



ESSEX NORTH SHORE

AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Essex Tech By the Numbers

- ✓ **1,926** Students
- ✓ **17** Member Communities
- ✓ **26** Career Technical & Agricultural Programs
- ✓ **350+** Students on Co-Op Education
- ✓ **41** Surrounding Communities



Investing in Students. Strengthening the Regional Workforce.

Essex Tech actively secures outside funding to expand opportunities and reduce costs for communities.

\$4.5M secured | \$9M pending

Funding supports program growth, early college, workforce partnerships, and student services.

FY27 Budget at a Glance

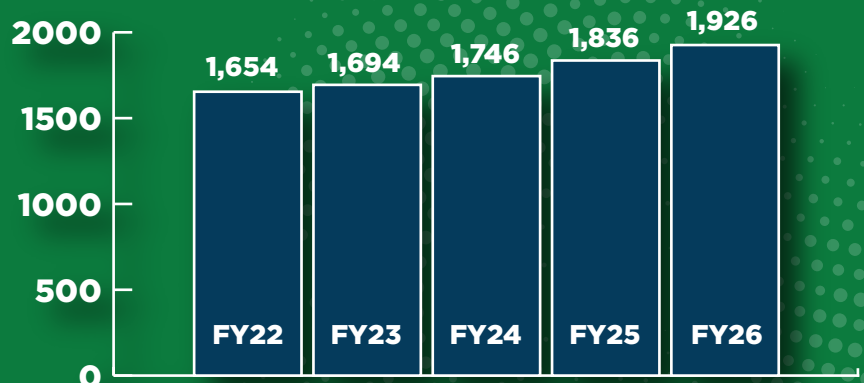
2nd Lowest
Cost Per Pupil Among MA
Agricultural & Technical Schools
**According FY24 DESE School Finance
Dashboard*

\$43.1M Budget-at-a-glance
+4.5% increase over FY26

Lower cost to districts
than local education
DESE EOY 2024 data

Enrollment Continues to Grow

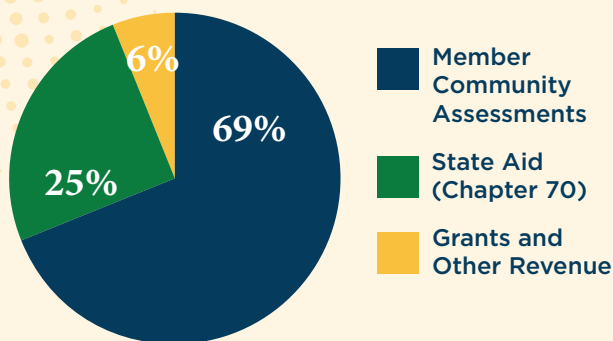
Enrollment at Essex Tech has steadily increased as more students choose career-connected learning opportunities. Enrollment has grown by **more than 16%** over the past five years.



How Essex Tech is Funded

Where the Money Comes From

Primarily funded by member communities, with additional support from state aid and grants.

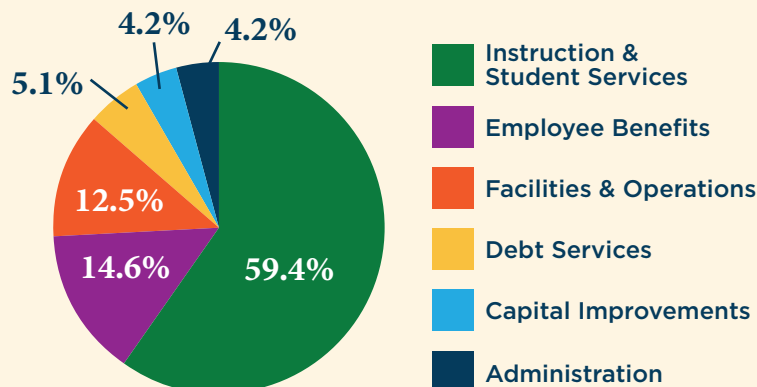


69% locally funded

Carefully managed to limit impact on communities

Where the Money Goes

Most funding directly supports instruction, career programs, and student services.



59.4% invested in student learning

Focused on teaching, learning, and student support



Regional Workforce Impact

Essex Tech graduates leave school prepared with:

- ✓ Career-ready technical skills
- ✓ Industry-recognized credentials
- ✓ College and career pathways

Each year, **more than 1,900 students from across the Commonwealth gain hands-on experience in 26 career technical and agricultural programs**, preparing them for careers in high-demand industries across the North Shore.

We don't just graduate students — we launch careers.



“At a time when costs are rising, we are proud to deliver a budget that meets the needs of our students, provides an excellent education, and maintains one of the lowest per pupil CTAE costs in the state. This approach ensures we continue to prepare students for success while delivering strong value to our communities.”

Heidi T. Riccio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Did You Know...

In traditional districts, many costs are covered by municipality. In regional schools, those costs are part of the district's operating budget.

- In-house services (plowing, maintenance)
- Specialized labs & equipment
- A working farm & facilities
- Student transportation
- Employee costs (health insurance, retirement, specialized staffing)
- Capital improvements

These differences mean more costs are reflected directly in the district's operating budget.