

WISCONSIN SENATE REPUBLICANS

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HIGHER EDUCATION: TECH SCHOOLS

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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OVERVIEW

The Wisconsin Technical College System has 16 colleges with multiple campuses. A list of all schools and campuses is located at the end of this document.

FUNDING MECHANISM

WTCS districts receive funding from five major sources: (1) property taxes; (2) state aid, excluding funds transferred from other state agencies; (3) tuition and fees; (4) federal aid; and (5) self-financing operations and miscellaneous revenues. For instance, in the 2013-2014 school year the technical college funding levels were as follows: \$796.7 million from property taxes, \$102.9 million from state aid, \$281.3 million from tuition and fees, \$55.2 million from federal aid, and \$297.5 million from other sources.

2013 ACT 20 (the 2013-15 biennial budget) established a new funding model for allocating a portion of general state aid to technical colleges. The 2016-2017 school year will be the first year this model is fully phased in, with 30% of general state aid being distributed based on the following statutory criteria:

- 1) Job placement rates
- 2) Degrees and certificates awarded in high demand fields
- 3) Programs or courses with industry-validated curriculum
- 4) The transition of adult basic education students to skills training
- 5) The success rate of adults in basic education courses
- 6) Participation in dual enrollment programs
- 7) Workforce training provided to businesses and individuals
- 8) Participation in collaboration or efficiency initiatives
- 9) Training provided to special populations or demographic groups unique to the district

ACT 20 SPECIFIED THAT:

- Each college designates seven of nine statutory criteria for use in the funding allocations
- The model use data from the three previous fiscal years
- The remainder of general state aid be distributed based on the enrollment and cost-based statutory aid formula

Further details can be located here:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2015/0031_wisconsin_technical_college_system_informational_paper_31.pdf

TUITION AND FEES:

Resident (Per Credit)

Fiscal Years	Collegiate	Collegiate Transfer	Postsecondary/	Postsecondary/ Voc-
	Transfer Amount	Percent Increase	Voc-Adult Amount	Adult Percent Increase
2006-07	117.90	8.1%	87.00	8.1%
2007-08	124.70	5.8%	92.05	5.8%
2008-09	131.50	5.4%	97.05	5.4%
2009-10	136.10	3.5%	101.40	4.5%
2010-11	142.20	4.5%	106.00	4.5%
2011-12	150.00	5.8%	111.85	5.8%
2012-13	158.25	5.5%	116.90	4.5%
2013-14	165.40	4.5%	122.20	4.5%
2014-15	170.35	3.0%	125.85	3.0%
2015-16	173.75	2.0%	128.40	2.6%

Out-of-State¹ (Per Credit)

Fiscal Years	Collegiate Transfer	Postsecondary/ Voc-Adult
2005-06	312.35	510.30
2006-07	326.85	536.30
2007-08	353.40	570.55
2008-09	365.55	594.25
2009-10 Summer 2	387.95	606.90
2009-10 Fall/Spring 2	204.15	152.10
2010-11	213.30	159.00
2011-12	225.00	167.80
2012-13	237.38	175.35
2013-14	248.10	183.30
2014-15	260.63	192.60

¹ The total per credit cost requires adding base resident fee to out-of-state tuition.

² By Statute, out-of-state tuition was established at full cost for Summer Session. Beginning in Fall 2009, the statutes were revised, establishing out-of-state tuition at 150% of the program fee rate.

Note the significant drop, from a 5.8% increase to a 2.0% increase, in the percentage tuition has increased yearly since Governor Walker and the Republican legislature took power

LEGISLATION

- **SB 164 (ACT 21)**- Requires tech colleges to charge resident tuition to veteran, their spouses, and their children, living in the state, regardless of whether they would otherwise be considered residents
- **SB 21 (ACT 55)**- Rewards technical colleges for awarding course credit for prior experience or training; Creates a 2-year veteran grant jobs pilot program for technical colleges to support programs or services for veterans
- **AB 740 (ACT 281)**- Increases funding for Wisconsin needs-based grants to tech college students. The legislation provided \$1 million in funding and is estimated to assist 1000 students.
- **AB 741 (ACT 282)**- Creates and funds a \$320,000 program to award grants up to \$500 per student per year to tech college students for emergency financial need. This approach has been credited with increasing the likelihood a student finishes his or her degree in difficult situations by increasing student retention
- **AB 742 (ACT 283)**- Funds two positions within the Office of Skills Development at DWD. These positions would work with employers and institutions throughout the state to build and grow relationships between higher education institutions and employers, so students can gain job skills, which will assist in filling open positions and connecting our graduating students to Wisconsin employers
- **AB 744 (ACT 284)**- Requires institutions of higher education to annually provide a letter to each student that contains certain information about the student's loans, the institution's cost of attendance, and the amount of grants the student receives. The letter also includes financial literacy information

CAMPUSES

BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Janesville Campus
- Monroe Campus

CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- River Falls Campus
- Menomonie Campus
- Chippewa Falls Campus
- Eau Claire Campus

FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Appleton Campus
- Oshkosh Campus

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Elkhorn Campus
- Kenosha Campus

LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Cleveland Campus

MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Reedsburg Campus
- Portage Campus
- Madison Campus
- Watertown Campus
- Fort Atkinson Campus

MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Marshfield Campus
- Stevens Point Campus
- Wisconsin Rapids Campus

MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Mequon Campus
- Milwaukee Campus
- West Allis Campus
- Oak Creek Campus

MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Fond Du Lac Campus
- Beaver Dam Campus
- West Bend Campus

NICOLET AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Minocqua Campus
- Rhinelander Campus

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Phillips Campus
- Medford Campus
- Antigo Campus
- Wausau Campus
- Spencer Campus
- Wittenberg Campus

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Marinette Campus
- Green Bay Campus
- Sturgeon Bay Campus

SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Fennimore Campus

WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Pewaukee Campus
- Waukesha Campus

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Independence Campus
- Black River Falls Campus
- Sparta Campus
- Tomah Campus
- Mauston Campus
- La Crosse Campus
- Viroqua Campus

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Rice Lake Campus
- Ashland Campus
- Superior Campus
- New Richmond Campus