

Budget
2026



BUDGET *Spotlight*

.....
*Yesterday's traditions, today's achievements,
tomorrow's goals*

PROPOSED BUDGET ENHANCES CURRICULUM AND FACILITIES, COMPLIES WITH TAX CAP

Seaford's proposed \$86,302,965 budget for the 2026-27 school year reflects a 2.26% increase in the tax levy, which is within the district's allowable limit. It is the lowest proposed tax levy increase in the past five years.

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- Supporting all current academic programs, including elementary LIFT, full ICT (K-12) Project Lead the Way courses, music and art, computer science, science research, and high school Electrical Training Center, EMT certification course and 33 college and Advanced Placement courses including AP Capstone.
- Expanding college-level course offerings at Seaford High School with Forensics Level II and Virtual Enterprises, both in partnership with LIU.
- Continuing extensive social and emotional learning programs, including Habits of Mind, Lions Quest, RULER, Seaford Scholars, therapy dog visits, Together Against Bullying and Vikings United Day, as well as partnerships with Nassau BOCES Mental Health Consortium and Northwell Health/South Oaks.
- Upgrading instructional technology software and hardware with introduction of kidOYO for coding instruction and new third grade laptops.
- Promoting higher-level thinking in math and science courses with a focus on inquiry and problem-solving. The Illustrative Math program introduced this year in the elementary schools would be expanded to sixth grade for continuity of instruction.
- Enhancing the athletic program with the addition of assistant coaches for the boys and girls varsity soccer teams.
- Continuing robust extra-curricular offerings.
- Supporting universal prekindergarten enrollment with more than 100 spots among four community-based organizations through UPK state funding.
- Investing in facilities, including renovations to middle school bathrooms, replacement of middle school gymnasium windows and creation of a high school outdoor learning space.



Seaford High School students attend leadership conferences throughout the year, bringing back skills and ideas that benefit their community.



Students are recognized for embodying the Seaford Scholar traits.



Sixth graders browse the bookshelves in the renovated Seaford Middle School library.



A study of human body systems is part of the elementary LIFT program.

VOTE! TUESDAY, MAY 19 – 7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

BUDGETING FOR 2026-2027 AND THE FUTURE

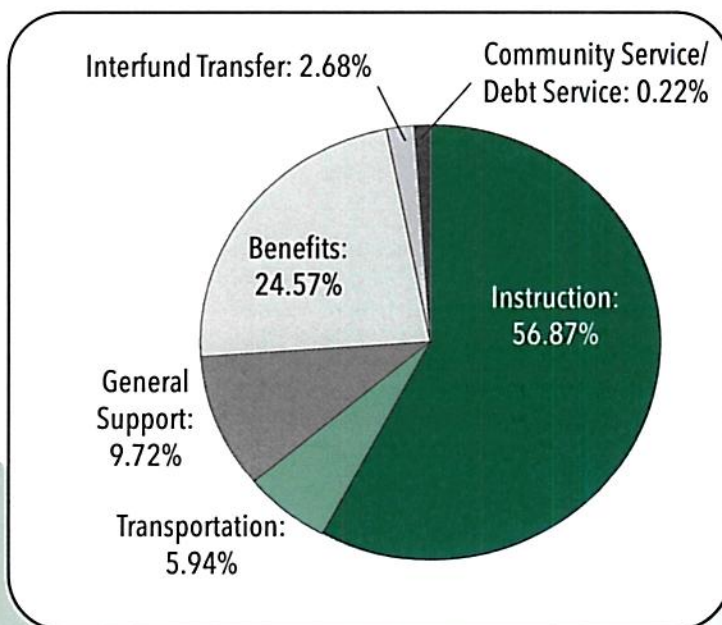
	Approved Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Percent Change
GENERAL SUPPORT			
Board of Education	\$62,300	\$64,600	
Central Administration	405,590	416,197	
Finance	857,155	859,384	
Staff	647,965	656,700	
Central Services	5,340,998	5,409,517	
Special Items	1,003,500	1,003,500	
Total General Support	\$8,317,508	\$8,409,898	1.11%
INSTRUCTION			
Instruction Admin and Improvement.....	\$3,326,223	\$3,379,180	
Teaching Regular Day School	24,682,672	24,076,247	
Teaching Special Education	12,505,041	12,325,331	
Teaching Occupational Education	743,483	720,967	
Teaching Special Schools.....	75,335	70,161	
Instructional Media	3,374,995	3,646,699	
Pupil Personnel Services	4,490,404	4,864,303	
Total Instruction	\$49,198,153	\$49,082,888	-0.23%
TRANSPORTATION			
District Transportation Services.....	\$209,995	\$233,597	
Contract Transportation	4,517,993	4,554,000	
Field Trips and Interscholastic.....	317,200	340,714	
Total Transportation	\$5,045,188	\$5,128,311	1.65%
UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES			
Employee Benefits.....	\$20,183,000	\$21,201,618	
Debt Services	160,000	170,000	
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000	920,000	
Interfund Transfer to Debt Service	1,318,902	1,320,250	
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid Fund.....	70,000	70,000	
Total Undistributed Expenses	\$22,531,902	\$23,681,868	5.10%
Total Expenditures	\$85,092,751	\$86,302,965	1.42%



BUDGETING FOR 2026-2027 AND THE FUTURE

	Approved Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Percent Change
PROJECTED REVENUE			
State Aid	\$19,427,553	\$18,948,324	
Interest on Investments.....	550,000	800,000	
Health Services.....	450,000	450,000	
Nonresident Tuition.....	425,000	425,000	
E-Rate Funding.....	35,000	35,000	
Miscellaneous (Refunds, Interfund Transfers).....	430,000	467,500	
PILOT Payments (Nassau County, LIPA).....	725,000	756,000	
Subtotal	\$22,042,553	\$21,881,824	
Reserve for TRS	350,000	0	
Reserve for EBALR.....	275,000	275,000	
Reserve for Workers Comp.....	0	330,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Total Revenues	\$23,667,553	\$23,486,824	
Tax Levy.....	\$61,425,198	\$62,816,141	2.26%
Total Budget	\$85,092,751	\$86,302,965	1.42%

Expenditures	Dollar Amount	Percentage
General Support	\$8,389,898	9.72%
Instruction	49,082,888	56.87%
Transportation	5,128,311	5.94%
Community Service	20,000	0.02%
Benefits	21,201,618	24.57%
Debt Service	170,000	0.2%
Interfund Transfer	2,310,250	2.68%



THREE-PART BUDGET

All schools in New York State are required, by law, to present a three-part budget consisting of administrative, instructional and capital components. The following is a breakdown of that budget by dollar amount. Copies of the complete 2026-2027 budget are available in each of the district's four schools, the Seaford Public Library and on the district website at www.seaford.k12.ny.us.

Budget Component	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Percentage of Budget
Administrative	\$8,659,279	10.03%
Program	68,787,633	79.71%
Capital	8,856,053	10.26%
Total Budget	\$86,302,965	100%
Total Budget Increase	\$1,210,214	

The 2026-2027 budget includes the following lease/purchase information for technology:

Vendor: Nassau BOCES

Item: Laptops - Grade 3

2026-2027	\$86,065	2027-2028	\$86,065
2028-2029	\$86,065	2029-2030	\$86,065
2030-2031	\$86,065		

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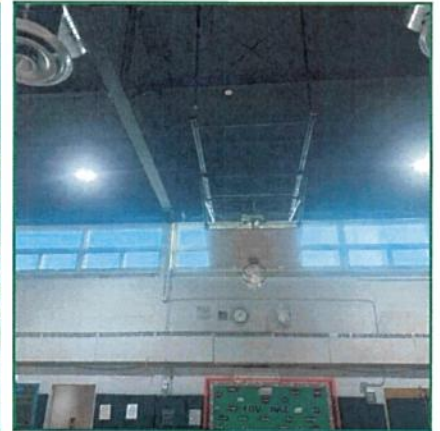
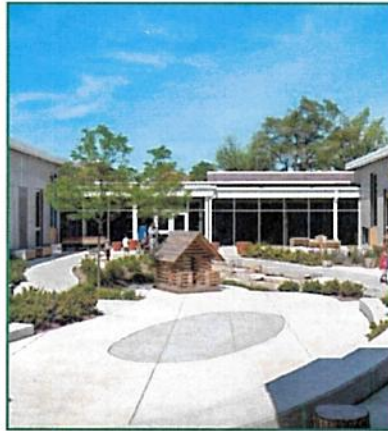
CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDE MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES

The proposed 2026-27 budget includes a \$920,000 transfer to capital allocation for upgrades to district facilities.

At Seaford Middle School, the student bathrooms adjacent to the cafeteria and gymnasium would be renovated. The renovations would be similar to work completed at Seaford Harbor Elementary School in summer 2025, including new bathroom flooring, lighting, partitions, plumbing fixtures and wall tiles.

Following extensive work last summer to renovate the interior of the middle school gymnasium, the final piece would be replacement of the windows.

An outdoor learning space would be created at Seaford High School in the large grass area between the two classroom wings, a continuation of a project that began in 2025 with drainage improvements. Access to the underutilized space will require new egress from the building.



At left, the planned outdoor learning space at Seaford High School would feature a concrete pad with raised seating. At right, windows in the Seaford Middle School gymnasium would be replaced, the final piece of a series of upgrades to the space.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Seaford Manor Elementary School and Seaford Harbor Elementary School.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Qualified voters may register any day, Monday through Friday, now through May 12. You may obtain voting information by calling 516-592-4013. Registration will take place in the District Clerk's Office, 1600 Washington Ave., Seaford: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration will also take place in the evening during any of the district's public hearings or meetings and on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the district offices at 1600 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

VOTER REQUIREMENTS

To vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. You must be registered to vote with the Seaford School District or the Nassau County Board of Elections or have voted in a political or general election within the past four years.

ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

Absentee and early mail ballots are available in the District Clerk's Office for registered voters who will be out of town or otherwise unable to vote in person on May 19. You may obtain an application for an absentee ballot by calling 516-592-4013, visiting the District Clerk's Office or going on the district website, www.seaford.k12.ny.us.

In compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the United States Census Bureau has designated Nassau and Suffolk counties as "coverage jurisdictions" that must provide election information in BOTH English and Spanish.