



Independent School Annual Tuition Rate Report

School Year 2024-2025

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Section 2232 Rate Approval for Therapeutic Approved Independent Schools.

(a) The Secretary shall set, after consultation with independent schools, the maximum tuition rate to be paid by the Agency and supervisory unions or school districts to therapeutic independent schools. The rate for each therapeutic independent school shall be no more than the costs that are reasonably related to the level of services provided by the school.

(b) If a therapeutic independent school does not submit an application for rate approval by November 15, the most recently approved rate will be in effect for the following school year...

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Current Official Rate Letters
Arlington School	\$49,071.00	\$50,566.00	\$62,270.00	Arlington School
Baird Center Day Treatment Medicaid Eligible	\$26,131.66	\$51,334.00	Pending	Baird Center
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Non- Medicaid Eligible	\$73,125.02	\$81,337.00	Pending	Baird Center
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Medicaid Eligible	\$26,131.66	\$51,334.00	Pending	Baird Center
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Non- Medicaid Eligible	\$73,125.02	\$81,337.00	Pending	Baird Center
Beckley Day Program (tutorial) Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$21,857.00	\$27,197.27	Beckley Day Program
Beckley Day Program Non-Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$135,472.00	\$145,250.63	Beckley Day Program
Bellcate School Blue Team	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$53,580.00 Last official rate set FY15	Maintained rate
Bellcate School Green Team	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$81,328.00 Last Official rate set FY15	Maintained rate
Bellcate School Red Team	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$118,450.00 Last official rate set FY15	Maintained rate
BRIGHTality, LLC (New school as of June 2022)	\$70,377.00	\$87,607.07	\$89,329.05	BRIGHTality
Brookhaven Learning Center-Day School	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$42,140.39 Last official rate set FY18	Brookhaven
Burr & Burton Academy	Average Announced Tuition	Special Education via written agreements 2231.1 and 2231.2	Maintained rate	No letter required
Choice Academy Elementary and Middle; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$106,911.11	\$105,084.00	Choice Academy

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Current Official Rate Letters
Choice Academy Elementary and Middle; Non-Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$149,986.00	\$153,929.95	Choice Academy
Choice Academy High School; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$85,404.00	\$89,387.00	Choice Academy
Choice Academy High School; Non-Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$125,092.00	\$131,883.00	Choice Academy
Choice Academy Stars Program; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$30,780.90	\$32,174.38	Choice Academy
Choice Academy Stars Program: Non-Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$141,780.18	\$132,321.00	Choice Academy
Compass School Special Education Rates Only	Average announced tuition	Excess Cost Agreements for Special Ed Services only	Maintained rate	Maintained rate
Connected Circles Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible rates	Maintained rate	\$101,564.58	\$101,932.24	Connected Circles
Community Schoolhouse	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$110,706.90	Community Schoolhouse
Cornerstone School	\$56,253.55	\$57,958.00	\$61,094.24	Cornerstone School
East Meadow	\$48,296.00	\$49,750.00	\$51,920.76	East Meadow School
East Valley Academy Medicaid Eligible	\$74,515.00	\$75,199	\$102,718.00	East Valley Academy
East Valley Academy Non-Medicaid Eligible	\$104,604.00	\$124,798	\$144,636.14	East Valley Academy
Foundations Upper Valley School	Maintained rate	\$149,378.92	\$149,378.92	Foundations Upper Valley School
Greenwood School Day School Tuition	\$71,194.00	\$88,071.81	\$88,642.00	Greenwood School
Greenwood School Residential Academic Day Program	\$85,417.71	\$73,071.81	\$103,642.00	Greenwood School

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Current Official Rate Letters
Inspire for Autism	\$99,840.18	\$99,840.18	\$99,840.18	Inspire School for Autism
Jean Garvin Medicaid Eligible	\$35,465.19	\$55,643.00	Pending	HC Jean Garvin School
Jean Garvin Non-Medicaid Eligible	\$73,396.99	\$79,000.00	Pending	HC Jean Garvin School
Jean Garvin Intensive; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$85,516.00	Pending	HC Jean Garvin School
Jean Garvin Intensive; Non-Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$121,838.00	Pending	HC Jean Garvin School
Kindle Farms Intensive Needs Program	Maintained rate	\$89,424.00	\$126,219.06	Kindle Farm School
Kindle Farms Standard Program	Maintained rate	\$54,234.00	\$62,280.00	Kindle Farm School
Laraway School Medicaid Eligible	\$115,942.00	\$ 96,106.00	Pending	Laraway School
Laraway School Non-Medicaid Eligible	\$121,854.03	\$127,542.00	Pending	Laraway School
Long Trail	Average Announced Tuition	Excess Cost Agreements for Special Education Services Only	Maintained rate	Maintained rate
Lyndon Institute Special Education Program	Average Announced Tuition	Excess Cost Agreements for Special Education Services Only	Maintained rate	Maintained rate
Manchester Village School	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$58,504.00 Last official rate set FY17	Maintained rate
Maplehill Community School Milieu-based Program	\$87,854.75	Maintained rate	\$106,620.09	Maplehill School
Maplehill Community School Elementary School Program (New as of June 2022)	\$87,854.75	Maintained rate	\$106,620.09	Maplehill School

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Current Official Rate Letters
Maplehill Community School Individual 1:1 Care Program, Grades 4-12	\$100,267.66	Maintained rate	\$136,473.72	Maplehill School
Mountain School at Winhall	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$10,000.00 Last official rate set FY15	No letter available
Mountainside House Tutorial	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$15,709.69 Last official rate set FY15	No letter available
New School of Montpelier Medicaid and Non- Medicaid	\$133,237.54	Maintained rate	\$147,511.23	The New School
New School Glover Medicaid and Non- Medicaid	\$95,729.45	\$106,238.67	\$106,623.26	The New School
Priority Placements	\$47,928.32	\$53,241.97	\$53,434.97	Priority Placements
Sheldon Academy	\$65,706.84	\$120,119.40	\$120,119.40	Sheldon Academy
Soar Learning Center Elementary/ Middle School Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$71,181.94	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
Soar Learning Center Elementary/Middle School Non-Medicaid	Maintained rate	\$97,422.70	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
Soar Learning Center Back to School; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$68,189.49	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
Soar Learning Center Back to School; Non- Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$93,327.16	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
Soar Learning Center High School; Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$91,494.34	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
Soar Learning Center High School; Non- Medicaid Eligible	Maintained rate	\$125,150.95	Maintained rate	SOAR Learning Center
The Mill School	\$65,000.00	Maintained rate	Pending	Rate established via arbitration FY20 no letter available
Turning Points	\$52,573.00	\$54,138.00	\$60,258.90	Turning Points School

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Current Official Rate Letters
Two Roads Academy Medicaid & Non- Medicaid	\$135,324.33	\$159,466.61	\$159,466.61	Two Roads Academy
Village School at North Bennington	Maintained rate	Maintained rate	\$7,940.00 Last official rate set FY17	No letter available

Arlington School

July 28, 2023

Michelle Fox, Head of
School Kathy Pettengill, NFI
CFO Arlington School
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FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Fox & Ms. Pettengill,

This letter is to officially notify The Arlington School's administration that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The Arlington School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY24: \$50,566.00 Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.



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In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Arlington School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) The Arlington School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The Arlington School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Baird Center

May 5, 2024
 Carrie
 Hathaway
 Baird School
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RE: Baird School approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY

2024 Dear Carrie,

This letter is to officially notify Baird School that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Baird School. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates: Standard

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition	
Daily Rate	\$ 366.42	\$155.66	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE



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Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 51,334.00	\$ 81,837.00
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Approved FY24 rates: Intensive

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required (42.48% of Treatment cost) ²	Education Tuition	Education Tuition	
Daily Rate	\$ 726.30	\$308.53	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$51,334.00 <i>See Ed Info</i>	\$81,837.00 <i>See Ed info Section</i>

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency's MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The Intensive rate is additive to the Standard rate for this program.
6. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.
² If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based



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on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify Howard Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for The Baird School for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school.

Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Baird Standard Program

Medicaid eligible tuition

\$51,334.00 Non-Medicaid eligible tuition

\$81,83.00

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Baird Intensive Program

Medicaid eligible tuition

\$51,334.

00 Non-Medicaid eligible tuition \$81,837.00

(Rates for intensive program are standard rate plus additive treatment rates. Intensive rate added to AOE tuition costs total: Medicaid eligible student rate \$100,243.00, Non-Medicaid Eligible student rate \$194,323.00)

These rates are based on reported operational capacity of 48 and 12 students, respectively, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Baird School is *required* to enter into a *written*



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agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Baird School's administration is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Howard Center can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School Programs Department of Mental Health Agency of Educati



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Beckley Day Program

October 15, 2024

Lisa Estivill, Head of School
Ken Hughes, CFO
Washington County Mental Health Services
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Re: FY25 Tuition Rate- Beckley Day Program - Tutorial

Dear Ms. Estivill & Mr. Hughes,

This letter is to officially notify Washington County Mental Health Services that the following tuition rates have been approved for the Beckley Day Program, an approved tutorial, for the 2024 - 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

FY25 Maximum Tuition Rate

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$27,197.27
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$145,250.63

Tuition includes imbedded intensive clinical services, academic support services and student transportation.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Washington County Mental Health Services is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included



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in the tuition. In addition, Washington County Mental Health Services is *required* to include in a written agreement the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional service, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 (k), Washington County Mental Health Services' administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Washington County Mental Health Services can appeal to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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BRIGHTality

July 3, 2024

Jamie Seeholzer, Head of School
BRIGHTality
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RE: FY25 Tuition Rate
Dear Ms. Seeholzer,

This letter is to officially notify BRIGHTality that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid and all other funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students

FY25: \$89,329.05

Rate includes embedded life skills, employment training, outdoor education and driver’s education.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, BRIGHTality is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, BRIGHTality is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), BRIGHTality's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, BRIGHTality can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Brookhaven Learning Center

January 31, 2020

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Ashley Grote, Special Education Coordinator
Brenda Batten, Business Administrator
Brookhaven Learning Center
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Chelsea, VT 05038

Re: Official Independent School Tuition Rate, FY20

Dear Mr. Murphy, Ms. Grote & Ms. Batten,

The Independent School Team, on behalf of the Agency of Education, would like to thank you for your collaboration throughout the FY20 tuition rate setting process.

This letter is to officially notify Brookhaven Learning Center that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2019 – 2020 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2228.8.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of January 31, 2020 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during negotiations with an LEA/school. Independent schools who receive Medicaid funding must still report matching and all other annual revenues in future tuition rate applications.

FY20 Maximum Tuition Rate: Brookhaven Learning Center: \$42,140.39

In accordance with SBE Rule 2228.4, Brookhaven is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Brookhaven Learning Center is *required* to include in a written agreement the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional service, including compliance with special education procedural requirements. Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2228.8 Brookhaven’s administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee’s decision. Additionally, there are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary’s review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Brookhaven Learning Center can appeal directly to the State



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Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Choice Academy

November 4, 2024
 Lisa Estivill, Head of School
 Ken Hughes, CFO
 Choice MS
 885 S. Barre Rd
 Barre, VT
 RE: Choice MS approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2025

Dear Ms. Estivill & Mr. Hughes,

This letter is to officially notify Choice MS that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2024 – 2025 school year for Choice MS. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY25 budget application.

Approved FY25 rates:

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required (42.17% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition	
Daily Rate	\$ 524.30	\$ 221.10	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



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Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 105,084	\$ 153,929.95
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CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2024. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The Intensive rate is additive to the Standard rate for this program.
6. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at cara.mcsherry@vermont.gov.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY25

This letter is to officially notify Washington County Mental Health Services, that the following tuition rates have been approved for Choice Academy’ Middle School for the 2024 - 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The approved **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.



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FY25 Maximum Tuition Rate Choice High School

Medicaid eligible tuition \$105,084

Non-Medicaid eligible tuition \$153,930

Tuition Rate Includes: behavioral interventionists and clinical services.

This rate is based on reported operational capacity of 12 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Choice Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Choice Academy's administration is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Washington County Mental Health Services can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov



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Choice Academy

November 4, 2024
 Lisa Estivill, Head of School
 Ken Hughes, CFO
 Choice HS
 885 S. Barre Rd
 Barre, VT

RE: Choice HS approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2025

Dear Ms. Estivill & Mr. Hughes,

This letter is to officially notify Choice HS that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2024 – 2025 school year for Choice HS. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY25 budget application.

Approved FY25 rates:

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required (42.17% of Treatment cost) ²	Education Tuition	Education Tuition	
Daily Rate	\$ 513.16	\$ 216.40	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE

² If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



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Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 89,387	\$ 131,882.67
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CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2024. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The Intensive rate is additive to the Standard rate for this program.
6. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at cara.mcsherry@vermont.gov.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY25

This letter is to officially notify Washington County Mental Health Services, that the following tuition rates have been approved for Choice HS for the 2024 - 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The approved **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.



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FY25 Maximum Tuition Rate Choice High School

Medicaid eligible tuition \$89,387

Non-Medicaid eligible tuition \$131,883

Tuition Rate Includes: behavioral interventionists and clinical services.

This rate is based on reported operational capacity of 21.5 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Choice HS is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Choice HS is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Washington County Mental Health Services can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov



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Choice Academy

October 15, 2024
Lisa Estivill, Head of School
Ken Hughes, CFO
Washington County Mental Health Services
579 South Barre Road
Barre, VT 05641

Re: FY25 Tuition Rate- STARS Program

Dear Ms. Estivill & Mr. Hughes,

This letter is to officially notify Washington County Mental Health Services that the following tuition rates have been approved for the STARS Program for the 2024 - 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

FY25 Maximum Tuition Rate

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$32,174.38
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$132,321.00

Tuition Includes imbedded clinical services, student transportation and individualized academic support services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Washington County Mental Health Services is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included



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in the tuition. In addition, Washington County Mental Health Services is *required* to include in a written agreement the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional service, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 (k), Washington County Mental Health Services' administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Washington County Mental Health Services can appeal to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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Connected Circles

May 6, 2024

Kelly Bushey, Head of School
Connected Circles
1075 Airport Road
Berlin, VT 05602

RE: Official Tuition Rate, FY25

Dear Ms. Bushey,

This letter is to officially notify Connected Circles that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, **prior** to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2025, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition **or** excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues including encumbered and unencumbered donations and Free and Reduced Lunch funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students: \$101,932.24

Tuition rate includes- One-to-one student aides for each student, clinical services, and school to home coordination services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Connected Circles is ***required*** to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible local education agency (LEA) which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Connected Circles School is ***required*** to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, Connected Circles' administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Connected Circles can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Community Schoolhouse

June 12, 2024
Barb Barrett, Head of School
Community Schoolhouse
P.O. Box 86
135 High Street
Brattleboro, VT05303

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Barrett,

This letter is to officially notify Community Schoolhouse that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24: \$110,706.90

Tuition Rate Includes imbedded clinical services and imbedded reading specialist.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Community Schoolhouse is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Community Schoolhouse is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Community Schoolhouse's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Community Schoolhouse can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Cornerstone School

August 27, 2024

Jeanne Graham, Head of School
Mary Williamson, NFI CFO
Cornerstone School
510 Portland Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Graham & Ms. Williamson,

This letter is to officially notify Cornerstone School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY25: \$61,094.24

Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Cornerstone School’s administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Cornerstone School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Cornerstone School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Cornerstone School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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East Meadow School

August 27, 2024

Heather Perkins, Head of School
Mary Williamson, NFI CFO
East Meadow School
28 James Road #1
Morrisville, VT 05661

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Perkins & Ms. Williamson,

This letter is to officially notify that The East Meadow School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY25: \$51,920.76

Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The East Meadow School’s administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The East Meadow School’s administration is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) East Meadow School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The East Meadow School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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East Valley Academy
 May 5, 2024

Tim Ross
 East Valley Academy 579
 VT. Rte 14
 East Randolph, VT 05040

RE: East Valley Academy approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY

2024 Dear Tim,

This letter is to officially notify East Valley Academy that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for East Valley Academy. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates:

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition	
Daily Rate	\$ 283.00	\$120.22	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE



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Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$75,199	\$124,798
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CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify The Clara Martin Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for East Valley Academy for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information. the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be**



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construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school.

Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$96,269.0
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Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$124,798.
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This rate is based on an operational capacity of 18 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, East Valley Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, East Valley Academy is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, East Valley Academy can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov



Cara McSherry, Financial Manager J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School
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**Foundations Upper Valley
School**

June 8, 2023

David Powsner, Head of School
Foundations Upper Valley
School
The Fire House, 147 Main
Street
Windsor, VT 05079

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Powsner

This letter is to officially notify Foundations Upper Valley that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms SD Associates’ additional businesses, owned, and operated in addition to Foundations Upper Valley, are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate FY24

Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students \$149,378.92

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Foundations Upper Valley is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Foundations Upper Valley is *required* to



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include, in a written agreement,
the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, Foundations Upper Valley's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Foundations Upper Valley an appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Greenwood School

May 23, 2024

Anne Swayze, Head of School
Amy Morrison, Interim CFO
Greenwood School
14 Greenwood Lane
Putney, VT05346

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Swayze & Ms. Morrison,

This letter is to officially notify Greenwood School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that ***must not be construed*** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds including Medicaid funding.

Residential Maximum Tuition Rate, FY25: \$103,642.00

Tuition rate includes these services One-to-one student aides, SEL services.

Maximum Day Student Tuition Rate, FY25 \$88,642.00

Tuition rate includes these services On site clinician, SEL services.

In accordance with SBE Rules 2231.1 and 2231.2, Greenwood School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the



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tuition. In addition, Greenwood School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Greenwood School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Greenwood School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Inspire School for Autism

June 22, 2022

Karen Steinbeck, Co- Director
Brendan Tubbs, Co-Director
The Inspire School for Autism
130 Austine Drive #8
Brattleboro, VT 05301

RE: FY23 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Steinbeck & Mr.
Tubbs,

This letter is to officially notify The Inspire School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2022 – 2023 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The Inspire School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2022 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:
\$99,840.18

Tuition rate includes

One-to-one student aides, on-site clinician,
SLP & BCBA services, and OT/PT student
services



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In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Inspire School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The Inspire School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 The Inspire School for Autism's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The Inspire School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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HC Jean Garvin School

November 13, 2023

Carrie Hathaway
HC Jean Garvin
School 55-59 Day
Lane
Williston, VT 05495

RE: HC Jean Garvin School approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY

2024 Dear Carrie,

This letter is to officially notify HC Jean Garvin School that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for HC Jean Garvin School. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates: Standard

Medicaid-Enrolled Students		Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
	Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition



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Daily Rate	\$ 286.81	\$121.84	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 55,643.00	\$79,000.00

Approved FY24 rates: Intensive

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students		Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
	Treatment costs	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ²	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 542.20	\$230.33	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$85,816.00	\$ 121,838.00

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency's MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.
² If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



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The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify Howard Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for The Jean Garvin School for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported operational student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Jean Garvin Standard Program

Medicaid eligible tuition \$55,643
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition \$79,000

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Jean Garvin Intensive Program

Medicaid eligible tuition \$85,816.0
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition \$121,838

This rate is based on reported operational capacity of 20 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Jean Garvin School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs



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for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The Jean Garvin School's administration is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Howard Center can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School
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Kindle Farm

June 18, 2024

Drew Grading, Head of School
Kindle Farm School
P.O. Box 393
Newfane, VT 05345

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate- 1:1 Intensive Program

Dear Mr. Grading,

This letter is to officially notify Kindle Farm School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the One-to-One Program for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report all sources of annual off-setting revenue, including Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students

FY25 \$126,219.06

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides, and embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Kindle Farm School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Kindle Farm School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), Kindle Farm School’s administration has the



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right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Kindle Farm School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Kindle Farm

June 18, 2024

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RE: FY25 Tuition Rate- Standard Program

Dear Mr. Grading,

This letter is to officially notify Kindle Farm School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the Standard Program for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report all sources of annual off-setting revenue, including Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students

FY25 \$62,280.00

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides, and embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Kindle Farm School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Kindle Farm School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), Kindle Farm School’s administration has the



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Best Regards,



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Laraway School

October 4, 2023

David McAllister, MSOL,
 MBA Executive
 Director/CEO
 Laraway Youth & Family Services
 P.O. Box 621
 Johnson Vermont
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RE: Laraway Youth & Family Services approved Treatment and Education tuition rates,

FY 2024 Dear David,

This letter is to officially notify Laraway Youth & Family Services that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Laraway Youth & Family Services.

Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates:

Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
	Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Treatment Rate	Education Tuition



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Daily Rate	\$ 353.00	\$149.95	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 96,106.00	Not set by DMH	\$ 127,542.00

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2024. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This rate letter serves as an assurance that the head of school confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Laraway Youth & Family Services has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



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The approved **maximum rate** is in effect as of August 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

This rate is based on an operational capacity of 35 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). The tuition rate includes embedded clinical services and 1:1 student academic support. There were no disallowed expenditures included in Laraway School's education rate request, FY24.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Laraway Youth & Family Services is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Laraway Youth & Family Services is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Laraway Youth & Family Services administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Laraway Youth & Family Services can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Deborah Ormsbee, Program Manager at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School
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Maplehill School

August 19, 2024

Joe Astick, Head of School
Maplehill School
P.O. Box 248
Plainfield, VT 05667

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Astick,

This letter is to officially notify Maplehill School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report all sources of annual off-setting revenue, including Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY25:

Tuition rate includes - imbedded clinical services, school to home coordination services

Standard Tuition Rate	(grades 4 – 12)	\$106,620.09
1:1 Program Rate	(grades 4 – 12)	\$136,473.72

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Maplehill School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Maplehill School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural



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requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 Maplehill School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Maplehill School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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The New School

April 16, 2024
Mr. Elias Gardner, Rhonda Forlow & Betty Roy
Co-Heads of School
The New School
11 West Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Montpelier Campus, FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Gardner, Ms. Furlow & Ms. Roy,

This letter is to officially notify The New School that the following tuition rates have been approved for the Montpelier Program for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2025 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024 and based upon student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds (grants, Medicaid encumbered donations etc).

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY25:

IEP Contracted Service Provider Rate: \$147,511.23
Tuition rate includes One-to-one student aide, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, clinician, and music therapy.

Standard IEP Rate: \$142,637.53



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Tuition Rate Includes

One-to-one student aide, music therapy.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The New School of Montpelier is *required* to enter into a separate *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP not already included in the approved tuition rate. In addition, The New School of Montpelier is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) The New School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The New School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The New School

April 16, 2024

Rhonda Forlow, Elias Gardner & Betty Roy
Co-Heads of School
The New School
11 West Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: **Glover** program, FY25 Tuition Rate
Dear Ms. Forlow, Mr. Gardner & Ms. Roy,

This letter is to officially notify The New School that the following tuition rate has been approved for The New School's **Glover** program for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024 and based upon student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including grants, encumbered donations and Medicaid.

Maximum Tuition Rate, Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible FY25: \$106, 623.26

Tuition rate includes Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapy Services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The New School of Glover is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The New School of Glover is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Priority Placements

May 23, 2024

Sarah Newman, Head of School
Priority Placements
P.O. Box 2428
Brattleboro, VT05303

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate
Dear Ms. Newman,

This letter is to officially notify Priority Placements that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

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The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24: \$53,434.97

Tuition Rate Includes imbedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Priority Placements is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Priority Placements is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Priority Placements’ administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee’s decision. There are two levels of review and



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Sheldon Academy

July 6, 2023

Mark Mossey, Executive Director
Jen Dattoli, Principal
Sheldon Academy at The Vermont Achievement
Center 88 Park Street
Rutland, VT 05702

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Mossey & Ms. Dattoli,

This letter is to officially notify Sheldon Academy that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Sheldon Academy has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24: \$120,119.40

Tuition Rate Includes SLP, OT, Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Services, and one- to-one student support staff, per student IEP requirements

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Sheldon Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance,



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SOAR Learning Center

July 10, 2023

Michael Bombard, Head of
School
Derek Hoy, NCSS CFO
SOAR Learning Center
178 Mc Ginn Drive
P.O. Box 372
St. Albans Bay, VT 05481

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- Elementary/Middle

School Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr. Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR's elementary/middle school, 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

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- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if SOAR Learning Center has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

Medicaid Eligible Rate \$71,181.94

Non-Medicaid Eligible Rate

\$97,422.76

Tuition Rate Includes Embedded clinical services, 1:1 student academic support
In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to enter into a



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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- LEAP

program Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr.

Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR's LEAP program, 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

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- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
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The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

Medicaid Eligible Rate \$91,494.34



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Non Medicaid Eligible Rate \$125, 150.95

Tuition Rate Include: Embedded clinicle services, 1:1 student academic support, 1:1 Behavioral interventionists

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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- High School

Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr. Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR high school, for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

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Tuition Rate Includes Embedded clinical services, 1:1 student academic support

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each



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student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

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Turning Points

August 27, 2024

Beth Treadwell-Brooks, Head of School

Mary Williamson, NFI CFO

Turning Points School

158 Meade Hill Road

Morgan, VT 05853

RE: FY25 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Treadwell-Brooks & Ms. Williamson,

This letter is to officially notify Turning Points School's administration that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application.
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The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2024, and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY25: \$60,258.90
Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Turning Points School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Turning Points School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the

division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



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Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(K) Turning Points School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Turning Points School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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cc: Hannah Goguen, NFI Education Director



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Two Roads Academy

December 1, 2022
Melinda Neff, Head of School
Two Roads Academy
308 Blakely Road
Colchester, VT 05446

RE: FY24 Tuition

Rate Dear Ms. Neff,

This letter is to officially notify Two Roads Academy that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

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The following **maximum rate** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that **must not be construed** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

**Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:
\$159,466.61**

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Two Roads Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Two Roads Academy is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional



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