



FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT #6004 INFORMATION		Assessment Type	Menahga Elections
Membership Fee	The Freshwater Education District is established as an Education District under Minnesota Statute 123A.15. The membership fee assessed covers any overhead costs that don't generate revenue and can't be allocated to a specific program.	40% Equal Share 60% ADM Enrollment	Included in Membership
Lease Levy	Freshwater Education District leases four separate sites for ALC purposes. The lease costs are levied through the member districts levy authority.	40% Equal Share 60% ADM Enrollment	Included in Membership
LTFM Levy	Freshwater Education District levies for LTFM funds through the member districts based on the total NTC value of each district. Each member district must pass the LTFM levy by resolution at a regularly scheduled board meeting.	Direct Levy Value	Included in Membership
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			
Level IV Program	The purpose of Leaf River/White Pine/Elm Tree Academies (LRA/WPA/ETA) is to provide an effective academic and behavioral program in a safe, structured and encouraging environment for students with emotional and behavioral difficulties. This is achieved by using a system wide approach that utilizes Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).	State Aid Tuition Billing	Included in Membership
Shared Special Education Assessment	The shared assessment for Special Education services provided to twelve districts includes the cost of a Special Education Director, School Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Physical Impaired Teachers, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teachers, Visual Impairment Teachers, Program Specialists, Assessment Specialists, and Behavioral Specialists, and Special Education overhead costs.	40% Equal Share 60% ADM Enrollment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Early Childhood Special Education	Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teachers provide specialized instruction and support to young children who have developmental delays, disabilities, or other special needs. ECSE teams provide assessments, IEP development, specialized instructions, parent collaboration, behavior support and interventions, and data monitoring.	Average Cost per FTE Needed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Speech Services	Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) and SLP Assistant services are provided to districts on an elective basis to support students with communication disorders and difficulties. These staff assess students, develop individualized education programs for students, and provide treatment and therapy for students.	Direct Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
Teacher Coaching	Teacher Coaching services are provided to districts on an elective basis to work with educators to implement effective instructional strategies and accommodations.	Direct Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
Social Worker Services	School Social Worker services are provided to districts on an elective basis to support students through counseling and crisis interventions. School Social Workers also collaborate with families and school staff to develop strategies that support students' success. Some School Social works may be covered by SSP funding.	Direct Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
Medical Assistance Billing	Students receiving services documented in their IEP that are eligible for Medical Assistance Billing are billed out by the Freshwater Education District to generate additional federal revenue to be used by the district for eligible special education expenses.	Proportion of Sped Child Count in Coop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Student Support Personnel	Student Support Personnel includes psychologist, social workers, school counselors, nurses, and chemical dependency counselors that are provided to member districts by the Freshwater Education District to support students mental and physical health needs.	Equal Share	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SERVICES			
Area Learning Center	The Freshwater Education District hosts five ALC sites (Wadena, Staples, Long Prairie, Menahga, and Pillager) that provide learning alternatives for students including independent study, mid-level programming, night school, seat-based learning, and credit recovery.	Direct Gen Ed Ext Time and Tuition Bill (Sped)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Targeted Services	Targeted Service programs provide before/after school programs for K-8 students needing additional time to develop skills and abilities. Targeted Service provide a different approach of learning designed for meeting the needs of the whole student.	Direct Ext Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Credit Recovery	Credit Recovery programs are designed for students in grades 9-12 needing to earn missed credits to stay on track for graduation.	Direct Ext Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS			
Early Childhood Family Education	ECFE is a program designed to support families in providing the best possible environment for the growth and development of their young children, from birth to kindergarten entrance. The program aims to strengthen families and enhance the development of children by offering various educational and supportive services. ECFE programs typically offer parent-child interaction activities, parent education sessions, and early childhood education for children.	100% District's Aid, Levy, Community Funded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
School Readiness	School Readiness is designed to prepare children for a successful transition to formal schooling. The goal of School Readiness programs, including those offered through ECFE, is to ensure that children have the foundational skills and competencies needed to thrive in a classroom setting and succeed academically, socially, and emotionally as they enter kindergarten and beyond.	100% District's Aid, Levy, Community Funded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
ECFE Consulting Services	Freshwater can assist with evaluating the ECFE program, advising on program development based on a community needs assessment, assist with MDE reporting and applications, and making program recommendations.	Direct Cost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
SR Consulting Services	Freshwater can assist with evaluating the SR program, compiling and submitting reports and applications, working with the community education service director, and providing program recommendations.	Direct Cost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Waive
Adult Education	ABE provides adult (17 and older not enrolled in a K - 12 service) English as a second language classes and citizenship classes. ABE also provides educational services for adults as they work on obtaining their High School diplomas.	Equal Share	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
OTHER SERVICES			
Carl Perkins	Freshwater Education District hosts the federal Carl Perkins grant. This grant provides funding for Career and Technical Education programs.	Approved by Application	Approved by Application
Wide Area Network and Internet Access	The Freshwater Education District hosts a wide area network that supports switches and virtual local area networks that provides internet connectivity to our member districts.	Equal Share	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
Technology Support Services	Freshwater Education District provides technology support services at a district level to support the technology needs of students and staff.	Direct Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive
Business Support Services	Business Manager and Payroll Support services are offered to member districts in need of part time positions, training, and mentorship. These services provide insight to best practices, internal controls, and efficiencies within a business office to best provide transparent and useful finance information.	Direct Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waive

This understanding is made between the Freshwater Education District #6004 and the Independent School District, wherein the District elects the services specified in the above menu option for the 2026-2027 school year. By signing this understanding, the member district confirms its intent to utilize the elected services as outlined, adhering to any associated terms, costs, and timelines detailed in the understanding.

Freshwater Education District #6004 agrees to deliver the chosen services in accordance with the scope and standards defined in the menu option, and the District agrees to comply with all stated policies, responsibilities, and payments due for the services provided. Although this does not represent a formal written contract, it is in the best interest of the cooperative to follow through with these menu options. Any changes in elections shall be communicated to the Freshwater Education District #6004 immediately.

Menu options are due back the Freshwater Education District #6004 by February 11th.


 Eric Weber, Superintendent
 Freshwater Education District #6004
 Date: Feb 24, 2026


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 Jamie Wothe, Special Education Director
 Freshwater Education District #6004
 Date: Feb 24, 2026


 Jay Kjos, Superintendent
 Menahga ISD #821
 Date: Feb 20, 2026

