Heat Pump Performance Standards for Washington Grove's Incentive

The Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) provides tiered specifications for electrical HVAC systems, which companies, governments, and now the Town of Washington Grove use to qualify consumer purchases for tax credits, rebates, or incentives. ENERGY STAR is a government-supported program that identifies energy-efficient products to help consumers save money and protect the environment. Manufacturers use ENERGY STAR designation in their marketing. In December 2024, CEE and ENERGY STAR aligned their Tier 1 standards for residential electric HVAC systems, as follows:

Heat pump system type	**Minimum SEER2** The Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating measures cooling efficiency over a typical cooling season.	**Minimum EER2** The Energy Efficiency Ratio measures a split heat pump's cooling efficiency under a specific set of testing conditions.	**Minimum HSPF** The Heating Seasonal Performance Factor measures a heat pump's heating efficiency over the heating season.
Cold Climate systems	16	9.8	8.5
Ducted and non-ducted systems	16	11	8

Although the Program Description appended to the town's Resolution 2026-04 speaks of and defines ratings for the "highest tier CEE level," this wording has been modified to refer to the current Tier 1 standard in the in the town's incentive application form.

See more about specifications from CEE and Energy Star.