

Penny Tax

also known as

DeKalb County School Facility Tax



What is it?

The DeKalb County School Facility Tax (CSFT) is a 1% sales tax on some goods sold in DeKalb County to fund school facility needs. School boards representing a majority of students in DeKalb County have voted to place this question on the November ballot.

If the sales tax were to pass, the funds are distributed based on the number of students who reside in each district in Dekalb county.

School Boards are responsible for making the decisions regarding how sales tax dollars will be spent in their district.

Items Not Taxed

- If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
- Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Boats, & RVs, Mobile Homes
- Farm Equipment, Parts, and Farm Inputs
- Services are also not taxed
- Unprepared Food (groceries)

Ballot Question

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as "Sales Tax") be imposed in Dekalb County at a rate of one (1) percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals? Voters will be asked to vote "Yes" or "No". A simple majority vote is required for passage.

Use of Funds

Can Be Used For

- New School Facilities
- Additions & Renovations
- Abate Property Taxes
- Land Acquisition
- Energy Efficiency
- Athletic facilities
- Paying Off Building Bonds
- Architectural Planning
- Durable Equipment
- Safety/Security Improvements

Cannot Be Used For

- Salaries and benefits
- Instructional costs
- Textbooks and computers
- Movable equipment
- School buses
- Operating costs

How will Sycamore 427 use the funds?

Sycamore 427 plans to use these funds to address facility needs throughout the district. These funds will support facility projects on a year to year basis. By investing in infrastructure improvements, the district aims to ensure a safer, more efficient environment for students and staff, while preserving the longevity of all of our buildings. One such example is both short- and long-term planning for Sycamore High School.