

TESTIMONY

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Finance

Respectfully Submitted by: Agency of Education

Subject: Request regarding School Districts Tuition Payments

Date: February 4, 2026

The Agency received the following request for information from Senate Finance:

1. How much money did school districts pay in tuition to approved independent schools?
2. How much money did school districts pay in tuition to public schools?

In response, the AOE has provided two visuals.

Figures 1 and 2 represent data from the SW1 data collection related to tuition payments made from districts to independent (“non-public”) schools and from districts to other public schools. This is a data collection that the Agency conducts with districts annually. This is self-reported data from the districts and may contain omission errors. The FY25 SW1 data will be finalized in winter 2026.

Figure 1: Tuition to non-public schools (in state and out of state) from FY 2018-2025, elementary and secondary

Fiscal Year	Student FTE	Total Tuition Paid
2017	2809	\$44,378,192
2018	2685	\$40,938,069
2019	2952	\$47,628,086
2020	2838	\$48,835,656
2021	2923	\$48,019,313
2022	2999	\$54,601,500
2023	2847	\$54,315,416



2024	3087	\$61,741,272
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Figure 1: Tuition to public schools (in state and out of state) from FY 2018-2025, elementary and secondary

Fiscal Year	Student FTE	Total Tuition Paid
2017	3415	\$48,373,642
2018	3291	\$49,198,082
2019	2753	\$42,030,686
2020	2809	\$43,956,500
2021	2711	\$43,916,209
2022	2793	\$45,900,224
2023	3234	\$48,288,109
2024	2839	\$51,508,827