

Reaching Higher NH Projected Estimate of Universal School Voucher Expansion

SFY2025 Enrollment	
Private School	16,154
Homeschool	3,971
Total	20,125

	State Funding Per Student	% of Eligible Students	Total
Base Adequacy	\$4,265.64	100.0%	\$85,846,005
FRL	\$2,392.92	26.9%	\$12,950,788
Special Education	\$2,184.84	7.1%	\$3,113,069
ELL	\$832.32	0.0%	\$0
Total			\$101,909,862

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The totals are based on the Public School Adequacy FY2026 Estimate, and do not take into account any changes to the state adequacy formula made after January 1, 2025.
2. The models are based on 2024-2025 private school and homeschool enrollment and assume no changes in enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. They do not include students who reside in New Hampshire and attend an out-of-state private school.
3. The FRL eligibility rate is assumed to be equivalent to the district public school eligibility rate, which is 26.9% in SFY2025. There is expected to be a decrease in eligibility from the current SFY2025 for FRL if the income cap is removed; therefore, the model uses the district public school eligibility rate.
4. The Special Education and ELL eligibility rates are assumed to be equivalent to the current participation rates for the school voucher program in SFY2025.
5. The model assumes that all students who receive a school voucher in FY2025 are counted in the private school and homeschooling enrollment figures. Similarly, the model assumes that all private school students reside in New Hampshire. The NH Department of Education does not have data on either of these scenarios, so this remains an assumption of the model. If voucher recipients are not counted in the private and homeschool enrollment data, the cost of the program would increase to \$130 million per year.

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