

**Sauk Valley Community College
February 23, 2026**

Action Item 4.4

Topic: Tuition and Fee Adjustments for 2026-2027 Academic Year

College Health Metric: Financial Stability – The College uses its revenue prudently while pursuing and utilizing alternative revenue streams. Investment in programs, personnel, processes, and infrastructure are carefully considered and supported by College Planning.

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Presentation:

Tuition and Fee adjustments were presented during the January 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. A summary of recommended 2026-27 adjustments compared to 2025-26 rates is included. Adjustments are effective for academic terms beginning after July 1, 2026.

Tuition Pricing Philosophy:

- One universal tuition rate
- One universal student fee
- Course fees established to fund instructional activities specific to departmental expenditures based on average annual departmental expenditures
- Sufficient to maintain and/or improve level of student service
- Market appropriate
- No limit on amount generated as a percentage of total operating revenues
- Modest incremental increases in tuition rates (slow and steady approach)
- Charge online students in-district rates

	<u>2025-26</u>		<u>2026-27</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>%</u>
Universal Tuition & Fees							
In-District Tuition	\$ 155	\$	160	\$	5		3.2%
Out-of-District Tuition ¹	\$ 372	\$	380	\$	8		2.2%
Out-of-State Tuition ²	\$ 415	\$	420	\$	5		1.2%
Student Support Services Fee	\$ 19	\$	23	\$	4		21.1%
Online Courses							
Tuition ³	\$ 155	\$	160	\$	5		3.2%
Student Support Services Fee	\$ 19	\$	23	\$	4		21.1%
Online Fee	\$ 20	\$	20	\$	-		0.0%
Course Fees							
General	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		0.0%
Ag	\$ 25	\$	30	\$	5		20.0%
Fitness Center	\$ 10	\$	20	\$	10		100.0%
Lab Sciences	\$ 12	\$	13	\$	1		8.3%
Nursing (CNA)	\$ 35	\$	35	\$	-		0.0%
Nursing (ADN/LPN)	\$ 65	\$	70	\$	5		7.7%
RadTech	\$ 24	\$	30	\$	6		25.0%
Sonography	\$ 24	\$	30	\$	6		25.0%
Studio Art	\$ 35	\$	40	\$	5		14.3%
Tech Labs	\$ 12	\$	13	\$	1		8.3%
Welding	\$ 45	\$	45	\$	-		0.0%
CDL (12 credit hour program) ⁴	\$ 255	\$	269	\$	14		5.5%
Dual Credit Fee⁵	\$ 50	\$	50	\$	-		0.0%

Universal in-district tuition and fees will be increasing \$9 (5.17%) from \$174 to \$183 for terms beginning after July 1, 2026.

Footnotes

- ¹ Minimum 1.5 times the highest in-district tuition rate of any neighboring contiguous Illinois community college districts. Black Hawk College was \$174 for FY2026.
- ² Minimum of 1.67 times its in-district tuition rate.
- ³ ICCB Administrative Rules allow for an exclusion of out-of-district and out-of-State rates for online courses.
- ⁴ Overall program charge per student is set at \$5,148 for 12 credit hour program per agreement with third-party provider.
- ⁵ This fee is assessed per student and course are charged directly to high schools participating in the College's dual credit program where the courses are taught at the high school by a high school instructor. There is no proposed change to the waivers applied dual credit courses offered by the College or taught at the high schools by College instructors.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the following tuition and fees for academic terms beginning after July 1, 2026:

	<u>2026-27</u>	
Universal Tuition & Fees		
In-District Tuition	\$	160
Out-of-District Tuition ¹	\$	380
Out-of-State Tuition ²	\$	420
Student Support Services Fee	\$	23
Online Courses		
Tuition ³	\$	160
Student Support Services Fee	\$	23
Online Fee	\$	20
Course Fees		
General	\$	-
Ag	\$	30
Fitness Center	\$	20
Lab Sciences	\$	13
Nursing (CNA)	\$	35
Nursing (ADN/LPN)	\$	70
RadTech	\$	30
Sonography	\$	30
Studio Art	\$	40
Tech Labs	\$	13
Welding	\$	45
CDL (12 credit hour program) ⁴	\$	269
Dual Credit Fee⁵	\$	50

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