

## **AY 2025-26 TUITION RANGE Announcement\_final\_4-14-25**

*[To be posted on [vccs.edu/blog](https://vccs.edu/blog) and on the websites of all VCCS colleges by April 22, thirty days prior to May 22 VCCS State Board meeting]*

### **State Board for Community Colleges to consider 2025-26 Tuition and Fees at meeting on May 22, 2025**

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In accordance with Section 23.1-307 (D) of the *Code of Virginia*, the State Board for Community Colleges provides notice that at its regular business meeting on May 22, 2025, it will consider tuition and mandatory fee increases for Virginia's Community Colleges, effective fall semester 2025. The May 22 meeting will occur at 9 a.m. at the Virginia Community College System, System Office, 300 Arboretum Place, Richmond, VA 23236.

For in-state students, the State Board will consider tuition and mandatory fee increases of between \$4.75/credit hour and \$8.00/credit hour. For out-of-state students, the Board will consider tuition and fee increases ranging between \$7.25/credit hour and \$10.50/credit hour.

The tuition and fee increases are necessary to pay for additional costs of operating Virginia's community colleges, including costs associated with state-mandated compensation and benefit increases, technology costs, insurance premiums and inflationary cost pressures.

Current tuition and mandatory fees at Virginia's Community Colleges are: \$163.40/credit hour for in-state students, and \$378.00 for out-of-state students. You can [see details about tuition and fees](#) on the VCCS website

Virginia Community college tuition remains less than one-third the cost of attending public four-year baccalaureate institutions.

Written comments from the public will be accepted through May 21 and will be made available to the Board before action on tuition is taken. Written comments may be sent to Andrew Kachur, Executive Coordinator for the Chancellor, at [akachur@vccs.edu](mailto:akachur@vccs.edu), or they may be mailed to the attention of Andrew Kachur at:

Office of the Chancellor

Virginia Community College System

300 Arboretum Parkway

Richmond, Virginia 23236

*[URL embedded in text above, "Current tuition and mandatory fees":]*

<https://www.vccs.edu/application-information/#tuition-fees>

## **AY 2025-26 Tuition Ranges-RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS- FINAL\_4-14-25**

*NOTE: We will publish a post in the vccs.edu blog on Monday, April 14, 2025 reporting the range of tuition increases that will be considered by the VCCS State Board when the Board meets on May 22, 2025. In that BLOG POST, we say (in part):*

*“For in-state students, the State Board will consider tuition and mandatory fee increases of between \$4.75/credit hour and \$8.00/credit hour. For out-of-state students, the Board will consider tuition and fee increases ranging between \$7.25/credit hour and \$10.50/credit hour.”*

**IF WE RECEIVE QUESTIONS** FROM THE PUBLIC OR MEDIA OUTLETS ASKING US TO EXPRESS THE TUITION INCREASES IN TERMS OF **PERCENTAGE** VALUES, WE NEED TO RESPOND QUICKY AND ACCURATELY, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO OFFER ADDITIONAL CONTEXT.

**Please rely on the information and language below to respond:**

Thanks for your inquiry about the range of tuition increases at Virginia’s Community Colleges for the upcoming Academic Year.

For in-state students, the State Board will consider tuition and mandatory fee increases of between \$4.75/credit hour and \$8.00/credit hour, in other words: 2.9%-4.9%.

For out-of-state students, the Board will consider tuition and mandatory fee increases of between \$7.25/credit hour and \$10.50/credit hour, in other words, 1.9%-2.8%.

We’d like to point out that considering tuition increases strictly in terms of percentage value doesn’t provide a full picture. To begin with, it’s important to remember that Virginia Community college tuition remains less than one-third the cost of attending Virginia’s public four-year baccalaureate institutions.

So, for example, when institutions start with very different tuitions to begin with, a tuition hike of 2-percent produces vastly different impacts on family budgets for students attending those institutions.

Our community colleges work hard to control costs to be accessible to Virginia families.

We depend on funding from the state budget approved by the governor and General Assembly. We expect a final decision from them in the coming weeks for the next budget year. We rely on tuition and mandatory fees to provide the remainder of funds to operate our colleges.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we face additional costs to operate Virginia's community colleges, including costs associated with state-mandated compensation and benefit increases, technology costs, insurance premiums and inflationary cost pressures.

One additional note about state support for our community colleges: for every \$1 that supports a full-time equivalent student at a public Virginia university, VCCS receives 57 cents.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) produces a very good analysis of Tuition and Fees at Virginia's public colleges and universities, and you can access that report at this URL:

<https://www.schev.edu/research-publications/reports-publications/2024-25-tuition-and-fees-report>