

# *2014 Town Meeting Grids*

*(Based on preliminary budgets submitted by the school districts)*

This town meeting grid report is based on base education tax rates as proposed and passed by the House in H. 265. The bill awaits deliberation by the Senate.

Proposed and passed by the House (H.265):

Homestead: \$0.94

Non-Residential : \$1.44

Base Education Amount: \$9,151

The above figures are based on the assumption that statewide education spending will increase by 5.5%.

6 : Berkshire

Proposed FY14 homestead tax rate = \$0.94  
Proposed FY14 education payment = \$9,151  
Base income percent = 1.80%

# **FY2014 ESTIMATED NET EDUCATION TAX AMOUNTS FOR A HOUSE AND UP TO TWO ACRES**

**ESTIMATES ONLY**

District: **Berkshire**  
County: **Franklin**

LEA: **T018**  
S.U. : **Franklin Northeast S.U.**

## **FY2013 compared to prior years**

|                                                           | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2011<br>Actual | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2012<br>Actual | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2013<br>Actual | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2014<br>Local | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2014<br>UHS | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2014<br>UES | Act 68<br>(Act 130)<br>FY2014<br>Proposed |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Budgeted expenditures .....                               | 3,849,201                               | 3,747,994                               | 3,763,967                               | 3,718,621                              |                                      |                                      |                                           |
| District education spending per eq. pupil .....           | 10,492                                  | 9,978                                   | 10,421                                  | 10,900                                 |                                      |                                      |                                           |
| State average spending per eq. pupil .....                | 12,204                                  | 12,287                                  | 12,789                                  |                                        |                                      |                                      | 13,550                                    |
| Equalized education homestead tax rate .....              |                                         |                                         |                                         | 1.1197                                 |                                      |                                      |                                           |
| Municipal equalized pupil ratios at school districts..... |                                         |                                         |                                         | 100.00%                                |                                      |                                      |                                           |
| Pro-Rated equalized education homestead tax rates.....    | 1.0560                                  | 1.0160                                  | 1.0633                                  | 1.1197                                 |                                      |                                      | 1.1197                                    |
| Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) .....                     | 102.74%                                 | 101.21%                                 | 106.64%                                 |                                        |                                      |                                      | 106.15%                                   |
| Estimated rates on homestead tax bill .....               | 1.0278                                  | 1.0039                                  | 0.9971                                  | 1.0548                                 |                                      |                                      | 1.0548                                    |
| Household income percentage (HIP) .....                   | 2.21%                                   | 2.10%                                   | 2.15%                                   | 2.14%                                  |                                      |                                      | 2.14%                                     |

A base homestead tax rate has been passed by the House and awaits Senate discussion and then any resolution of differences. A base rate of \$0.94 has been used for this scenario, but the final base rate may be either higher or lower.

The FY2014 state average is based only on those preliminary budgets submitted to DOE as of 27-Feb-2013.

FY13 HIP used for FY14 tax adjustment calculation

2.15%

## **The homestead education tax table below estimates the amount taxpayers will pay on their housesite in FY2014.**

Education tax amounts shown below apply to a house and up to two acres but do not include any municipal rebates nor additional credits.

1. Find the row with the listed housesite value closest to your housesite value (house and up to two acres).
2. Find the column that most closely approximates your 2012 household income.
3. Where the two intersect is an approximation of the education taxes owed in FY2014 for your housesite.

| Listed 2013<br>Housesite Value | 2012 Vermont Household Income |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|                                | 30,000                        | 40,000 | 47,000 | 50,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 | 105,000 |
| \$ 50,000                      | 367                           | 367    | 367    | 527    | 527    | 527    | 527    | 527    | 527     | 527     |
| \$ 75,000                      | 631                           | 631    | 631    | 791    | 791    | 791    | 791    | 791    | 791     | 791     |
| \$ 100,000                     | 703                           | 896    | 896    | 1,055  | 1,055  | 1,055  | 1,055  | 1,055  | 1,055   | 1,055   |
| \$ 120,000                     | 714                           | 929    | 1,080  | 1,144  | 1,266  | 1,266  | 1,266  | 1,266  | 1,266   | 1,266   |
| \$ 140,000                     | 726                           | 941    | 1,092  | 1,156  | 1,371  | 1,477  | 1,477  | 1,477  | 1,477   | 1,477   |
| \$ 160,000                     | 738                           | 953    | 1,104  | 1,168  | 1,383  | 1,598  | 1,688  | 1,688  | 1,688   | 1,688   |
| \$ 180,000                     | 749                           | 964    | 1,115  | 1,179  | 1,394  | 1,609  | 1,824  | 1,899  | 1,899   | 1,899   |
| \$ 200,000                     | 761                           | 976    | 1,127  | 1,191  | 1,406  | 1,621  | 1,836  | 2,051  | 2,110   | 2,110   |
| \$ 220,000                     | 772                           | 987    | 1,138  | 1,202  | 1,417  | 1,632  | 1,847  | 2,129  | 2,321   | 2,321   |
| \$ 240,000                     | 784                           | 999    | 1,150  | 1,214  | 1,429  | 1,644  | 1,859  | 2,340  | 2,532   | 2,532   |
| \$ 260,000                     | 795                           | 1,010  | 1,161  | 1,225  | 1,440  | 1,655  | 1,870  | 2,551  | 2,742   | 2,742   |
| \$ 280,000                     | 806                           | 1,021  | 1,172  | 1,236  | 1,451  | 1,666  | 1,881  | 2,761  | 2,953   | 2,953   |
| \$ 300,000                     | 818                           | 1,033  | 1,184  | 1,248  | 1,463  | 1,678  | 1,893  | 2,973  | 3,164   | 3,164   |
| \$ 320,000                     | 829                           | 1,044  | 1,195  | 1,259  | 1,474  | 1,689  | 1,904  | 3,183  | 3,375   | 3,375   |
| \$ 340,000                     | 841                           | 1,056  | 1,207  | 1,271  | 1,486  | 1,701  | 1,916  | 3,395  | 3,586   | 3,586   |
| \$ 360,000                     | 852                           | 1,067  | 1,218  | 1,282  | 1,497  | 1,712  | 1,927  | 3,605  | 3,797   | 3,797   |
| \$ 380,000                     | 864                           | 1,079  | 1,230  | 1,294  | 1,509  | 1,724  | 1,939  | 3,816  | 4,008   | 4,008   |
| \$ 400,000                     | 876                           | 1,091  | 1,242  | 1,306  | 1,521  | 1,736  | 1,951  | 4,028  | 4,219   | 4,219   |

**Without education  
tax adjustments,  
your 2013-2014 tax  
would be:**

|          |
|----------|
| \$ 527   |
| \$ 791   |
| \$ 1,055 |
| \$ 1,266 |
| \$ 1,477 |
| \$ 1,688 |
| \$ 1,899 |
| \$ 2,110 |
| \$ 2,321 |
| \$ 2,532 |
| \$ 2,742 |
| \$ 2,953 |
| \$ 3,164 |
| \$ 3,375 |
| \$ 3,586 |
| \$ 3,797 |
| \$ 4,008 |
| \$ 4,219 |

Tax adjustment benefits phase-out for household incomes of approximately \$97,000

The maximum total adjustment is \$8,000. (32 V.S.A. § 6067)

**ESTIMATES ONLY, BASED ON DATA SUBMITTED BY DISTRICTS AND CLA REDETERMINATIONS AS OF 27-FEB-2013**

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Proposed FY14 education payment = \$9,151  
Base income percent = 1.80%

Proposed FY2014 Education Tax Information

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District: **Berkshire**  
S.U.: **Franklin Northeast S.U.**

LEA: **T018**  
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| Revised : -                                                                                                                                                |                               | Berkshire    |  |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--|------|
|                                                                                                                                                            |                               | Local        |  |      |
| <b>Calculate Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil</b>                                                                                                    |                               |              |  |      |
| 1. Total budgeted expenditures                                                                                                                             |                               | \$ 3,718,621 |  | (1)  |
| 2. Act 144 expenditures <i>(Construction spending on local education grand list)</i>                                                                       | -                             |              |  | (2)  |
| 3. Expenditures less Act 144 dollars                                                                                                                       | (line 1) - (line 2)           | \$ 3,718,621 |  | (3)  |
| 4. Total local revenues                                                                                                                                    |                               | \$ 720,798   |  | (4)  |
| 5. Dedicated Act 144 revenues                                                                                                                              | -                             |              |  | (5)  |
| 6. Net Act 144 expenditures to raise locally                                                                                                               | (line 2) - (line 5)           | -            |  | (6)  |
| 7. Local revenues less dedicated Act 144 revenues                                                                                                          | (line 4) - (line 6)           | \$ 720,798   |  | (7)  |
| 8. Initial Education Spending                                                                                                                              | (line 3) - (line 7)           | \$ 2,997,823 |  | (8)  |
| 9. Capital debt hold-harmless aid for pre-Act 60 projects                                                                                                  |                               | -            |  | (9)  |
| 10. Education Spending                                                                                                                                     | (line 8) - (line 9)           | \$ 2,997,823 |  | (10) |
| 11. Equalized pupils at the school district(s)                                                                                                             |                               | 275.03       |  | (11) |
| 12. Education Spending per equalized pupil                                                                                                                 | (line 10) / (line 11)         | \$ 10,900    |  | (12) |
| <b>Excess Spending Calculation</b>                                                                                                                         |                               |              |  |      |
| 13. All Exclusions                                                                                                                                         |                               | \$ 12,121    |  | (13) |
| 14. Eligible exclusions per equalized pupil                                                                                                                | (line 13) / (line 11)         | \$ 44        |  | (14) |
| 15. Adjusted per pupil figure to use for excess spending <i>(less eligible capital costs)</i>                                                              | (line 12) - (line 14)         | \$ 10,856    |  | (15) |
| 16. Excess Spending Threshold                                                                                                                              |                               | \$ 15,456    |  | (16) |
| 17. Per pupil spending above the threshold                                                                                                                 | (line 15) - (line 16)         | -            |  | (17) |
| 18. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment                                                                                              | (line 12) + (line 17)         | \$ 10,900    |  | (18) |
| 19. District Spending Adjustment                                                                                                                           | (line 18) / \$9,151           | 119.113%     |  | (19) |
| <b>Calculation of equalized education tax rates for school districts</b>                                                                                   |                               |              |  |      |
| <b>Homestead Tax Rate</b>                                                                                                                                  |                               |              |  |      |
| 20. Equalized homestead tax rate                                                                                                                           | (line19) x \$0.940            | \$ 1.1197    |  | (20) |
| <b>Calculation of actual education tax rate for Berkshire</b>                                                                                              |                               |              |  |      |
| 21. Berkshire equalized pupil counts at school districts                                                                                                   |                               | 275.03       |  | (21) |
| 22. Total Berkshire equalized pupils                                                                                                                       |                               | 275.03       |  | (22) |
| 23. Berkshire equalized pupil ratios at school districts                                                                                                   | (line 21) / (line 22)         | 100.00%      |  | (23) |
| 24. Pro-Rated Equalized Tax Rates from school districts for Berkshire                                                                                      | (line 20) x (line 23)         | \$ 1.1197    |  | (24) |
| 25. Total Equalized Tax rate                                                                                                                               | sum of line 24                | \$ 1.1197    |  | (25) |
| 26. Common level of appraisal <i>(ratio of local appraised value to the State determined fair-market value)</i>                                            |                               | 106.15%      |  | (26) |
| 27. Pro-Rated Actual Tax Rates from school districts for Berkshire                                                                                         | (line 24) / (line 26)         | \$ 1.0548    |  | (27) |
| 28. Estimated homestead rate on tax bill <b>(May not be valid if town is reappraising)</b>                                                                 | sum of line 27                | \$ 1.0548    |  | (28) |
| <b>Note: Tax rates shown on lines 25 and 28 DO NOT include any additional tax rate required to pay for Act 144 capital or construction costs (line 6).</b> |                               |              |  |      |
| <b>Non-residential Tax Rate</b>                                                                                                                            |                               |              |  |      |
| 29. Equalized non-residential tax rate                                                                                                                     |                               | \$ 1.440     |  | (29) |
| 30. Non-residential tax rate on tax bill <b>(May not be valid if town is reappraising)</b>                                                                 | (line 29) / (line 26)         | \$ 1.3566    |  | (30) |
| <b>Calculate income based cap on housesite education tax</b>                                                                                               |                               |              |  |      |
| 31. Pro-Rated household income percentage.                                                                                                                 | (line 19) x 1.80% x (line 23) | 2.14%        |  | (31) |
| 32. Estimated income-based cap on total housesite education tax for FY2014                                                                                 |                               | 2.14%        |  | (32) |
| <b>Local Tax for Act 144 projects</b>                                                                                                                      |                               |              |  |      |
| 33. Net Act 144 expenditures to raise locally                                                                                                              | -                             |              |  | (33) |

Base homestead and non-residential tax rates have been proposed and passed by the House. As proposed, base rate of \$0.94 for homestead and \$1.44 for non-residential properties have been used for this scenario, but the final base rates may be either higher or lower. The Senate has not yet begun deliberations on the bill.