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Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District

FY 2026 Budget



LONG TRAIL
SCHOOL



**MOUNT
ANTHONY
UNION
HIGH SCHOOL**

Serving These School Communities

SOUTHWEST TECH INFO



Daytime (2-3) Year Technical Programs

Accounting & Finance, Auto Technology, Building Trades, Business Management, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Graphic Arts & Design, Manufacturing Technology, Forestry & Heavy Equipment, Human Services, Law Enforcement, Medical Professions, Video & TV Productions

Daytime Pre-Tech Foundation Classes

Auto Maintenance, Business Basics, CAD Design & Fab, Digital Drawing & Collage, Emergency Med, Intro to Forestry, International & Regional Foods, Intro. to Mental Illness, S.P.I.K.E, Work-Based Learning Seminar, Woodworking, YouTube and TV Studio

Workforce Certification Courses and Adult Ed Training Courses

Commercial Drivers License (CDL), Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA), Massage Therapy, Welding, Butchering, Tractor Operation, Computer Basics, Dental Assisting (online), Bookkeeping (online)

Online Workforce & Adult Education Training Classes (In partnership with Ed2Go)

Pathways: Arts & Design, Business, Computer Apps/Science, Construction and Trades, Health & Fitness, Hospitality, I.T., Language, Legal, Math and Science, Teacher Professional Dev., Writing and Test Prep – Over 1,200 classes and career training programs available

CTE Program Student

A Career-Technical Education (CTE) student is actively engaged in hands-on learning experiences and consistently strives for mastery in both the technical and theoretical components of the curriculum.

They show a keen understanding of industry standards and are able to apply their knowledge in practical settings, preparing them for real-world challenges. Their ability to earn both college credits and industry credentials speaks to their dedication and readiness for further education or immediate employment in a highly competitive job market. Whether working independently or in collaborative settings, this student demonstrates responsibility, initiative, and an eagerness to succeed, positioning themselves as an asset to both their future employers and educational institutions.



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Student Profile: CTE Program Completer

A Career-Technical Education student demonstrates a strong commitment to both their academic and career development. Upon completion of the CTE-Program, they will earn valuable college credits (3-6) and/or Tier 2 industry-recognized credentials, which are a testament to their proficiency in specialized skills required by the workforce.

Earns 3-6 College Credits and/or Tier 2 Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

Some College Courses

- Office Accounting
- Introduction to Business
- Culinary Foundations
- Safety & Sanitation
- Intro. to Adobe Creative Cloud
- Graphic Design 1
- Graphic Design 2
- Intro. to Early Childhood Education
- Intro. to Human Services
- Intro. to Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement in America
- Human Biology
- Medical Terminology
- Digital Filmmaking 1
- Digital Filmmaking 2

Some Tier 2 IRCs

- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications in Brakes, Suspension & Steering, Electrical/Electronic, Engine Performance, Maintenance & Light Repair
- Certified Lube Technician
- Tire Service Training Certification
- VT State Inspection Certification
- National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) – Construction Core, C Level 1-Carpentry
- VT Cosmetologist License
- ServSafe Manager Certification
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Game of Logging: Levels 1-4 (Chain Saw Skills)
- Adobe Certifications: Photoshop, Illustrator, In-Design, Premiere Pro
- Basic Life Support
- Heartsaver First Aid
- Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens
- American Welding Society – SMAW 1G-375, SMAW 2G-375
- Test Out Microsoft Certifications

Southwest Tech "Students in Action"



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FY26 Proposed Budget

\$5,154,303

Budget Change +6.99%

Prior Year

FY25 Approved Budget

\$4,817,556

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Key Factors in Budget Increases – Inflexible Increases

- Proposed increase in health insurance rates 11.9% = approximately \$60,000
- Negotiated Salary Increases 9.9% plus step = approximately \$246,420
- Employer FICA tax increase 11.17% = approximately \$18,850
- Employer VMERS increase 0.25% = \$6,800
- VT State Teacher OPEB Payment Increase estimate = \$3500
- Act76 Childcare Tax 0.44% (Employer) increase 11% = \$1,000

The above list of increases makes up 99.95% of total increase.

FY 26 Budget Percentages

FY26 Proposed Budget	\$5,154,303.00
Overall Budget Increase	6.99%
Type of Increase	Percentage of Overall Increase
Fixed (Inflexible) Increases	99.95%
Other Increases	0.05%

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Estimated 6 Semester Average FTE Calculation

Spring 22 22s2FTE	Fall 22 23s1FTE	Spring 23 23s2FTE	Fall 23 24s1FTE	Spring 24 24s2FTE	Fall 24 25s1FTE	6 Sem Avg FTE
145.76	162.49	162.85	149.35	138.11	137.98	149.42

*1 FTE = Student enrollment of 240 minutes per day

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FY26 Proposed Announced Tuition
\$29,619

Description	Tuition Amount
FY 26 Announced Tuition (Proposed)	\$29,619
FY 25 Announced Tuition	\$26,875
\$ Change	\$2,744

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Announced Tuition Breakdown

DETAILS	Addition/ Subtraction	Amounts
Announced Tuition		\$29,619
General State Support Grant (On-Behalf) Payment (87% of Base Education Amount)	- \$11,021**	
Supplemental Assistance Grant (35% of Base Education Amount)	- \$4,434**	
Tuition per FTE Vermont Student		\$14,164 (Increase \$3,226)
Tuition per Vermont Program Student (All Year)		\$7,082* (Increase \$1,613)

***Actual local cost to sending schools per one (1) program student for the year.**

****Base Education Amount decreased (-2.87%) for the first time looking back to 2016, reducing GSSG and Supplement Assistance Grant per FTE.**

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

FY26 Proposed Budget \$5,154,303

Announced Tuition \$29,619

NEXT STEPS

Today - RGB Action Items

- Motion/Vote to approve FY26 Budget \$5,154,303
- Motion/Vote to approve Announced Tuition \$29,619

January Meeting

- Approve Warning for Annual Town Meeting