

What's on the Feb. 11, 2020 ballot for Arlington Public Schools?

Arlington Public Schools will ask the community to consider three education funding measures — a levy to fund day-to-day operations, a levy for safety and security and additional learning spaces, and a bond to rebuild Post Middle School.



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These measures:

Educate all of our students

PROP. 1: Renews Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)

- Continues critical day-to-day operations not funded by the state including teachers, paraeducators, counselors, nurses, and other staff who support Arlington students
- Funds technology, instructional materials, and activities such as robotics, band, choir, drama and athletics
- Replaces an expiring levy
- New levy would expire end of 2025

Prepare our students for the future

PROP. 2: Capital Levy

- Funds safety and security improvements for every school in the district
- Ensures modern learning spaces to prepare students for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) career fields
- Builds additional classrooms to reduce crowding and adds science and art space for students at Arlington High School
- Capital Levy expires end of 2025

Inspire students with a modern learning environment

PROP. 3: Post Middle School Bond

- Builds a safe and secure Post Middle School
- Ensures Post Middle School students have access to comprehensive educational programs equal to other schools in the district
- Provides a modern, energy-efficient building that reduces operating costs
- Bond paid off in 2040

What is the combined cost of the three measures?

Unlike state taxes for education, this funding stays in our district to support APS students, schools and staff.

YEAR	Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for both levies and the Post Middle School bond	For a house valued at \$300,000, the yearly cost for Arlington Public Schools taxes
2019 (Most current year)	\$2.83	\$849
2021-2025	\$3.48	\$1,044
2024-2040	\$2.66	\$798

Why do we need local funding for schools?

School districts are funded through state, local and federal dollars. There is a gap between what the state funds for K-12 education and what Arlington Public Schools' students need. Every four years, the district asks voters to consider renewing an EP&O Levy. In addition, the state provides limited funds for school construction and improvements. These capital projects are primarily funded through local, voter-approved levies and bonds.



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