

FAQ on Tuitioning

How does the Tuitioning process work?

The process is a legal agreement entered into between the two School Boards. In the current situation Schenevus is looking to tuition their 7-12 grade students to Worcester CSD.

Who pays the tuition?

Schenevus Central School would pay the tuition directly to Worcester Central School. The tuition is based on a per student, state regulated formula. Currently the amount defined by the state is \$5500 per student but this amount changes each school year.

What are the potential benefits of receiving tuitioned students from Schenevus?

Receiving tuitioned students from Schenevus has the potential for increased academic programming opportunities, the possibility of more robust athletic teams, and some additional revenue to support academic programming.

Is there any negative impact in receiving tuition students?

Prior to entering into an agreement, Worcester Central School Board will carefully and deliberately study any potential impacts to academic programming changes, extra-curricular changes, staffing, class sizes, technology, building resources and space utilization, as well as overall costs of accepting additional students.

Does the Worcester Community have to vote on accepting tuitioned students?

No, the Worcester community does not vote to approve the contract, it is subject only to Board of Education approval. However, if the contract extends beyond 2 years, then a community vote in Schenevus is required.

Can Worcester receive students from other schools for tuition?

No, currently Worcester Board of Education policy does not allow students living outside District boundaries to attend our school by paying tuition.

How and when will a decision be made?

Worcester Central School and Schenevus Central School's administrators and counselors have begun looking at a variety of topics. Our Worcester team is working diligently to answer as many questions and scenarios as possible to ensure the feasibility of a successful tuitioning venture. While we are sensitive to the immediate need of Schenevus to tuition students as soon as possible, we are taking great care as to not make any hurried decisions. Our primary concern is for the students, staff, families and community of Worcester. While we hope to have a clear decision in the upcoming months, we will only move forward with a decision that preserves the best interest of our students, staff and school community.

What happens if we don't take any tuitioned students?

Worcester will continue to offer its broad academic programming and make enhancements wherever possible. We will continue collaborative efforts with Schenevus in any areas that make sense for both schools and that will offer our students better opportunities. Additionally, the two districts will continue discussions regarding the merger study.