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2025-26 STATE SUPPORT AND STUDENT COSTS FOR WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

The purpose of this document is to inform colleges of the disclosure requirements listed in [RCW 28B.15.0681](#) and to provide sample language they may use in their disclosure statement. The statute directs institutions of higher education to disclose the following information on “tuition billing statements” for resident undergraduate students.

- The full cost of instruction
- The amount collected from student tuition operating fees
- The difference between the full cost of instruction and student tuition.

In addition to the requirement to provide information on a student’s “tuition billing statement”, colleges may, at their discretion, provide the information via brochures, websites, etc.

Amounts in the table below represent an average for a full-time equivalent, lower division resident student attending community and technical colleges for the academic year 2025-26.

Cost of Instruction	Resident	Percent of Total
Tuition Operating Fee per Student Tuition Operating Fee is the standard operating fee for a full-time student in lower division classes	\$3,866	26%
State Support per Student State Support is the amount paid by the state from various sources, including taxes and other funds	\$11,289	74%
Total Cost Per Student Total costs per FTE is composed of Tuition Operating Fee and State Support	\$15,154	100%

Sample - Educational Cost Statement:

The average cost to educate a resident full-time community or technical college student for the 2025-26 academic year is \$15,154. Students pay an average of \$3,866 in tuition toward this cost. The remaining \$11,289 is an “opportunity pathway” provided by the State and is funded by state taxes and other sources. The amounts shown are averages for a full-time, resident student. The actual tuition a student pays will vary due to credit load, residency status and other factors.