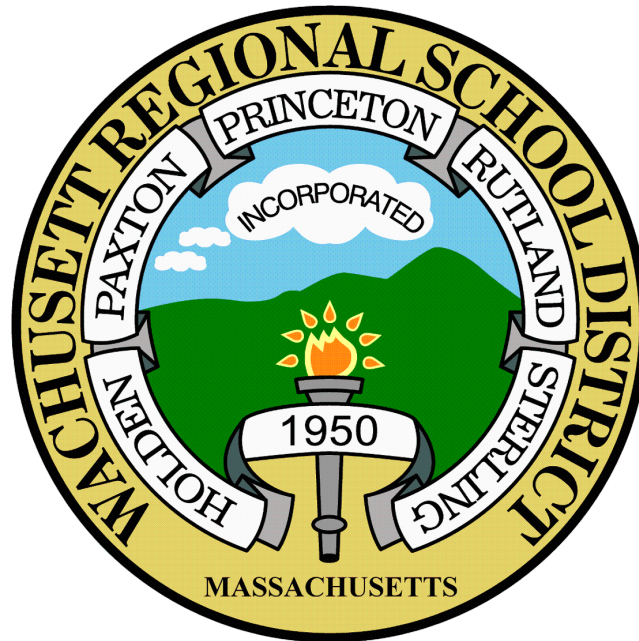


Wachusett Regional School District



Annual Report
2020

Wachusett Regional School District

Serving the towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling



Our mission is to ensure meaningful student growth and promote social emotional wellbeing in a safe and nurturing environment. We will integrate the talent, experience, and knowledge of all members of our community to develop lifelong learners, equipped to think critically in an ever-changing, global society.

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2020-21 Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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Wachusett Regional School District

Core Values

Commitment to Excellence

- Modeling effective teaching that engages and meets the needs of all students
- Providing a rigorous curriculum with expanding options and opportunities for all
- Recruiting and retaining excellent staff

Perseverance

- Tenacity and hard work
- Persisting in the face of obstacles
- Focusing on goals

Critical Thinking

- Analyzing, evaluating, and problem solving
- Thinking creatively
- Being adaptive

Collaboration

- Listening and communicating effectively
- Maximizing strengths and respecting differences
- Cooperating to reach common ground

Global Citizenship and Responsibility

- Celebrating diversity while recognizing commonalities
- Demonstrating civic respect by giving back to the communities
- Developing student's leadership skills for success in a global society

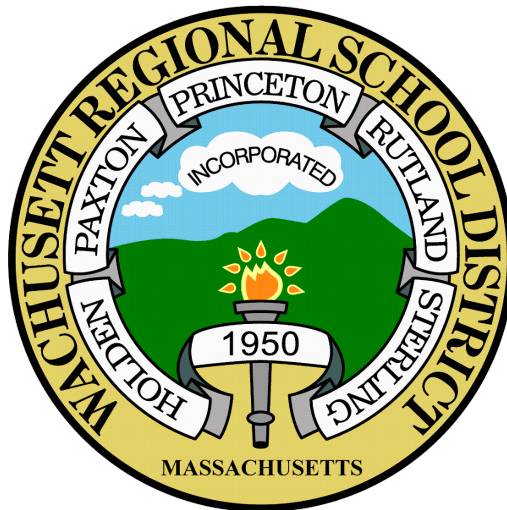
Creativity and Innovation

- Respecting the diversity of thoughts and ideas
- Embedding the arts into content areas
- Thinking freely, not fearing mistakes

Acceptance and Respect of Others

- Demonstrating tolerance
- Fostering a community of teamwork and collaboration
- Creating an atmosphere of safety and acceptance

Our Schools



Central Tree Middle School

281 Main Street - Rutland, MA



Principal: David Cornacchioli
Assistant Principal: Nancy Bates
Enrollment: 344
Grades 6 – 8

Central Tree Middle School teachers and support staff remain committed to fostering a safe and orderly school environment while consequently improving the quality of instruction and increasing parent involvement.

Chocksett Middle School

40 Boutelle Road - Sterling, MA



Principal: Christopher LaBreck
Assistant Principal: Christine Martellio
Enrollment: 300
Grades 5 – 8

Chocksett Middle School staff remains committed to providing a challenging education, in a safe and respectful school environment, that prepares our students for the next step in their education.

Davis Hill Elementary School

80 Jamieson Road - Holden, MA



Principal: Jay Norton
Assistant Principal: Robert Berthiaume
Enrollment: 424
Grades K – 5

The Davis Hill Mission Statement and core values of Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence provide the foundation for the school's educational program. The developmentally appropriate curriculum is aligned to the Common Core and is focused on balanced literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Dawson Elementary School

155 Salisbury Street - Holden, MA



Interim Principal: Melissa Wallace
Assistant Principal: Shannon Bischoff
Enrollment: 445
Grades K – 5

Dawson Elementary School continues its practice of providing educational excellence while also promoting strong social skills and positive values within students. The school continues to engage and challenge students in an environment that fosters the school's core values of Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Honesty, and Integrity.

Early Childhood Center

1745 Main Street - Jefferson, MA



Interim Principal: Andrea Ostrosky
Enrollment: 93

The mission at the Early Childhood Center is to provide a developmentally appropriate preschool education that meets the needs of all children. It is the school's belief that through a differentiated approach to instruction, all children can become active, life-long learners ready to succeed in our ever changing global society

Glenwood Elementary School

65 Glenwood Road - Rutland, MA



Principal: Karen Cappucci
Assistant Principal: Matthew Gauvin
Enrollment: 340
Grades 3 – 5

Glenwood is a collaborative community where all students are educated in the Least Restrictive Environment and all teachers are committed to building curriculum that helps the students develop strong critical thinking, and problem solving abilities.

Houghton Elementary School

32 Boutelle Road - Sterling, MA



Principal: Anthony Cipro
Assistant Principal: Patricia O'Donnell
Enrollment: 307
Grades K – 4

Houghton Elementary School is a child-centered school focused on teaching and learning. The school provides children a strong foundation in basic skills, opportunities to expand the thinking of young minds, appreciation of the arts, and the promotion of the social skills of honesty, kindness, cooperation, responsibility, and respect.

Mayo Elementary School

351 Bullard Street - Holden, MA



Principal: Liz Garden
Assistant Principal: Laura Ramos
Enrollment: 479
Grades K – 5

The mission of Mayo School is to educate, inspire, and empower all members of the learning community. Students and staff are committed to enhancing the lives of the school community and the lives of others by upholding the highest standards of quality and integrity. Children at Mayo Elementary School are provided with a solid educational foundation necessary to be successful throughout their academic lives.

Mountview Middle School

270 Shrewsbury Street - Holden, MA



Principal: Erik Githmark
Assistant Principals: Karen Hughes, Brian McCarthy
Enrollment: 776
Grades 6 – 8

Mountview Middle School students represent a diverse group of learners. At Mountview, the divergent needs of young adolescents as they experience a wide range of physical, social, intellectual, and emotional growth are recognized. Educational decisions are based upon principles of developmentally appropriate practices for these young people so as to maximize their potential to succeed in tomorrow's world.

Naquag Elementary School

285 Main Street - Rutland, MA



Principal: Dixie Estes
Enrollment: 295
Grades K – 2

Naquag Elementary's administration, faculty and staff are committed to providing every student with support and understanding in order to maintain our excellent learning environment; we take pride in our learning atmosphere. We recognize the importance of community involvement and express our appreciation to all parents, family members and town representatives for their continued support.

Paxton Center School

19 West Street - Paxton, MA



Principal: Shawn Rickan
Assistant Principal: Joy Wilde
Enrollment: 440
Grades K – 8

The school motto is Panthers Be the Three: Respectful, Responsible and Reliable. The school strives to be a community of learners in which individuals reach maximum potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Thomas Prince School

170 Sterling Street - Princeton, MA



Principal: Tammy Boyle
Assistant Principal: Amanda Martinez
Enrollment: 339
Grades K – 8

TPS utilizes STEAM integrated education for all students to ensure all students reach their maximum potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically. Thomas Prince students and staff adhere to their Core Values: Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn. Together effort, energy, and initiative are used to reach success.

Wachusett Regional High School

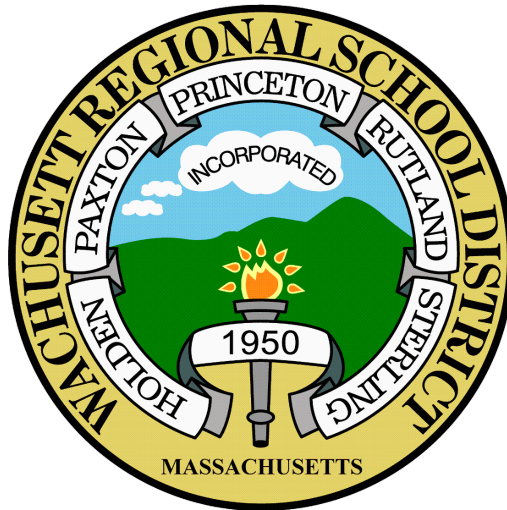
1401 Main Street - Holden, MA



Principal: William Beando
Assistant Principals: Andrew Costa, Victoria DeSimone, Anthony DiBenedetto, Michael Pratt
Enrollment: 2004
Grades 9 – 12

Wachusett Regional High School continues to prepare all of its students for life after high school. Students learn the necessary skills needed to further their education, join the armed forces, or enter the world of work. All students are held to a rigorous set of graduation requirements that ensures they master a common core curriculum.

MCAS Results & Advanced Placement Information



The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did not administer Spring 2020 MCAS for the 2019-2020 school year due to the cancellation of state assessments and school closures related to COVID-19.

Advanced Placement Performance Report – 2019-2020

Subject	Tests Taken	% Score 1-2	% Score 3-5
Arts	20	0	100
Drawing	13	0	100
Music Theory	7*		
English Language Arts	81	12.3	87.7
English Lang/Comp	70	12.9	87.1
English Lit/Comp	11	9.1	90.9
Foreign Languages	23	13	87
Chinese Lang	1*		
French Lang	9*		
Spanish Lang	13	23.1	76.9
History and Social Science	253	13	87
Economics: Macro	28	35.7	64.3
Economics: Micro	28	39.3	60.7
Govt & Pol: U.S.	42	4.8	95.2
History: U.S.	85	3.5	96.5
World History: Modern	42	11.9	88.1
Psychology	28	7.1	92.9
Math and Computer Science	144	18.1	81.9
Calculus AB	54	18.5	81.5
Calculus BC	46	15.2	84.8
Computer Sci A	16	12.5	87.5
Computer Sci Principles	5*		
Statistics	23	21.7	78.3
Science and Technology	76	19.7	80.3
Biology	27	11.1	88.9
Environmental Sci	45	26.7	73.3
Physics C: E&M	2*		
Physics C: Mech	2*		
All Subjects	597	14.6	85.4

* AP Performance is not reported for enrollments of fewer than 10

Budget Information



FY21 Budget by Appropriation

The District budget is organized into 3 primary groups encompassing 9 appropriation numbers.

The first group is SALARIES & BENEFITS consisting of appropriations numbers:

1. Salaries & Stipends
2. Benefits & Insurances

The second group is INSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS consisting of:

3. Instructional Support
4. Operations and Maintenance
5. Pupil Services
6. Special Education Tuitions

The last group is FIXED COSTS which consists of

7. Other Operating Costs
8. Transportation
9. Debt Service

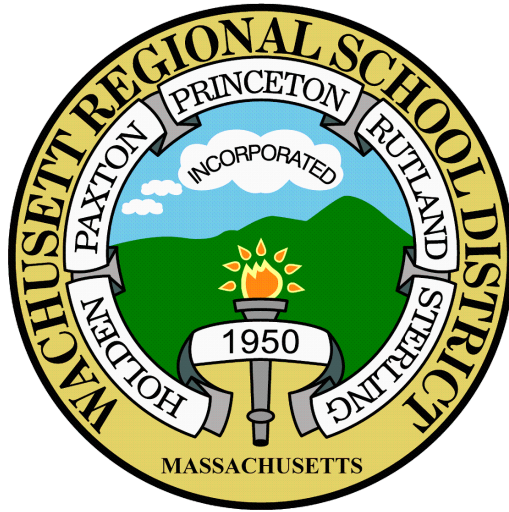
Appropriation	FY 2021 Budget
1. Salaries & Stipends	\$65,182,485
2. Benefits & Insurance	\$16,047,813
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$81,230,298
3. Instructional Support	\$3,489,855
4. Operations & Maintenance	\$3,738,231
5. Pupil Services	\$52,758
6. SPED Tuition	\$2,770,000
Total Instruction & Operations	\$10,050,844
7. Other Operating Costs	\$1,176,810
8. Transportation	\$7,241,701
9. Debt Service	\$2,415,731
Total Fixed Costs	\$10,834,242
Total Expenditures	\$102,115,384

FY21 Revenues by Source

The Wachusett Regional School District receives revenues from 3 major sources:

- Assessments to Member Towns
- State Aid
- Local Revenues

Town Assessments	
Holden	\$31,646,147
Paxton	\$6,843,901
Princeton	\$5,184,582
Rutland	\$13,198,428
Sterling	\$12,089,494
Total for Towns	\$68,962,552
State Aid	
Ch. 70 Aid	\$29,969,019
Ch. 71 Transportation	\$2,430,991
Ch. 70 Charter Aid	\$52,822
Total State Aid	\$32,452,832
Local Revenue	
Medicaid	\$450,000
Interest	\$50,000
Misc. Revenue	\$200,000
Excess & Deficiency	\$0
Total Local Revenue	\$700,000
Total Revenue	\$102,115,384



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