	\$7,401	\$7,401	\$384,860
Waterbury	\$201,118,542	\$201,118,542	\$14,775,836	\$0	\$215,894,378
Waterford	\$326,444	\$326,444	\$15,582	\$0	\$342,026
Watertown	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$1,454,776	\$0	\$14,446,272
West Hartford	\$25,567,009	\$25,567,009	\$2,824,592	\$0	\$28,391,601
West Haven	\$59,004,684	\$59,004,684	\$4,946,153	\$0	\$63,950,837
Westbrook	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$3,846	\$0	\$84,211

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Weston	\$263,792	\$263,792	\$5,276	\$5,276	\$274,344
Westport	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$81,474	\$0	\$691,874
Wethersfield	\$14,726,361	\$14,726,361	\$1,009,684	\$0	\$15,736,045
Wilmington	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	\$69,132	\$69,132	\$3,594,858
Wilton	\$461,796	\$461,796	\$25,737	\$0	\$487,533
Winchester	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$160,499	\$160,499	\$8,345,955
Windham	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$3,759,271	\$0	\$37,588,534
Windsor	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$242,608	\$242,608	\$12,615,608
Windsor Locks	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$214,929	\$0	\$5,440,228
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	\$247,743	\$247,743	\$12,882,657
Woodbridge	\$653,255	\$656,633	\$26,948	\$0	\$683,581
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	\$3,041,129	\$250,602	\$0	\$3,291,731
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$99,811	\$99,811	\$5,190,154

*\*The DRACULA grant raised the minimum Supplemental Education Aid grant from 2% to 4% of each town's FY 2027 ECS funding, effectively doubling aid for most municipalities. For nine towns, however, the DRACULA grant instead reflects the difference between their aid under a \$13,087 foundation (already above 2%) and the amount needed to reach a full 4% increase over their FY 2027 ECS grant. For more information, please see Appendix A.*

Table 4 below provides the **estimated change** — in comparison to FY 2026 — in each town's state education funding grants. The table includes the changes in each town's estimated ECS grant, their Supplemental Education Aid grant, and, if applicable, their DRACULA grant. Each town's **total change in state education funding** for FY 2027 is also calculated. Towns projected to receive an increase in ECS funding in FY 2027 — over their FY 2026 ECS grant amount — are highlighted in green and towns projected to receive the same amount of ECS funding are highlighted in yellow.

Please note that adjustments in ECS funding levels — both at the town level and overall — in the revised budget are the result of the ECS formula annually accounting for changes in enrollment, student needs, and community wealth. The ECS funding levels in the revised budget DO NOT reflect a policy change or additional funding beyond what towns are currently entitled to under state statute.

**Table 4: Estimated Change in Town Education Grants for FY 2027  
Under the Revised State Budget<sup>13</sup>**

*Note: Budgeted appropriations may differ from final grant amounts made by the CSDE to towns and school districts as final grant calculations take additional statutory provisions into account. Therefore, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the CSDE before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.*

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$0	\$40,096	\$40,096	\$80,192
Ansonia	\$21,332,353	\$0	\$939,494	\$0	\$939,494
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$0	\$69,181	\$69,181	\$138,362
Avon	\$909,358	\$369,503	\$173,326	\$0	\$542,829
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$0	\$29,885	\$29,885	\$59,770
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	\$0	\$253,476	\$0	\$253,476
Berlin	\$7,237,662	\$0	\$581,191	\$0	\$581,191
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$0	\$35,291	\$35,291	\$70,582
Bethel	\$10,047,664	\$0	\$200,953	\$200,953	\$401,906
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$1,142	\$105,234	\$0	\$106,376
Bloomfield	\$8,047,852	\$0	\$160,957	\$160,957	\$321,914
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$0	\$53,664	\$53,664	\$107,328
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$0	\$23,802	\$23,802	\$47,604
Branford	\$3,772,866	\$0	\$75,457	\$75,457	\$150,914

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Bridgeport	\$212,796,357	\$0	\$15,015,199	\$0	\$15,015,199
Bridgewater	\$187,715	\$33,027	\$4,415	\$4,415	\$41,857
Bristol	\$55,102,941	\$0	\$4,528,816	\$0	\$4,528,816
Brookfield	\$1,379,178	\$0	\$27,584	\$27,584	\$55,168
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$0	\$139,394	\$139,394	\$278,788
Burlington	\$4,699,203	\$0	\$280,369	\$0	\$280,369
Canaan	\$125,752	\$0	\$2,515	\$2,515	\$5,030
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$0	\$80,097	\$80,097	\$160,194
Canton	\$4,068,515	\$0	\$81,370	\$81,370	\$162,740
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$0	\$33,043	\$33,043	\$66,086
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$0	\$849,486	\$0	\$849,486
Chester	\$991,921	\$28,596	\$125,301	\$0	\$153,897
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$0	\$103,842	\$103,842	\$207,684
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$0	\$240,804	\$240,804	\$481,608
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$0	\$8,078	\$8,078	\$16,156
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$0	\$46,324	\$46,324	\$92,648
Cornwall	\$32,190	\$0	\$644	\$644	\$1,288
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$0	\$159,058	\$159,058	\$318,116
Cromwell	\$6,177,563	\$0	\$520,405	\$0	\$520,405
Danbury	\$62,336,919	\$0	\$2,952,103	\$0	\$2,952,103
Darien	\$540,833	\$0	\$60,986	\$0	\$60,986
Deep River	\$1,676,105	\$0	\$33,522	\$33,522	\$67,044
Derby	\$10,990,454	\$0	\$219,809	\$219,809	\$439,618
Durham	\$3,293,232	\$0	\$65,865	\$65,865	\$131,730
East Granby	\$2,044,159	\$0	\$255,098	\$0	\$255,098
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$0	\$71,119	\$71,119	\$142,238
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$0	\$139,219	\$139,219	\$278,438
East Hartford	\$70,969,366	\$0	\$6,938,531	\$0	\$6,938,531
East Haven*	\$20,005,957	\$0	\$541,052	\$259,186	\$800,238
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$0	\$121,530	\$121,530	\$243,060
East Windsor	\$5,669,122	\$0	\$113,382	\$113,382	\$226,764
Eastford	\$947,176	\$0	\$18,944	\$18,944	\$37,888
Easton*	\$302,113	\$0	\$8,972	\$3,113	\$12,085

Town	FY 2026 Est. ECS Grant	FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant*	Total (ECS + Supplemental + DRACULA)
Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$0	\$206,833	\$206,833	\$413,666
Enfield*	\$29,823,645	\$0	\$1,019,672	\$173,274	\$1,192,946
Essex	\$215,553	\$0	\$4,311	\$4,311	\$8,622
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	\$0	\$122,691	\$0	\$122,691
Farmington	\$3,707,985	\$0	\$74,160	\$74,160	\$148,320
Franklin	\$736,256	\$0	\$14,725	\$14,725	\$29,450
Glastonbury	\$6,717,318	\$0	\$134,346	\$134,346	\$268,692
Goshen	\$400,335	\$2,914	\$8,065	\$8,065	\$19,044
Granby	\$5,447,238	\$0	\$655,539	\$0	\$655,539
Greenwich	\$1,019,227	\$0	\$110,062	\$0	\$110,062
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$0	\$735,679	\$0	\$735,679
Groton	\$25,040,045	\$0	\$500,801	\$500,801	\$1,001,602
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$0	\$35,322	\$35,322	\$70,644
Haddam*	\$3,942,046	\$0	\$153,075	\$4,607	\$157,682
Hamden	\$42,723,021	\$0	\$2,227,363	\$0	\$2,227,363
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$0	\$21,168	\$21,168	\$42,336
Hartford	\$226,674,245	\$0	\$20,530,197	\$0	\$20,530,197
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$0	\$21,434	\$21,434	\$42,868
Harwinton	\$2,889,911	\$0	\$253,904	\$0	\$253,904
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$0	\$119,954	\$119,954	\$239,908
Kent*	\$41,751	\$0	\$1,532	\$138	\$1,670
Killingly	\$15,574,402	\$0	\$311,488	\$311,488	\$622,976
Killingworth	\$2,207,225	\$0	\$44,145	\$44,145	\$88,290
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$0	\$91,572	\$91,572	\$183,144
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	\$0	\$240,652	\$240,652	\$481,304
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$0	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$115,980
Litchfield	\$1,557,217	\$374,291	\$123,294	\$0	\$497,585
Lyme	\$321,391	\$0	\$6,428	\$6,428	\$12,856
Madison	\$395,466	\$0	\$7,909	\$7,909	\$15,818
Manchester	\$51,701,477	\$0	\$5,247,464	\$0	\$5,247,464
Mansfield	\$13,112,190	\$0	\$262,244	\$262,244	\$524,488
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$0	\$59,042	\$59,042	\$118,084
Meriden	\$83,706,615	\$0	\$7,755,320	\$0	\$7,755,320

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Middlebury	\$2,744,963	\$0	\$54,899	\$54,899	\$109,798
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	\$0	\$42,007	\$42,007	\$84,014
Middletown	\$28,184,338	\$0	\$2,656,038	\$0	\$2,656,038
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$0	\$193,465	\$193,465	\$386,930
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$0	\$105,459	\$105,459	\$210,918
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$0	\$256,057	\$256,057	\$512,114
Morris	\$311,169	\$94	\$6,225	\$6,225	\$12,544
Naugatuck	\$34,096,586	\$0	\$1,438,012	\$0	\$1,438,012
New Britain	\$124,491,915	\$0	\$13,292,120	\$0	\$13,292,120
New Canaan	\$473,399	\$0	\$59,493	\$0	\$59,493
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$0	\$69,622	\$69,622	\$139,244
New Hartford	\$3,011,733	\$0	\$172,353	\$0	\$172,353
New Haven	\$170,824,330	\$0	\$7,652,745	\$0	\$7,652,745
New London	\$31,150,657	\$0	\$1,926,108	\$0	\$1,926,108
New Milford	\$11,645,304	\$0	\$232,906	\$232,906	\$465,812
Newington	\$16,889,688	\$0	\$928,230	\$0	\$928,230
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$0	\$89,914	\$89,914	\$179,828
Norfolk	\$55,415	\$0	\$1,108	\$1,108	\$2,216
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$0	\$146,627	\$146,627	\$293,254
North Canaan	\$1,797,318	\$0	\$138,210	\$0	\$138,210
North Haven	\$4,399,467	\$0	\$87,989	\$87,989	\$175,978
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$0	\$53,206	\$53,206	\$106,412
Norwalk	\$16,447,293	\$0	\$1,959,389	\$0	\$1,959,389
Norwich	\$49,231,266	\$0	\$5,913,205	\$0	\$5,913,205
Old Lyme	\$1,494,874	\$0	\$29,897	\$29,897	\$59,794
Old Saybrook	\$132,244	\$0	\$12,132	\$0	\$12,132
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$0	\$20,310	\$20,310	\$40,620
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$0	\$73,540	\$73,540	\$147,080
Plainfield	\$15,364,444	\$0	\$307,289	\$307,289	\$614,578
Plainville	\$12,740,359	\$0	\$745,435	\$0	\$745,435
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$0	\$196,042	\$196,042	\$392,084
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$0	\$53,420	\$53,420	\$106,840
Portland	\$4,979,837	\$0	\$527,951	\$0	\$527,951

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Preston	\$2,952,496	\$0	\$59,050	\$59,050	\$118,100
Prospect	\$5,836,389	\$0	\$116,728	\$116,728	\$233,456
Putnam	\$8,340,282	\$0	\$166,806	\$166,806	\$333,612
Redding	\$280,477	\$4,228	\$19,287	\$0	\$23,515
Ridgefield*	\$568,700	\$0	\$19,656	\$3,092	\$22,748
Rocky Hill	\$8,574,212	\$716,197	\$1,259,142	\$0	\$1,975,339
Roxbury	\$219,447	\$28,102	\$4,951	\$4,951	\$38,004
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$0	\$50,502	\$50,502	\$101,004
Salisbury	\$72,338	\$0	\$1,447	\$1,447	\$2,894
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$0	\$25,493	\$25,493	\$50,986
Seymour	\$11,911,359	\$0	\$238,227	\$238,227	\$476,454
Sharon	\$29,987	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$1,200
Shelton*	\$9,087,506	\$0	\$317,310	\$46,190	\$363,500
Sherman	\$46,995	\$0	\$38,467	\$0	\$38,467
Simsbury	\$8,273,772	\$0	\$165,475	\$165,475	\$330,950
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$0	\$113,853	\$113,853	\$227,706
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$0	\$228,162	\$228,162	\$456,324
Southbury	\$8,158,182	\$222,330	\$732,698	\$0	\$955,028
Southington	\$20,848,374	\$0	\$416,967	\$416,967	\$833,934
Sprague*	\$2,706,745	\$0	\$66,065	\$42,205	\$108,270
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$0	\$191,030	\$191,030	\$382,060
Stamford	\$22,003,161	\$0	\$1,441,637	\$0	\$1,441,637
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$0	\$63,492	\$63,492	\$126,984
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$0	\$21,460	\$21,460	\$42,920
Stratford*	\$30,304,368	\$0	\$1,119,920	\$92,255	\$1,212,175
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$0	\$699,245	\$0	\$699,245
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$0	\$109,625	\$109,625	\$219,250
Thompson	\$7,534,704	\$0	\$150,694	\$150,694	\$301,388
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$0	\$182,111	\$182,111	\$364,222
Torrington	\$34,701,422	\$0	\$2,752,854	\$0	\$2,752,854
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	\$0	\$68,341	\$68,341	\$136,682
Union	\$211,728	\$60,607	\$38,171	\$0	\$98,778
Vernon	\$23,512,721	\$663,275	\$3,276,608	\$0	\$3,939,883

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Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$0	\$42,345	\$42,345	\$84,690
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	\$0	\$425,723	\$425,723	\$851,446
Warren	\$173,740	\$0	\$3,475	\$3,475	\$6,950
Washington	\$337,108	\$32,950	\$7,401	\$7,401	\$47,752
Waterbury	\$201,118,542	\$0	\$14,775,836	\$0	\$14,775,836
Waterford	\$326,444	\$0	\$15,582	\$0	\$15,582
Watertown	\$12,991,496	\$0	\$1,454,776	\$0	\$1,454,776
West Hartford	\$25,567,009	\$0	\$2,824,592	\$0	\$2,824,592
West Haven	\$59,004,684	\$0	\$4,946,153	\$0	\$4,946,153
Westbrook	\$80,365	\$0	\$3,846	\$0	\$3,846
Weston	\$263,792	\$0	\$5,276	\$5,276	\$10,552
Westport	\$610,400	\$0	\$81,474	\$0	\$81,474
Wethersfield	\$14,726,361	\$0	\$1,009,684	\$0	\$1,009,684
Willington	\$3,456,594	\$0	\$69,132	\$69,132	\$138,264
Wilton	\$461,796	\$0	\$25,737	\$0	\$25,737
Winchester	\$8,024,957	\$0	\$160,499	\$160,499	\$320,998
Windham	\$33,829,263	\$0	\$3,759,271	\$0	\$3,759,271
Windsor	\$12,130,392	\$0	\$242,608	\$242,608	\$485,216
Windsor Locks	\$5,225,299	\$0	\$214,929	\$0	\$214,929
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$0	\$247,743	\$247,743	\$495,486
Woodbridge	\$653,255	\$3,378	\$26,948	\$0	\$30,326
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	\$104,313	\$250,602	\$0	\$354,915
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$0	\$99,811	\$99,811	\$199,622

\*The DRACULA grant raised the minimum Supplemental Education Aid grant from 2% to 4% of each town's FY 2027 ECS funding, effectively doubling aid for most municipalities. For nine towns, however, the DRACULA grant instead reflects the difference between their aid under a \$13,087 foundation (already above 2%) and the amount needed to reach a full 4% increase over their FY 2027 ECS grant. For more information, please see Appendix A.

## Appendix A

The District Relief and Compensatory Use Learning Aid (DRACULA) grant builds on the Supplemental Education Aid grant by providing additional state funding to ensure all towns receive increases in state education funding for FY 2027 that are equal to at least 4% of their FY 2027 ECS grant amount. For most towns receiving the DRACULA grant, the grant is equal to their Supplemental Education Aid grant. However, this pattern does not apply to nine towns: East Haven, Easton, Enfield, Haddam, Kent, Ridgefield, Shelton, Sprague, and Stratford.

For these nine towns, when calculated using a foundation amount of \$13,087, their calculated Supplemental Education Aid grants resulted in them receiving amounts higher than their FY 2027 ECS grants and resulting increases greater than 2% of their FY 2027 ECS grant amounts. However, these increases were not large enough to equal to at least 4% of each town's FY 2027 ECS grant amount. As a result, each of these nine towns is provided a DRACULA grant that reflects the difference between 4% of their FY 2027 ECS grant and their Supplemental Education Aid grant.

For example, East Haven's calculated Supplemental Education Aid grant is \$541,052, which is equal to 2.7% of its FY 2027 ECS grant. This is \$259,186 short of what is needed to provide East Haven with supplemental education funding equal to at least 4% of its FY 2027 ECS grant. To make up this difference and ensure East Haven receives its full 4%, the revised budget appropriates the town a DRACULA grant of \$259,186.

**Table 5: East Haven Example – DRACULA Grant**

FY 2027 ECS Grant	4% of FY 2027 ECS Grant	Supplemental Education Aid Grant	DRACULA Grant <i>(Difference between Supplemental Education Aid Grant and 4% Increase)</i>	Total Supplemental Education Aid to East Haven
\$20,005,957	\$800,238	\$541,052	\$259,186	\$800,238