



Educational Programs & Operations Levy Replacement Information

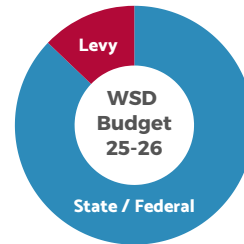


VOTE FEBRUARY 11, 2025



The replacement EP&O levy continues our community's investment in our children.

On February 11, 2025, Wenatchee School District residents will be asked to replace our current four-year Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy that was approved by voters in 2021.



The levy makes up 12% of the District's budget.

NOT A NEW TAX

Wenatchee community members already support the EP&O Levy, which expires in 2025. This is a four-year replacement levy that goes into effect in 2026.

Why is a levy needed?

Levies are for learning and fill the gap between what the state funds as basic education and the actual cost of operating a school district to provide students with a well-rounded education.

Bonds are for building. Wenatchee School District is not running a bond for the modernization or building of any schools at this time.

What does the levy pay for?

Levies allow a school district to provide student services, programs, and support, such as **safety and security, classroom assistants, facilities maintenance, custodial, technology, curriculum, and supplies** that the state only partially funds.



THE LEVY ALSO FUNDS MUSIC, ARTS, ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES, ELECTIVES, CLUBS, ATHLETICS, AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS.



The state provides funding for most teachers, but the levy increases the number of staff in critical roles to ensure the needs of the 6,800 students in our district are being met. In some cases, the state provides no funding at all.

How are levy dollars spent?

AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT	% of LEVY
TECHNOLOGY (INCLUDES STAFFING AND DEVICES)	3,200,000	20%
MUSIC & ARTS (STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT)	2,800,000	18%
ADDITIONAL STAFFING DISTRICT-WIDE	2,700,000	17%
EXTRA CURRICULAR (ATHLETICS, CLUBS, MARIACHI, MUSICAL)	2,400,000	15%
SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING (INCLUDING PRESCHOOL)	1,000,000	6%
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (STAFFING, SUPPLIES, UPKEEP)	800,000	5%
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (3 DAYS OF TRAINING)	800,000	5%
SAFETY & SECURITY (STAFFING AND SYSTEMS)	700,000	4%
AVID, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND HIGHLY CAPABLE	600,000	4%
TRANSPORTATION (SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FUEL)	500,000	3%
STEM (INCLUDING SCIENCE KITS & FIELD TRIPS)	200,000	1%

What will the levy cost?

LEVY RATE
\$2.20
per \$1000 of assessed value

Annual amount homeowners with a property valued at \$400,000 would pay.

What happens to students if the levy fails?

If voters do not approve the renewal of the EP&O levy, the district will be faced with reducing student programs and services over the next several years by the following amounts.

\$11 million (levy + state matching funds) in 25-26
\$20.2 million (levy + state matching funds) in 26-27

Get more information on the levy

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Examples of how the levy increases staffing

STATE FUNDED

VS

LEVY FUNDED

1

4

Safety & Security

3

15

Technology Support Staff

22

14

Custodians

17

30

Classroom Assistants

137

Athletic Coaches

