



# PROP A

## OPERATIONS FUNDING

### WHY AN OPERATIONS FUNDING ELECTION?

Northwest ISD has called an operations funding election to provide voters with the opportunity to **decrease class sizes in exchange for a 3-cent increase to the tax rate**. Because of continued tax rate compression, voter approval of the measure would still result in a tax rate decrease from 2024. Combined with a \$40,000 increase to the homestead exemption, most homeowners are expected to pay less in property taxes in 2025.

If approved by voters, Proposition A would generate at least \$12 million in new revenue. Of this, \$8 million would be used to decrease class sizes across all campus levels and in fine arts programs. The remaining funding, \$4 million, would be used on competitive compensation to retain and attract high-quality teachers and staff.

### FUNDING PRIORITIES



#### STUDENT PROGRAMS: Smaller Class Sizes & Increased Teacher Staffing

Northwest ISD offers award-winning academic and extracurricular programs. If approved by voters, the majority of funding from Proposition A will be used to decrease class sizes by hiring additional teachers across all campus levels and in fine arts, which will also restore some previously eliminated student programs.

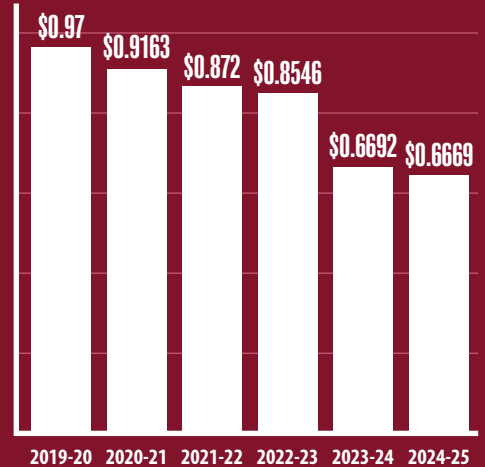


#### COMPETITIVE PAY: Retaining and Recruiting Quality Teachers and Staff

If a Proposition A is approved by voters, Northwest ISD will continue to focus on increasing teacher and staff salaries and benefits with competitive compensation. This focus allows the district to continue to retain and recruit quality talent to educate students and support classroom teachers.

### TAX RATE HISTORY

Northwest ISD's current maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.6669 per \$100 of taxable property is the lowest M&O rate for a K-12 school district in the state. Additionally, the district's 2024-2025 total tax rate of \$1.0879 per \$100 of taxable property marked the district's lowest tax rate in more than 30 years and followed the previous year's 18-cent reduction in the tax rate.



### FUNDING PER STUDENT

Everman ISD	\$12,952
Fort Worth ISD	\$12,174
Arlington ISD	\$11,452
Birdville ISD	\$11,306
Grand Prairie ISD	\$11,298
Irving ISD	\$11,167
Cleburne ISD	\$11,133
Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD	\$10,735
Mansfield ISD	\$10,600
Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD	\$9,784
Northwest ISD	\$9,630



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW WOULD CLASS SIZES DECREASE?

If approved by voters, Northwest ISD plans to use \$8 million in funding to hire additional teachers to decrease class sizes in strategic areas. At the elementary level, second through fourth grades would see a reduction in students per class, as lower grades were unaffected by recent staffing changes. At the secondary level, the district will hire teachers in core areas where many classes exceed 37 students at the high school level and 35 students at the middle school level.

### DOES NORTHWEST ISD USE TAX DOLLARS WISELY?

Northwest ISD has received an "A" rating, the top score possible, in the Texas Education Agency's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, or FIRST, for 23 consecutive years. By comparison, some school districts in the area have received a "C" rating.

### WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN FOR MY TAXES?

Any property owner who lives within Northwest ISD boundaries would pay 3 cents more per \$100 of property valuation compared to if the election is not approved. Because of continued tax rate compression, however, the property tax rate will be lower in 2025 than in 2024 regardless of the outcome of the election. Combined with a \$40,000 increase to the homestead exemption, most property owners are expected to pay less in taxes in 2025 compared to 2024.

### WOULD THIS AFFECT HOMEOWNERS AGES 65 AND OLDER?

Homeowners ages 65 and older would not be affected if voters approve Northwest ISD's operations funding election if they have filed for and received an Over 65 Homestead Exemption through their local appraisal district. School property taxes are frozen for individuals with this exemption.

### HOW DOES NORTHWEST ISD'S TAX RATE COMPARE TO OTHER FAST-GROWTH DISTRICTS?

Northwest ISD is tied for the lowest maintenance and operations tax rate among districts that are part of the Fast Growth School Coalition. Both Northwest ISD's M&O tax rate as well as its total tax rate rank below both the mean and median of all fast-growth Texas school districts.

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**ELECTION DAY** | November 4

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