INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 2026 BOND ISSUE

Vote Tuesday, April 7th

Inspiring Greatness ISD INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Why This Bond?
As part of the **2025–2030 Comprehensive School Improvement Plan**, ISD conducted:

- Building walkthroughs
- Facility condition assessments
- Maintenance reviews
- Community input sessions

These efforts identified **needed repairs, safety upgrades, and building improvements** across the district.

The goal:
Extend the life of our schools, reduce costly emergency repairs, and provide safe, effective learning environments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This proposal does NOT increase the tax rate.

ISD can do this because the district has:

- Paid down existing debt
- Refinanced bonds to lower costs
- Increased available dept capacity

This financial management allows the district to complete needed projects **without increasing the current tax levy.**

WHAT IS A SCHOOL BOND?

A school bond works like a home mortgage:

- Borrow funds for major building repairs and renovations
- Repay the costs over time
- Funds can only be used for facilities and infrastructure

Bond funds cannot be used for:

- Salaries
- Academics, athletics, extracurriculars
- Daily operating expenses



$60 million, no-tax increase bond issue

TIMELINE

March 11 - Voter Registration Deadline
April 7 - Election Day

ABSENTEE VOTING

These dates vary across the six weeks prior to Election Day, depending on circumstance and authority. Check **Jackson County Election Board** and **Kansas City Election Board** website for exact dates.

NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY CSIP COMMITTEE

HIGH SCHOOLS

Truman High School: remodel identified classrooms; new baseball turf
William Chrisman High School: remodel of Counseling Suite; new intercom system
Van Horn High School: improvements to Special Education spaces; new turf at Crysler Stadium

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Bingham Middle School: remodel of Band/Orchestra spaces; improvements to Science Lab stations, storage
Bridger Middle School: remodel of Band/Orchestra spaces; elevator replacement; remodel of School Nurse office; additional storage for custodians
Nowlin Middle School: improvements in the Small Gym including lighting, HVAC system; improved Auditorium lighting; kitchen remodel
Pioneer Ridge: remodel of Functional Skills classroom; improvements in the Small Gym including refinished floor, stage, and sound system; sound system improvements in Large Gym

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Benton: remodel of Art classroom
Blackburn: relocation and remodel of Art/Music classrooms
Bryant: classroom cabinets
Glendale: Art classroom cabinets; improved sound system, sound panels in Gymnasium
Luff: improvements in Gymnasium including sound system, sound panels, refinished floor, and new stage curtains
Mill Creek: lighting, cabinets, sinks in classrooms
Ott: relocation and remodel of Art classroom
Randall: remodel of Family School Liaison space
Santa Fe Trail: improved sound system
Spring Branch: refinished hallway flooring; improved stage storage, removal of accordion wall
Sugar Creek: improvements in Gymnasium including sound system, sound panels, refinished floor, and new stage curtains
Sycamore Hills: cabinetry in pod learning spaces, improved cafeteria tables with storage space
Three Trails: window replacements
William Southern: relocation of conference room, remodel of School Nurse office

EARLY EDUCATION

Hanthorn Early Education: relocate Early Education capstone within building to utilize lower level
Sunshine Center: playground equipment and/or refinished classroom floors

OTHER DISTRICT PROJECTS

Independence Academy: complete remodel of second floor, new walk-in freezer for the kitchen
Around the ISD: LED lighting in many spaces

MAJOR PROJECTS LISTED ON THE BALLOT

Remodel and reconfigure classroom spaces
Update mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
Improve accessibility and safety features
Renovate aging interiors, including flooring, ceilings, and fixtures

FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY

COMPLETE RENOVATION

MAJOR UPDATES

KORTE ELEMENTARY

SUMMER 2027

PROCTER ELEMENTARY

APRIL 7, 2026 BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall The School District of the City of Independence, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of $60,000,000, for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school sites and facilities, including remodeling and renovating Fairmount Elementary School, Korte Elementary School and Procter Elementary School and making additional improvements to school facilities throughout the District?

Approval of this question is expected to result in zero increase to the District's debt service tax levy of $0.9118 per $100 dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

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