

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 259 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:00 PM at 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, KS 67218 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at this hearing on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	415,272,820	20.000	441,018,751	20.000	461,739,365	65,586,378	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	137,674,095	16.173	146,129,330	15.776	152,911,773	73,403,836	17.618
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	75,811,448		40,609,659		47,074,398		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	8,220,249		8,115,218		10,040,617		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	131,456,620		134,370,983		137,318,225		
Bilingual Education	14	13,732,724		15,037,720		18,977,250		
Virtual Education	15	2,347,717		2,778,026		5,265,469		
Capital Outlay	16	74,192,100	7.999	76,797,354	8.000	129,712,329	34,034,247	8.000
Driver Training	18	0		0		0		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	2,810,890		2,946,496		7,709,268		
Food Service	24	38,222,764		37,913,139		36,584,179		
Professional Development	26	1,299,719		1,455,410		7,975,647		
Parent Education Program	28	490,871		584,456		1,107,958		
Summer School	29	0		85,435		343,206		
Special Education	30	134,440,534		146,336,478		163,604,065		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	11,620,820		12,506,053		15,106,605		
Gifts and Grants	35	6,442,083		5,505,336		15,454,720		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	1,480,250	0.100	1,162,539	0.100	2,450,000	1,122,032	0.269
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	84,669,513		85,197,207				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	56,992,845		52,567,537		57,384,037		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		3,181,016				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	8,246,403		9,730,494				
Activity Fund	56	450,593		393,419				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	46,110,273	7.682	46,807,851	7.511	47,654,028	22,917,296	5.500
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	167,758	0.000	0	0.000	11	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES¹								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	1,252,153,089	51.954	1,271,229,907	51.387	1,318,413,150	197,063,789	51.387
Less: Transfers	105	392,644,775		410,065,061		308,558,474		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	859,508,314		861,164,846		1,009,854,676		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	176,686,823		181,340,095		197,063,789		

¹ Sponsoring District Only

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OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0 0.000	0 0.000	0 0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$176,686,823	\$181,340,095	\$197,063,789			
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$3,079,154,127	\$2,986,633,145	\$3,279,318,898			
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$3,588,913,557	\$3,855,851,731	\$4,166,417,009			
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$3,590,847,384	\$3,859,544,329	\$4,254,280,878			
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1							
		2023	2024	2025			
General Obligation Bonds	135	228,755,000	194,025,000	157,305,000			
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0			
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0			
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0			
TOTAL USD DEBT	1195	228,755,000	194,025,000	157,305,000			

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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Revenue Neutral

	2024-2025		Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$59,732,663	20.000	\$59,732,663	18.215	\$65,586,378	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$60,829,917	15.776	\$60,829,917	14.600	\$73,403,836	17.618
Adult Education	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$31,430,628	8.000	\$31,430,628	7.388	\$34,034,247	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$385,585	0.100	\$385,585	0.093	\$1,122,032	0.269
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$28,961,302	7.511	\$28,961,302	6.951	\$22,917,296	5.500
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$181,340,095	51.387	\$181,340,095	47.247	\$197,063,789	51.387
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$121,607,432	31.387	\$121,607,432	29.032	\$131,477,411	31.387

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