Facts About Your School Taxes

1. How are School Board taxes calculated?

Your School Board taxes are based on your property's taxable value, multiplied by the School Board's millage rate. For questions about your property's taxable value, visit the Broward County Property Appraiser at bcpa.net/phone.asp

2. What is a millage rate?

A mill is $1 of tax for every $1,000 taxable value. For example, if your taxable value is $100,000 and the School Board millage rate is 6.4527, you would pay about $645 in School Board taxes in 2026. This is the School Board portion of your tax bill.

3. How is the Required Local Effort (RLE) determined?

Each year, the State sets the RLE rate, and districts must collect it to receive state funding. For 2026–27, Broward's funding is split about half from local property taxes and half from the State, mostly sales tax.

4. How do the Referendum and Bond affect my taxes?

In 2026, the Referendum adds $100 and the Bond adds $15.87 for every $100,000 of taxable value. These amounts come directly from voter-approved millages, for a total of $115.87.

5. What other School Board millages are collected?

State law allows 1.5000 mills for school construction, renovation, and equipment. In 2026, the Legislature also approved 0.7480 mills that can be used for school operations.

These millages and the Referendum and Bond millages are all included in the total 6.4527 millage rate for the 2026 School Board taxes.

6. Why do I pay School Board taxes if I don't have children in public schools?

Florida law requires all property owners to pay School Board taxes. This ensures stable funding for the public school system that benefits the whole community.

7. Why is my Assessed Value lower than the Market Value?

Florida's Save Our Homes law limits yearly increases in your home's taxable value to no more than 3% or the inflation rate, whichever is lower. For 2026, the cap is 2.7%. This means your taxable value may be less than your home's market value.

8. Does Save Our Homes apply to my second home?

No. Save Our Homes only applies to your primary residence if you have a Homestead Exemption. Second homes and businesses are taxed at their assessed value (less exemptions).

9. Why doesn't the extra $25,000 Homestead Exemption apply to School Board taxes?

Florida law excludes School Board taxes from this extra $25,000 exemption, which only applies to county, city, and special district taxes.

Proposed Property Tax for November 2026

1. Will the November 2026 property-tax amendment eliminate School Board property taxes?

No. If approved by voters, the amendment would exempt the first $250,000 of a qualifying homestead's value from property taxes other than school district levies. School Board property taxes would continue to apply.

Sources:

- Florida Senate, 2026 proposed amendment: Florida Senate – 2026 Amendment Text

2. Will the proposed $250,000 homestead exemption apply to School Board taxes?

No. The proposed additional exemption applies to property taxes other than school district levies. Therefore, the School Board portion of a homeowner's property taxes would continue to apply.

Sources:

- Florida Senate, proposed amendment: Florida Senate – Amendment 682580
- Florida Senate, proposed constitutional language: Florida Senate – Amendment 966270

3. When would the proposed property tax changes take effect?

If approved by voters, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2027. The proposed homestead exemption for non-school property taxes would be phased in, reaching $250,000 beginning January 1, 2028. School district levies would continue to apply.

Sources:

- Florida Senate, 2026 amendment: Florida Senate – 2026 Amendment Text
- Florida Senate, 2026 Bill Summary: Florida Senate – 2026 Bill Summary

4. Is the proposed property tax exemption already in effect?

No. The property-tax changes described in the amendment are proposed constitutional changes that require voter approval. If approved, the changes would take effect January 1, 2027.

Sources:

- Florida Senate, 2026 Senate Journal: Florida Senate – June 2, 2026 Journal

5. Will the November 2026 vote affect my 2026 School Board property taxes?

No. The proposed changes would take effect January 1, 2027, if approved by voters. Therefore, the amendment would not change the School Board property taxes applicable to the 2026 tax year.

Sources:

- Florida Senate, proposed amendment: Florida Senate – 2026 Amendment Text