

Department Name	Community College Tuition
Account(s)	2490

Description

Sections 6304 and 6305 of the New York State Education Law require contributions from a student’s “home county” for the payment of community college expenses incurred outside of the county.

Community College payments are based on a formula that determines a full-time equivalent (FTE) student chargeback rate for each student, which is billed back to their home county. The rate is established by dividing the local sponsor share by the total number of full-time equivalent students (FTE’s) attending the institution from all counties. This is the per capita rate that should be applied to all students regardless of the county of residence. For out-of-state students, this amount is simply added to the student’s tuition amount. The chargeback rate itself has an operational and capital component that is influenced by different factors.

The operational rate changes if the size of the community college’s budget increases or decreases or the number of students rises or falls significantly. For instance, if the community college’s net operating budget increases or the number of students falls, the chargeback rate increases.

Due to its proximity to Albany County, a lot more Albany residents attend Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) in Rensselaer County than any other community college in the New York system. In 2024, HVCC represented approximately 81.47% percent of Albany County’s liability for community college chargebacks at just under \$12 million dollars. Although Hudson Valley is the County’s greatest expenditure for Community College payments, we regularly make payments to other Community Colleges throughout New York State.

Educational Institution	Amount	Share
Hudson Valley Community College	\$11,950,225	81.47%
Schenectady County Community College	\$1,004,918	6.85%
Fashion Institute of Technology	\$560,710	3.82%
Columbia Green Community College	\$313,698	2.14%
Adirondack Community College	\$197,398	1.35%
All Remaining Institutions	\$641,398	4.37%