

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 453 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 6:05 PM at the Central Office, 200 N 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048 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 on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	29,870,996	20.000	30,801,124	20.000	30,942,562	5,055,903	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	9,826,683	14.391	10,107,517	15.342	10,244,031	5,245,323	16.196
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	5,675,163		1,537,718		1,669,982		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	260,000		95,070		240,000		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	6,277,259		6,865,555		7,081,129		
Bilingual Education	14	47,983		107,869		202,000		
Virtual Education	15	221,712		198,276		349,133		
Capital Outlay	16	3,305,127	5.757	2,664,870	5.578	14,948,224	2,636,925	8.000
Driver Training	18	40,703		56,200		168,610		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	2,129,995		2,210,643		2,793,261		
Professional Development	26	0		0		60,000		
Parent Education Program	28	280,466		268,320		359,249		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	9,605,463		9,632,179		10,344,004		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	578,817		628,143		634,596		
Gifts and Grants	35	480,132		421,190		636,838		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	4,758,110		4,337,057				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	3,979,598		3,621,630		4,454,605		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	1,728		20,029				
Activity Fund	56	69,029		54,972				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	10,144,024	14.246	7,743,850	13.992	7,620,180	4,563,267	14.090
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	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	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	87,552,988	54.394	81,372,212	54.912	92,748,404	17,501,418	58.286
Less: Transfers	105	19,292,790		20,427,644		15,925,908		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	68,260,198		60,944,568		76,822,496		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	14,269,570		15,341,656		17,501,418		

1. Sponsoring District Only

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	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	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$14,269,570		\$15,341,656		\$17,501,418		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$217,554,278		\$234,239,000		\$252,795,167		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$295,136,697		\$312,419,420		\$323,860,126		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$287,255,966		\$304,237,344		\$329,615,638		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	62,200,000		53,635,000		47,055,000		
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	155	62,200,000		53,635,000		47,055,000		
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Judi Price				Beth Mattox				
Board President				Clerk of the Board				

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

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Revenue Neutral						
	2025-2026				2026-2027	
	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	\$4,684,780	20.000	\$4,684,780	18.532	\$5,055,903	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$4,680,098	15.342	\$4,680,098	14.451	\$5,245,323	16.196
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$1,708,499	5.578	\$1,708,499	5.183	\$2,636,925	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$4,268,279	13.992	\$4,268,279	13.179	\$4,563,267	14.090
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$15,341,656	54.912	\$15,341,656	51.345	\$17,501,418	58.286
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$10,656,876	34.912	\$10,656,876	32.813	\$12,445,515	38.286
Judi Price				Beth Mattox		