2026 BOND FACTS

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 | MAIL BALLOT BY OCT 27, 2026

GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In November 2026, voters living within Gilbert Public Schools boundaries in Gilbert and Mesa will decide on a proposed $136 million bond - Proposition 422. Voters last approved a Bond in November 2019.

WHAT IS A BOND?

A bond provides school districts with additional funding for necessary facility capital renovations and for purchasing equipment and technology for instruction. Taxpayers approve the school district selling general obligation bonds. Capital funding through the annual funding formula is limited and not adjusted for inflation. Because of this fact, Arizona Revised Statutes allow school districts to request bond authorization. School districts can seek bond approval from taxpayers.

WHY NOW?

The average age of school buildings is 32 years, with an outstanding renovation backlog of over $250 million for the next five years. By addressing critical needs, we ensure safe, dry, cool, and warm learning spaces that support student success and keep neighborhood buildings safe and well-maintained.

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HOW THE BOND WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS & COMMUNITY

Critical Facility Upgrades and Replacements - Students are safe, dry, and cool/warm, with access to facilities that support student success and career and college readiness.

Student Safety - Secured Entryways for 28 campuses in Gilbert and Mesa.

Technology Infrastructure - Security with Unified Paging and Notification System, and Classroom AV Refresh.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Last day for voter registration - OCTOBER 5
Ballots mailed to voters - OCTOBER 7
Mail ballot by - OCTOBER 27
Last day to drop off ballot - NOVEMBER 3

Verify your voter registration at azsos.gov/elections

GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

- Educates 30,000 students, employs over 4,000 staff.
- Maintains 38 campuses in Gilbert and Mesa.
- Transports over 7,000 students daily.
- Offers award-winning Career & Technical Education, performing arts, and athletics.
- Supports 2,700+ gifted students each year.
- Provides a wide variety of academic options, Preschool-12, including Advanced Placement, dual-credit, Traditional, Accelerated, Spanish Immersion, International Baccalaureate, and Special Education.
- Includes 17 A+ Schools of Excellence, 32 schools Rated 'A' by the Arizona Dept of Education, 2 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

2026 BOND PRIORITIES:

- Critical facility upgrades to buildings, including HVAC, roofs, and restrooms.
- Implementation of secured campus entryways district-wide at 28 schools.
- Improve performing arts facilities, career and technical education classrooms, and other extracurricular spaces for student success.
- Improve and maintain technology infrastructure with a focus on secure communications.

HOW WOULD A BOND AFFECT PROPERTY TAXES?

Bond debt is paid through the secondary property tax rate. **As old bond debt is paid off, new bond debt takes its place resulting in NO INCREASE in the secondary property tax rate provided the assessed value of property remains at least at its current level.** The rate in 2026 is $0.85 /per $100 of assessed value (AV), down from $1.10 in 2021/ per $100 of AV.