



Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date: **June 11, 2026**

Agenda Item: **4.6**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Fiscal, Facilities, & Audit Committee**

Action Item: **AY 2026-27 Tuition Rates**

TUITION RATES

Board Policy 6500 states that the Board shall set and collect tuition for resident, nonresident, undergraduate, and graduate students, as well as an online rate for online courses. Undergraduate rates will be established, and the graduate rate will be approximately one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the undergraduate rate. In January 2026, the Board approved setting graduate-level tuition rates at one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of undergraduate rates for both resident and non-resident graduate students. There will be one rate for undergraduate and one rate for graduate online courses. The online graduate rate will be established at approximately one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the online undergraduate rate.

ONLINE RATE

Board Policy 6500 also provides that the online rate is inclusive of tuition and fees.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM RATE

Board Policy 6500 also provides that the dual enrollment rate is inclusive of tuition and fees.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We propose reducing the professional development rate from \$75 to \$40. This rate adjustment is an opportunity to support teachers in school districts to earn credit to move across the pay scale and/or use these courses as a pipeline into a graduate program. As we continue to build our relationships with school districts, lowering the professional development rate supports our service mission, is a goodwill gesture to the school districts, and could help increase the number of teachers enrolled in graduate programs.

The Nebraska State College System strives to uphold our core values, including maintaining affordable tuition and fees. The System was fortunate to receive a 2.97% funding increase from the Legislature for FY27. While this represents approximately 50% of our biennium budget request, the current revenue projections for the State, coupled with the desire to reduce property taxes, have limited the funds available for allocation across State agencies and higher education. A moderate increase in tuition rates helps to address a portion of the funding gap in State support.

Even with the proposed tuition adjustment, the System continues to face an estimated \$850,000 shortfall in FY27. As a result, each of the Colleges has developed budgets that include expenditure reductions and operational adjustments to offset the remaining gap while continuing to prioritize student access, affordability, and core academic and student support services.

The System Office recommends approval of Academic Year Tuition Rates.

Updated: June 10, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

- Tuition Rates AY2026-2027.pdf

Nebraska State College System
AY2025-26 to AY2026-27 Tuition and Fee Rates

	AY26 Tuition Rates	AY27 Tuition Rates	Percent Increase/(Decrease)
Tuition			
Undergraduate Resident	\$201.90	\$209.50	3.75%
Graduate Resident	\$252.40	\$261.90	3.75%
Undergraduate Nonresident	\$201.90	\$209.50	3.75%
Graduate Nonresident	\$504.70	\$261.90	(48.11%)
Online Rate			
Undergraduate	\$325.50	\$337.70	3.75%
Graduate	\$412.00	\$427.45	3.75%
Special Graduate			
CSC - ME in Curriculum & Instruction	\$389.40	\$404.00	3.75%
CSC - MAE in Education (History/Science/Math)	\$389.40	\$404.00	3.75%
PSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction	\$389.40	\$404.00	3.75%
WSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction	\$389.40	\$404.00	3.75%
WSC - MSE in Special Education	\$389.40	\$404.00	3.75%
Dual Enrollment	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.00%
Professional Development	\$75.00	\$40.00	(46.67%)