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During the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly made a number of changes to K-12 education funding that are scheduled to take effect in fiscal year 2025.

Two of these changes are estimated to result in significant financial benefits for municipalities and their local school districts: the acceleration of the phase-in schedule for the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant and the implementation of a cap on the amount of per-student tuition some school choice operators may charge local districts.

Acceleration of ECS Funding (\$128.1 million increase in FY 2025)

- Municipalities considered underfunded will receive their previous year's ECS grant plus 56.5% of the difference between their fully-funded ECS grant amount and their FY 2024 ECS grant.
- Municipalities considered overfunded will not experience a reduction in their ECS funding and will instead be "held harmless" at their FY 2024 grant amounts.
- Underfunded municipalities will begin receiving their fully-funded ECS grant amounts in FY 2026 — two years faster than the grant's original phase-in schedule.

Cap on Magnet and AgriScience Tuition (\$46.5 million in savings in FY 2025)

- Amount of per-student regular education tuition magnet school or AgriScience program operators may charge school districts sending students to the operator's school/program is capped beginning in FY 2025.
- Per-student tuition amount cannot exceed 58% of the amount the operator charged in FY 2024.
- Tuition cap results in savings for districts due to lower tuition costs.
- Of the \$46.5 million in total statewide savings, approximately \$36 million (77%), will be realized by Alliance Districts — the state's lowest-performing districts.

The table on the following pages provides the town-by-town estimated financial impact for FY 2025 of the two changes detailed above. The table includes estimated FY 2025 ECS grant increases for each municipality, as well as each municipality's estimated FY 2025 savings from the tuition cap.

NOTE: The table on the following pages ONLY includes the impacts of the two policy changes detailed above. Other changes to education funding made by the General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session, as well as the estimated financial impacts of those changes, have NOT been included as part of the table and are not included in the calculation of the estimated FY 2025 Combined Impact of Changes for each municipality.

Estimated Impact of FY 2025 ECS Grant Increases and Tuition Cap Savings

Town	FY 2025 Increase in ECS Grant*	FY 2025 Savings from Tuition Cap	FY 2025 Combined Impact of Changes
Andover	\$0	\$24,785	\$24,785
Ansonia	\$893,514	\$90,569	\$984,083
Ashford	\$0	\$11,274	\$11,274
Avon	\$166,444	\$127,305	\$293,749
Barkhamsted	\$0	\$11,074	\$11,074
Beacon Falls	\$46,618	\$49,993	\$96,611
Berlin	\$236,046	\$144,806	\$380,852
Bethany	\$0	\$35,817	\$35,817
Bethel	\$468,571	\$25,398	\$493,969
Bethlehem	\$0	\$117,148	\$117,148
Bloomfield	\$785,007	\$1,247,306	\$2,032,313
Bolton	\$0	\$71,025	\$71,025
Bozrah	\$0	\$50,236	\$50,236
Branford	\$318,094	\$98,815	\$416,909
Bridgeport	\$9,253,704	\$2,280,919	\$11,534,623
Bridgewater	\$50,475	\$0	\$50,475
Bristol	\$3,048,069	\$554,711	\$3,602,780
Brookfield	\$174,073	\$54,355	\$228,428
Brooklyn	\$0	\$56,978	\$56,978
Burlington	\$109,611	\$71,855	\$181,466
Canaan	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canterbury	\$0	\$19,448	\$19,448
Canton	\$258,023	\$57,588	\$315,611
Chaplin	\$0	\$28,682	\$28,682
Cheshire	\$0	\$98,355	\$98,355
Chester	\$4,677	\$5,384	\$10,061
Clinton	\$0	\$22,082	\$22,082
Colchester	\$0	\$96,192	\$96,192
Colebrook	\$0	\$0	\$0
Columbia	\$0	\$40,829	\$40,829
Cornwall	\$7,873	\$0	\$7,873

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Coventry	\$0	\$149,216	\$149,216
Cromwell	\$210,192	\$139,671	\$349,863
Danbury	\$7,518,498	\$330,081	\$7,848,579
Darien	\$29,722	\$2,874	\$32,596
Deep River	\$4,648	\$0	\$4,648
Derby	\$815,168	\$57,981	\$873,149
Durham	\$84,510	\$31,209	\$115,719
Eastford	\$0	\$17,926	\$17,926
East Granby	\$33,688	\$99,916	\$133,604
East Haddam	\$0	\$30,125	\$30,125
East Hampton	\$0	\$97,188	\$97,188
East Hartford	\$5,540,560	\$3,008,830	\$8,549,390
East Haven	\$128,992	\$127,914	\$256,906
East Lyme	\$0	\$122,654	\$122,654
Easton	\$46,227	\$34,127	\$80,354
East Windsor	\$0	\$277,102	\$277,102
Ellington	\$0	\$213,985	\$213,985
Enfield	\$0	\$411,698	\$411,698
Essex	\$41,908	\$2,874	\$44,782
Fairfield	\$6,405	\$221,562	\$227,967
Farmington	\$507,971	\$103,039	\$611,010
Franklin	\$0	\$11,496	\$11,496
Glastonbury	\$0	\$406,225	\$406,225
Goshen	\$105,814	\$0	\$105,814
Granby	\$0	\$115,922	\$115,922
Greenwich	\$209,306	\$2,874	\$212,180
Griswold	\$0	\$81,695	\$81,695
Groton	\$0	\$628,722	\$628,722
Guilford	\$0	\$56,902	\$56,902
Haddam	\$588,195	\$8,440	\$596,635
Hamden	\$4,627,584	\$669,005	\$5,296,589
Hampton	\$0	\$10,928	\$10,928

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Hartford	\$8,147,742	\$12,059,311	\$20,207,053
Hartland	\$0	\$19,236	\$19,236
Harwinton	\$0	\$67,715	\$67,715
Hebron	\$0	\$67,600	\$67,600
Kent	\$3,945	\$0	\$3,945
Killingly	\$0	\$75,469	\$75,469
Killingworth	\$228,696	\$2,874	\$231,570
Lebanon	\$0	\$25,709	\$25,709
Ledyard	\$408,420	\$207,763	\$616,183
Lisbon	\$0	\$45,838	\$45,838
Litchfield	\$0	\$43,111	\$43,111
Lyme	\$85,274	\$2,679	\$87,953
Madison	\$0	\$23,713	\$23,713
Manchester	\$3,301,389	\$1,802,794	\$5,104,183
Mansfield	\$2,297,782	\$71,870	\$2,369,652
Marlborough	\$0	\$43,000	\$43,000
Meriden	\$7,578,688	\$489,279	\$8,067,967
Middlebury	\$731,360	\$56,881	\$788,241
Middlefield	\$141,457	\$21,886	\$163,343
Middletown	\$1,544,459	\$433,495	\$1,977,954
Milford	\$0	\$219,185	\$219,185
Monroe	\$0	\$115,926	\$115,926
Montville	\$0	\$339,048	\$339,048
Morris	\$56,403	\$0	\$56,403
Naugatuck	\$313,446	\$502,685	\$816,131
New Britain	\$8,647,194	\$2,091,974	\$10,739,168
New Canaan	\$32,260	\$0	\$32,260
New Fairfield	\$0	\$44,092	\$44,092
New Hartford	\$5,193	\$52,532	\$57,725
New Haven	\$3,932,007	\$489,311	\$4,421,318
Newington	\$1,408,521	\$278,464	\$1,686,985
New London	\$207,118	\$3,028,656	\$3,235,774

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New Milford	\$287,726	\$99,602	\$387,328
Newtown	\$0	\$54,503	\$54,503
Norfolk	\$13,818	\$8,622	\$22,440
North Branford	\$0	\$75,202	\$75,202
North Canaan	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Haven	\$214,680	\$57,210	\$271,890
North Stonington	\$0	\$34,966	\$34,966
Norwalk	\$1,228,396	\$22,785	\$1,251,181
Norwich	\$3,788,479	\$441,804	\$4,230,283
Old Lyme	\$423,775	\$12,650	\$436,425
Old Saybrook	\$54	\$37,605	\$37,659
Orange	\$0	\$26,050	\$26,050
Oxford	\$0	\$145,769	\$145,769
Plainfield	\$0	\$189,510	\$189,510
Plainville	\$812,989	\$124,980	\$937,969
Plymouth	\$0	\$122,785	\$122,785
Pomfret	\$0	\$29,342	\$29,342
Portland	\$214,290	\$68,624	\$282,914
Preston	\$0	\$65,272	\$65,272
Prospect	\$478,067	\$67,224	\$545,291
Putnam	\$0	\$72,518	\$72,518
Redding	\$34,881	\$16,175	\$51,056
Ridgefield	\$0	\$2,386	\$2,386
Rocky Hill	\$1,205,327	\$248,198	\$1,453,525
Roxbury	\$68,358	\$0	\$68,358
Salem	\$0	\$49,202	\$49,202
Salisbury	\$16,204	\$0	\$16,204
Scotland	\$0	\$13,883	\$13,883
Seymour	\$634,045	\$90,004	\$724,049
Sharon	\$3,917	\$0	\$3,917
Shelton	\$1,399,225	\$306,875	\$1,706,100
Sherman	\$0	\$40,237	\$40,237

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Simsbury	\$260,375	\$209,304	\$469,679
Somers	\$0	\$42,289	\$42,289
Southbury	\$1,156,372	\$77,000	\$1,233,372
Southington	\$214,930	\$173,792	\$388,722
South Windsor	\$0	\$271,269	\$271,269
Sprague	\$0	\$29,206	\$29,206
Stafford	\$0	\$94,888	\$94,888
Stamford	\$2,763,039	\$1,806	\$2,764,845
Sterling	\$0	\$104,862	\$104,862
Stonington	\$0	\$105,490	\$105,490
Stratford	\$3,060,606	\$579,086	\$3,639,692
Suffield	\$0	\$63,659	\$63,659
Thomaston	\$0	\$114,780	\$114,780
Thompson	\$0	\$64,479	\$64,479
Tolland	\$0	\$138,978	\$138,978
Torrington	\$3,198,263	\$504,788	\$3,703,051
Trumbull	\$1,093,508	\$379,842	\$1,473,350
Union	\$0	\$2,874	\$2,874
Vernon	\$1,693,121	\$360,938	\$2,054,059
Voluntown	\$0	\$13,459	\$13,459
Wallingford	\$218,850	\$98,115	\$316,965
Warren	\$45,649	\$43,111	\$88,760
Washington	\$98,685	\$0	\$98,685
Waterbury	\$18,469,059	\$1,181,521	\$19,650,580
Waterford	\$0	\$300,116	\$300,116
Watertown	\$343,069	\$321,795	\$664,864
Westbrook	\$464	\$11,227	\$11,691
West Hartford	\$2,047,345	\$489,249	\$2,536,594
West Haven	\$3,268,550	\$173,593	\$3,442,143
Weston	\$0	\$2,386	\$2,386
Westport	\$35,509	\$8,134	\$43,643
Wethersfield	\$1,480,575	\$464,846	\$1,945,421

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Willington	\$0	\$25,281	\$25,281
Wilton	\$0	\$1,193	\$1,193
Winchester	\$0	\$106,234	\$106,234
Windham	\$1,963,058	\$370,953	\$2,334,011
Windsor	\$0	\$908,442	\$908,442
Windsor Locks	\$0	\$315,102	\$315,102
Wolcott	\$0	\$105,200	\$105,200
Woodbridge	\$61,336	\$26,587	\$87,923
Woodbury	\$460,681	\$7,254	\$467,935
Woodstock	\$0	\$24,730	\$24,730
TOTAL	\$128,148,818	\$46,529,047	\$174,677,865

* Estimated FY 2025 ECS grant amounts are subject to change. Final grant amounts may differ based on updated data for enrollment, student needs, and community wealth, as well as potential statutory changes adopted by the legislature. If possible, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the Connecticut State Department of Education before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.