

**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
2025/26 PROPERTY TAXES**

TAXING AUTHORITY	TAX LEVY	TAX LEVY DESCRIPTION	MILLAGE 2024/25	MILLAGE 2025/26	RATE CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
By State Law	Required Local Effort	<p>The <b>Required Local Effort</b> is a millage rate that each school district in Florida must levy annually to qualify for funding under the <b>Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)</b>. This requirement is codified in Chapter 1011 of the Florida Statutes.</p> <p>The rate is not discretionary; <b>districts must levy the full amount</b> to receive their share of state education funds</p>	3.0740	3.0450	(0.0290)	-0.94%
<b>CHANGE IN "BY STATE LAW" TAX LEVIES</b>			<b>3.0740</b>	<b>3.0450</b>	<b>(0.0290)</b>	<b>-0.94%</b>

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By Local Board	Discretionary Millage	<p>The <b>Discretionary Millage</b> is a millage rate that Florida school districts may levy annually. It is governed by <b>Section 1011.71(1), Florida Statutes</b>.</p> <p>For FY 2025–26, the maximum allowed rate remains 0.748 mills, and the <b>FEFP assumes districts will levy the full amount</b>.</p>	0.7480	0.7480	-	0.00%
By Local Board	Capital Outlay	<p>The <b>Capital Outlay millage rate</b>, authorized by the local school board and codified in <b>Section 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes</b>.</p> <p>Pinellas County Schools has consistently levied the full 1.5 mills each year. These funds are <b>strictly designated</b> for purposes such as facility maintenance and repair, transportation needs, and technology upgrades, <b>as outlined in the district's capital plan</b>.</p>	1.5000	1.5000	-	0.00%
By Local Board	Local Referendum	<p>In November 2024, <b>Pinellas County voters</b> approved an increase to the long-standing local referendum millage, <b>raising it from 0.5 mills to 1.0 mills</b>.</p> <p>Originally established in 2004, this millage rate provides supplemental compensation for teachers and support staff, and funds essential educational programs including technology, music, art, and reading. This levy is projected to generate approximately \$146.2 million for the district in FY 2025–26 (an increase of \$73 million), with <b>85% allocated to salaries and 15% to student programs</b>.</p> <p>The referendum revenue is locally controlled and protected from state reductions, and its <b>use is overseen by the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC)</b> to ensure alignment with voter intent.</p>	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000	100.00%
<b>CHANGE IN "BY LOCAL BOARD" TAX LEVIES</b>			<b>2.7480</b>	<b>3.2480</b>	<b>0.5000</b>	<b>18.20%</b>

<b>OVERALL TOTAL CHANGE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVIES</b>	<b>5.8220</b>	<b>6.2930</b>	<b>0.4710</b>	<b>8.09%</b>
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**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Your tax bill **may have increased if the taxable value of your property rose**—though this is typically limited by Homestead Exemptions and the Save Our Homes provision, which caps annual increases in assessed value at 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

School District taxes, **as a percent of all property taxes** you pay will vary, but **typically are less than 1/3 of the total taxes** levied on your property. **The school Board votes to approve all millages at the School Board Budget Meeting on September 9, 2025, 6:30PM time certain.**

The tax **increase of 0.4710 mills in 2025/26** is directly related to the **0.50 millage increase** in the Local Referendum that was **passed by voters in November 2024**. This levy has been in place since 2004 and was 0.50 mills from 2004 - 2024, and became a 1.00 mill levy with the passage last year.