

# What is in the Issaquah School District 2024 Bond? Facts & Information



## Proposition 1 on the November 5, 2024 Ballot

Issaquah School District is asking the community to consider a \$642.3 million school modernization and construction bond in the Nov. 5, 2024 election.

### What is a School Bond?

School bonds specifically provide funding for building and maintenance – renovating and building new schools, acquiring property, and repairing facilities and systems within buildings. Bond funds provide for excellent learning environments and help ensure that space is adequate for reasonable class sizes. The State of Washington provides minimal funding for the regular building or maintenance of public schools. Instead, local voters must approve school bonds to be used for this purpose. State law mandates that bond dollars be used only for building and maintenance, not classroom operations or salaries, and require a supermajority (60%) of voter approval to pass. Similar to a mortgage, bonds may be paid for over 20 years, helping to keep annual costs lower for taxpayers.

### What is in the 2024 Bond?

**Safety and Security Updates:** Ensure all students and staff have a safe learning environment.

- Update intercom systems, visitor and building monitoring systems
- Replace approximately 1600 outdated security cameras districtwide
- Install anti-intruder window coverings
- Improve perimeter security, including gates & fencing, where needed
- Continue to upgrade or replace fire alarm systems, where needed
- Cost: \$17,900,000

**Building Modernization & Energy Efficiency:** Extend the life of our buildings and save on operational costs.

- Replace or repair aging roofs at 27 sites
- Repair or Update:
  - \* Heating and cooling systems at 26 sites
  - \* Plumbing, exterior walls, and windows to extend the life of our buildings
  - \* Audio and visual technology systems to support modern learning
  - \* Kitchen areas and equipment at 20 sites
- Upgrade and install lighting and control systems to improve cost efficiency and sustainability at 25 sites
- Cost: \$317,045,000

**Student Support, Well-Being & Athletics:** Provide inclusive, accessible, safe and well-maintained spaces.

- Make safety & accessibility enhancements at elementary school play areas by replacing surfaces, drains, and old equipment to support inclusive environments for all students
- Add or upgrade accessibility features for students with disabilities, which may include sensory spaces, assistive technology, learning spaces, and playgrounds
- Update lighting at 3 middle school sports fields to increase safety and community access

### Projects by Location

	SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATES	BUILDING MODERNIZATION & ENERGY EFFICIENCY	HIGH SCHOOL CAPACITY & PROGRAM EXPANSION	STUDENT SUPPORT, WELL-BEING & ATHLETICS
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b>				
Apollo	●	●	●	●
Briarwood	●	●	●	●
Cascade Ridge	●	●	●	●
Cedar Trails	●	●	●	●
Challenger	●	●	●	●
Clark	●	●	●	●
Cougar Ridge	●	●	●	●
Creekside	●	●	●	●
Discovery	●	●	●	●
Endeavour	●	●	●	●
Grand Ridge	●	●	●	●
Issaquah Valley	●	●	●	●
Maple Hills	●	●	●	●
Newcastle	●	●	●	●
Sunny Hills	●	●	●	●
Sunset	●	●	●	●
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>				
Beaver Lake	●	●	●	●
Cougar Mountain	●	●	●	●
Issaquah Middle	●	●	●	●
Maywood	●	●	●	●
Pacific Cascade	●	●	●	●
Pine Lake	●	●	●	●
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>				
Gibson Ek	●	●	●	●
Issaquah High	●	●	●	●
Liberty	●	●	●	●
Skyline	●	●	●	●
Proposed New High School	●	●	●	●
<b>OTHER FACILITIES</b>				
ACT Campus	●	●	●	●
Administrative Center	●	●	●	●
Holly Street Early Learning Center	●	●	●	●
May Valley Service Center	●	●	●	●
Main Transportation Center	●	●	●	●
Plateau Transportation Center	●	●	●	●

- Replace synthetic turf and resurface tracks at 2 high schools and 3 middle schools
- Cost: \$46,100,000

**High School Capacity & Program Expansion: Create adequate space and innovative opportunities for students.**

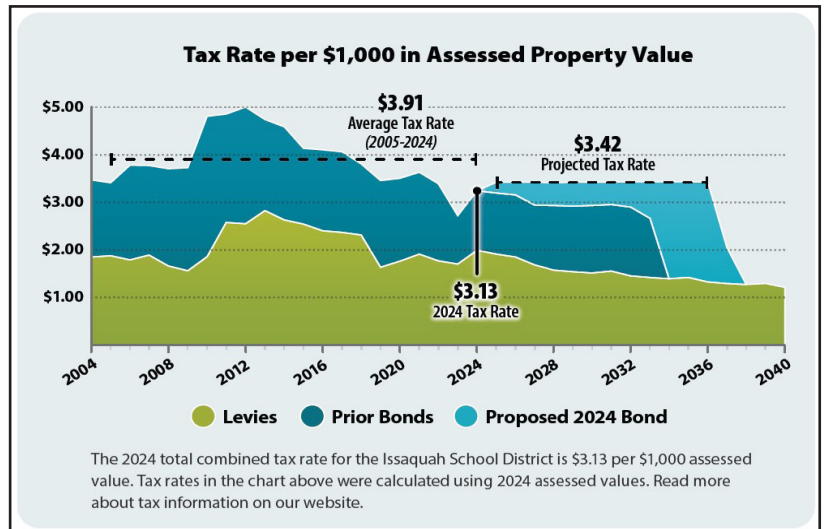
- Remodel all high schools to expand career preparation and real-world learning, including health sciences, design, manufacturing, engineering, and more
- Construct a new high school to reduce overcrowding, improve student learning experiences, and support mental health and well-being
- Add space district-wide to develop new programs and expand access to specialized training such as certifications, internships, and work experiences
- Cost: \$261,300,000

**How was this Bond package developed?**

The Bond Advisory Committee met for three months to evaluate facility needs and cost data in order to recommend a bond proposal to the superintendent. The committee was made up of more than 60 volunteers, including students, staff, parents, alumni, and community members. Many of the volunteers fit more than one of those categories; while some had previously served on district committees, others were new to the process.

**How will the 2024 Bond Impact Taxes?**

The bond is estimated to cost 29 cents per \$1000 of assessed property value. This is about \$24/month (or \$290/year) for a home with an assessed value of \$1,000,000. If the bond is approved, the total combined rate of all existing local school levies and bonds is estimated to be \$3.42 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, compared to the previous 20-year average tax rate of \$3.91.



**How can you help?**

If you can register to vote, please do so! Every vote counts! Please share bond facts and information with your families, friends and others who have questions. If you would like to be involved with the campaign to help pass this bond measure, please contact Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS). VIS is a non-profit 501(c)4 citizens committee that shares information to educate voters about what the bond pays for in our Issaquah schools. Do you have questions or need more information? Contact Volunteers for Issaquah Schools at [www.visvote.org](http://www.visvote.org).

