Future High School Update

Fremont School Board

School Choice for Fremont Families



Pinkerton Academy



Epping High School

What does school choice mean for Fremont?

- Starting in year 2026, graduating Fremont 8th graders will have the option to pick either Pinkerton Academy or Epping High School for their high school education.
- For the first 5 years, there will be no limitations on this choice. At year 5, Pinkerton will take the average enrollment percentage that has been attending Pinkerton and use that percentage going forward(not a min number of students, but rather a percentage based on 5 years of real data).
- At this time, the contract with Pinkerton would re-open and both sides can address specified terms and/or option to terminate with a 5 year notice or extend.
- Epping will welcome any child and their family to their school with no limitations or minimums throughout the length of the 10 year agreement.

Why offer school choice?



Our community has been clear about the desire for more options when it comes to choosing the right education for your child. We heard you and have worked hard to bring school choice to Fremont.

We believe choice empowers kids and families to determine their own future

Pinkerton

- 14 miles (22 min) from Ellis school
- Current enrollment is 3,269 students from 6 sending towns
- Offers an extensive CTE program on campus
- Student to teacher ratio is 13:1
- Our population is unlikely to impact their current staffing
- One voting trustee from the town of Fremont will be added to the board through their own application and selection process
- Ranked #48 in 2023/2024 NH High Schools

Epping

- 7.1 miles (13 min) from Ellis school
- 245 students
- Sends students to Seacoast School of Technology which we feel is a valuable resource to the Fremont community.
- Student to teacher ratio is 11:1
- With these low ratios, our students that attend Epping are unlikely to impact their current staffing
- A member of the Fremont School board will sit as a non-voting member of the Epping School board for all high school matters both public and non-public
- Ranked #57 in 2023/2024 NH High Schools

Grade 11 SAT Percent Proficient

	Epping	Pinkerton
ELA		
2021	52%	66%
2022	65%	66%
2023	55%	63%
MATH		
2021	32%	39%
2022	47%	36%
2023	26%	35%
SCIENCE		
2021	23%	44%
2022	31%	32%
2023	30%	37%

Epping High School Terms as of 2/3/2024

- 10 Year agreement with option to extend.
- At the start of the 2026/2027 school year, the tuition rate will be calculated based on the agreed upon formula.
- Based on the formula, the 2024/2025 tuition rate for regular ed at Epping High School would be $17,134
- For special education, a multiplier is applied to the regular ed tuition rate of 1.25%
- Should there be any surplus revenue, Epping will return Fremont's portion.
- Epping will not hold Fremont to any minimum percentage and/or number of students. There is no penalty should there be a year where no Fremont students choose Epping High School.

Pinkerton Academy Terms as of 2/3/2024

- 10 Year agreement with option to extend at year 5
- At the start of the 2026/2027 school year, Fremont will receive Pinkerton's standard tuition rate that is issued to all of their sending districts
- The 2024/2025 tuition rate for regular ed at Pinkerton Academy would be $16,308
- For special education, Pinkerton provides a 4 tier system of services with additional program costs based on IEP determinations
- Should the actual tuition costs be lower than what Fremont has paid in tuition, Pinkerton will credit Fremont for tuition in the following year
- For the first 5 years, there will be no minimum enrollment expectations . At year 5, Pinkerton will take the average enrollment percentage and use that percentage going forward.

Transportation

- We understand that providing transportation to school is a top priority for families, and therefore it is a top priority for us.
- We are going to work together with the transportation company as well as neighboring towns and districts to work towards providing a cost-effective solution for transporting our high school students.
- This may look different in the ramp up years (as we phase kids out of the current school).
- We welcome questions, concerns and feedback from families as we navigate the transportation options.



Please vote on March 12, 2024 Warrant Article 6

- If the warrant article passes, the Fremont School Board will secure tuition contracts with Pinkerton and Epping
- If the warrant article fails, we will collectively need to assess our next steps. This would not default to a continued contract with Sanborn.