

# 9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

<p><b>9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS:</b> Transfers of payments to other school districts or to non-public schools for services provided to students residing in the sending city or town.</p> <p><b>9100 Tuition to Mass. Schools</b> Tuition or transfer payments to other public school districts in Massachusetts for resident students, Tuition to non member Collaboratives, Tuition to non member Regional School Districts.</p> <p><b>9110 School Choice Tuition</b> Transfers made by the state from the sending school district's State Aid to the receiving school district or municipality.</p> <p><b>9120 Tuition to Commonwealth Charter Schools</b> Transfers made by the state from the sending school district's State Aid to the Charter School.</p> <p><b>9200 Tuition to Out-of-State Schools</b> Tuition or transfer payments to school districts in other states for resident students</p> <p><b>9300 Tuition to Non-Public Schools</b> Tuition or transfer payments to non-public schools for resident students</p> <p><b>9400 Tuition to Collaboratives</b> Payments of assessments to member Collaboratives for administrative and instructional services in accordance with collaborative agreements.</p>
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<h2>Special Education Out-of-District Budget</h2>	<p>Coordinator: Barbara Bennett-Fortier</p>
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Students with disabilities ages 2 years and 9 months to 22 who are unable to be educated within the public schools are entitled to an education at public expense. When a student cannot receive appropriate services within LPS, services are provided in other settings including Collaboratives and private schools. There are associated transportation costs and specialized care for some of our most needy students. The Department of Education has developed a form of reimbursement, Circuit-breaker, which provides some fiscal support for high cost students.

Tuition is monitored by the Out-of-district Coordinator who reports to the Director of Student Services. As a student's intensive needs become identified and services within the district can not provide for that student then the Out-of-district Coordinator is called to meet with the team and parents to plan for the student's placement in the least restrictive placement/environment.

The Out-of-district Coordinator is the liaison for the student's IEP and provides case management of all aspects of the student's program. Costs are monitored through the Director of Student Services.

The out-of-district budget is based on the placement information contained in the table on the next page.

The appropriation to the School Department Budget for Tuitions is \$6,488,303. This amount is derived by the following:

Total Estimated Tuition	\$7,890,452
Less Projected Circuit Breaker Reimbursement:	<u>(\$1,402,149)</u>
Total Tuition Request from the Operating Budget	\$6,488,303

DOE Function Code	DOE Function Title	Status	Sum of FY12 ATM Budget Head Count	Sum of FY 12 ATM Budget	
9100	Tuition to Mass. Schools	Tuition	4	\$231,258	
<b>9100 Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>\$231,258</b>	
9200	Tuition to Non-Public Schools	Unilateral Placement - High Risk	1	\$15,254	
	Tuition to Out-of-State Schools	Personnel Tuition	2	\$37,926 \$274,460	
<b>9200 Total</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$327,640</b>	
9300	ARRA Offset	(blank)			
	Circuit Breaker FY Est Offset	Tuition		\$0	
	New Program Offset	(blank)			
	Tuition to Non-Public Schools	High Risk Placement		13	\$635,513
		Personnel		1	\$31,886
		Summer Program		2	\$18,093
Tuition			49	\$5,050,282	
Unilateral Placement - High Risk		8	\$290,316		
45 day assessment				\$68,937	
<b>9300 Total</b>			<b>73</b>	<b>\$6,095,027</b>	
9400	Tuition to Collaboratives	Personnel		\$69,153	
		Tuition	16	\$818,866	
	45 day assessment			\$9,428	
Tuition to Non-Public Schools	High Risk Placement			\$82,331	
	Tuition		5	\$256,750	
<b>9400 Total</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>\$1,236,527</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>101</b>	<b>\$7,890,452</b>	

	Total of all funds available	Variance
FY11 Operating Budget	\$ 5,685,617	
ARRA	\$ -	
FY11 estimated Circuit Breaker (40%)	\$ 1,402,149	
<b>Projected FY12 Level Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,087,766</b>	<b>\$ (802,686)</b>

- Tuition rates for private day and residential schools are set by the Operational Services Division (OSD) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance. These rates can increase anytime along with an across the board increase annually.
- Many private schools request additional increase after the school year begins. Last year, the State approved a 0.75% rate increase, except for schools that reconstructed their programs. In such cases, a single school in any given year, at any time, can receive an increase of as much as 25%-40%.
- Collaborative tuition increases are recommended to the Collaborative Board of Directors based on program costs and budget presentations. The Collaborative Board of Directors is made up of member district Superintendents.
- Collaborative programs also tuition-in students from non-member districts. Non-member districts pay a higher tuition than member districts. Lexington has tuitioned-in students to three area collaboratives as a non-member community.
- Our historic practice was to build in a 5% increase into all tuitions however, for FY12 the following increased were built into the budget:
  - 1.69% for private day and residential schools as recommended by OSD
  - 4% increase for collaborative placements
- The circuit breaker decrease in number of students is due to some students graduating and turning 22 prior to the end of the school year. Their tuition rates reflect only the time actually spent in the program and thus do not always meet the circuit breaker threshold resulting in ineligibility for reimbursement.