

Will the bond increase my taxes if I am 65 years of age or older or disabled?

No. If you are a senior citizen receiving the “over-65 exemption,” or an individual who has a disability and is receiving a “disability exemption,” your tax payment on your home will not change as a result of the bond program unless you have made new improvements to your home. If you currently do not have an exemption for which you may be qualified, contact your county appraisal district.

When was the last successful bond election and how was the money used?

The last successful bond election was held May 12, 2007, for \$198 million. That bond referendum funded the following projects, all of which were completed within budget.

- New facilities – Canyon Pointe Elementary, Creekside Forest Elementary, Timber Creek Elementary, Tomball Memorial High School, Agriculture Project Barn, Technology/Staff Development Center, Ancillary Services Building, and the John P. Neubauer Administration Building
- Renovations and additions to Decker Prairie Elementary, Lakewood Elementary, and Tomball Intermediate School
- Purchased school sites and buses

Who is eligible to vote?

Any United States citizen who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote:

- A resident of the Tomball Independent School District
- At least 18 years of age
- Registered to vote at least 30 days prior to election day
- Not a convicted felon (unless a sentence, probation and/or parole have been completed)

Early Voting Information

Harris County Early Voting Location (closed weekends)
Lone Star College-Tomball, Room E164
30555 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, TX 77375

April 29 through May 3 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
May 6 through May 7 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Montgomery County Early Voting Location
Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department #181
18215 Buddy Riley Boulevard
Magnolia, TX 77354

April 29 through May 4 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
May 6 through May 7 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Election Day Voting Montgomery County Voting Locations

Saturday, May 11
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Decker Prairie Community Building
32434 Decker Prairie Road
Magnolia, TX 77355
Precinct: 013

Decker Prairie Elementary School
27427 Decker Prairie Rosehill Road
Magnolia, TX 77355
Precinct: 028

Outback Western World
30405 Dobbin Huffsmith Road
Magnolia, TX 77354
Precinct: 066

**W. Montgomery County Community
Development Center**
31355 Friendship Drive
Magnolia, TX 77355
Precinct: 029

Non-Profit
Organization
Permit No. 2
U.S. Postage
PAID
Tomball, TX
77375

Tomball ISD
310 S. Cherry Street
Tomball, TX 77375-5529



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Creekside Forest Elementary School
5949 Creekside Forest Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77389
Precincts: 0914, 1029

Lakewood Elementary
15614 Gettysburg Drive
Tomball, TX 77377
Precincts: 0484, 0486, 0878, 0983

Rosehill Volunteer Fire Department
19023 FM 2920
Tomball, TX 77377
Precinct: 0126

Willow Creek Elementary School
18302 North Eldridge Parkway
Tomball, TX 77375
Precincts: 0173, 0485, 0926, 0982

Salem Lutheran Church School
22601 Lutheran Church Road
Tomball, TX 77377
Precincts: 0726, 1036

Samuel Matthews Park Community Center
1728 Hufsmith Road
Tomball, TX 77375
Precincts: 0114, 0915, 0916

Tomball Public Works
501 B. James Street
Tomball, TX 77375
Precincts: 0127, 0245, 0529

Tomball Independent School District

BOND 2013

Election Day is Saturday, May 11, 2013
Early Voting, April 29 through May 7, 2013

Q&A

Bond 2013

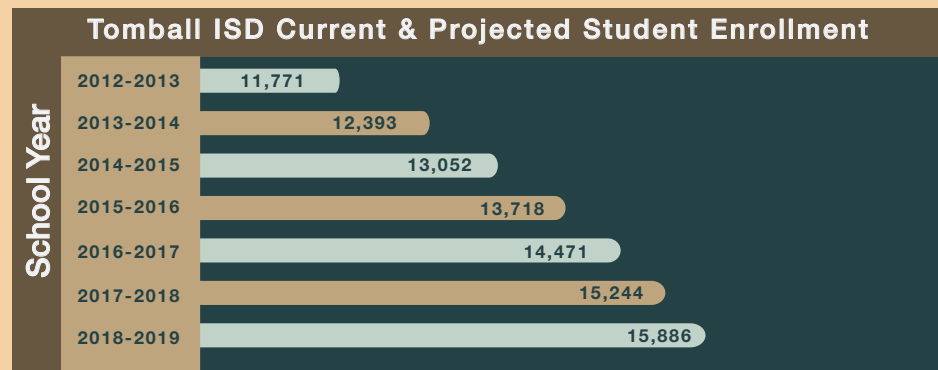
New growth in TISD prompts Bond 2013

On Saturday, May 11, voters will go to the polls to vote on a \$160 million school bond referendum. The bond package provides for new district facilities, renovations at existing campuses, new technology, and additional school buses.

Over the next five years, Tomball ISD is projected to grow by more than 3,700 students. In order to accommodate student growth, the district is proposing to add classrooms by building four new campuses.

This anticipated student growth prompted the district to commission a Facility Planning Steering Committee, which was organized last fall. The committee was comprised of 17 community members. These individuals, and other volunteers who served on three subcommittees, looked at enrollment projections, analyzed district needs, and then made recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendations and unanimously approved the \$160 million bond proposal being presented to voters.

Residents would likely see a tax increase of less than five cents. More specifically, the District's Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate is currently 35 cents. With the additional tax increase under Bond 2013, the I&S tax rate will not exceed 40 cents per hundred dollar valuation.



Major components of Bond 2013

New Schools

The bond includes four new schools. A new elementary and intermediate school will be built in the south end of the district to relieve crowded conditions in the south. An elementary school (K-5) and a junior high (6-8) will be built in The Woodlands area to relieve capacity issues at Tomball Junior High and elementary schools in The Woodlands.

Security

Student safety is always a district and community concern. Bond 2013 would provide for the construction of security vestibules at campuses that do not have them.

New Support Facilities

A second agricultural project barn would be constructed adjacent to the existing facility. Field turf will be added at the District Stadium and on the competition field at Tomball Memorial High School. In addition, the track at the District Stadium will be renovated. Also, bus and staff parking will be added to the District Transportation Facility with additional space to accommodate drivers and new buses. New weight rooms will be constructed at each junior high.

School Buses

This bond package calls for the purchase of additional regular education and special education buses to replace old buses in the fleet and to accommodate future enrollment growth.

Technology

Technology for instruction will be included as well as upgrades in the district technology infrastructure.

District Wide Facility Improvement

Bond 2013 would fund the District Capital Replacement Program that would make upgrades to heating, air conditioning, roof replacement, lighting, paving, and other mechanical, electrical, and plumbing projects.

Renovations

Renovation and reconstruction projects are included in Bond 2013. Lakewood and Decker Prairie Elementary Schools will receive renovations to the front administration area and the cafeteria/kitchen. Timber Creek and Creekside Forest Elementary Schools will receive minor renovations to accommodate the new K-5 grade configuration. Traffic patterns at Northpointe Intermediate and Tomball Junior High Schools will be reviewed with steps taken to relieve traffic congestion.

Questions & Answers about Bond 2013

What is a bond?

A school bond is similar to a home mortgage. It is a contract to repay borrowed money with a low-cost interest rate over time. Bonds are sold by a school district to competing lenders to raise funds to pay for the cost of construction, renovations, and equipment. Most school districts in Texas utilize bonds to finance renovations and new facilities.

How can bond money be used?

Bond money can be used for new schools, renovations, furniture, equipment, new school sites, and buses.

How was the bond package developed?

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How are school locations determined and where would the proposed new schools be built?

A primary factor in determining a school location is the identified population pattern. Other factors such as land availability and cost also influence the decision. The district is also committed to the "neighborhood" school concept of placing new schools near the populations to be served.

How long will the proposed improvements meet the needs of the district?

This is entirely dependent upon the growth of the district. This proposal is designed to meet the projected needs for 2013-2018. A slower growth pattern than predicted would result in these improvements meeting the needs of our students for a longer period. Faster growth would indicate more needs sooner than expected. It is the endeavor of the Board of Trustees to provide for the needs of our children in a timely manner.

How will the bond issue impact taxes?

Residents would likely see a tax increase of less than five cents. More specifically, the District's Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate is currently 35 cents. With the additional tax increase under Bond 2013, the I&S tax rate will not exceed 40 cents per hundred dollar valuation.

If the bonds are approved, is the District obligated to spend the money?

No. Voter approval is an authorization for the district to issue bonds. They will be sold at future dates approved by the Board of Trustees when the facilities are actually needed. If growth slows down, the district will revise its facility plans and postpone selling bonds and constructing new buildings until they are actually needed. Once the projects have been completed, no additional bonds would be sold.