

# STATE CHARTER SCHOOL FY 26 FUNDING

PA 21-2 JSS replaced a flat per-student grant amount of \$11,250 with a partially need-based formula, beginning in FY 22. The formula's phase-in increased annually from FY 23 through FY 25. Under the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, the formula remains the same as in FY 25.

## STEP 1: CALCULATE EACH SCHOOL'S WEIGHTED STUDENT COUNT



**TOTAL STUDENTS**  
Number of Students Enrolled



**30% \* LOW-INCOME STUDENTS**

Students who receive free and reduced price lunch (FRPL)



**25% \* ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**



**LOW-INCOME CONCENTRATION**

15% \* The number of FRPL students who put a school above 60% FRPL

## STEP 2: CALCULATE EACH SCHOOL'S FULLY FUNDED GRANT AMOUNT

**CHARTER SCHOOL'S WEIGHTED STUDENT COUNT**



**\$11,525**

ECS foundation amount



**EQUALS THE FULLY FUNDED GRANT**

Amounts ranged from \$13,212 to \$15,562 per student in FY 25.

## STEP 3: CALCULATE PHASE-IN GRANT AMOUNT

**EACH CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVES A PER STUDENT GRANT OF:**

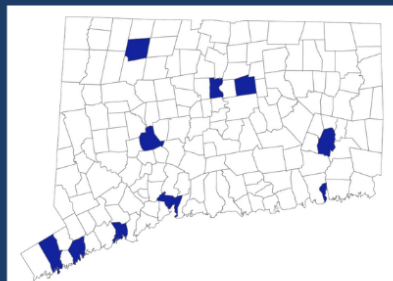
**\$11,525**

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**56.7% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \$11,525 AND THEIR FULLY FUNDED GRANT PER STUDENT**

Amounts ranged from \$12,482 to \$13,814 per student in FY 25.

## CHARTER SCHOOL BACKGROUND



- There are 22 state charter schools (two new in FY 26) in ten towns.
  - Six: Bridgeport, New Haven
  - Two: Hartford, Stamford
  - One: Manchester, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Waterbury, & Winchester
- 10,499 students enrolled across 20 schools in FY 25

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