



REPLACEMENT LEVY 2025 INFORMATION

Our Panthers *Are* Our Future

On **August 5, 2025**, White Pass School District is asking voters to consider a four-year **replacement** school programs and operations levy to sustain quality educational opportunities for all White Pass School District students. **Our district is growing**, and our students deserve access to the same staffing and support that students in larger districts receive. If approved by voters, the levy would fund:



CTE programs

for equipment upgrades in trades and business classes



Art programs

for students to explore creative passions



Extracurriculars

for student development and achievement



Technology

for upgraded learning technology and computers



Maintenance

for updated learning facilities and equipment



Curriculum adoption

for K-12 learning and replacing class materials



More teachers

for smaller class sizes and instruction



Mental Health

for student and family wellbeing



Classified staff

for school support services and technology

Our Panthers *lead* the way

Proposition No. 1

White Pass School District No. 303
school programs and operations
replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of White Pass School District No. 303 adopted Resolution No. 8-25, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education.

This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of school programs and operations expenses not funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, technology, curriculum, athletics, and facility maintenance and operations:

Year	Estimated rate	Amount
2026	\$0.79	\$1,197,644
2027	\$0.79	\$1,197,644
2028	\$0.79	\$1,197,644
2029	\$0.79	\$1,197,644

What Does This Mean?

Proposition No. 1 asks voters to consider a **replacement** School Programs and Operations Levy, also known as an Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O), levy that helps fund educational programs, services, and daily operations in White Pass schools.

If approved, the levy would continue local funding at an estimated rate of \$0.79 for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.

The replacement levy would raise almost **\$4.8 million** from 2026–29 to support White Pass students.

Actual year-to-year levy rates will be based on the total assessed property value across White Pass School District.

However, the levy rate per thousand will not increase.

The Tax Rate


What this will cost

The estimated rate for the replacement levy is **\$0.79** per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This is a **decreased amount to you** from the current levy rate approved in 2021.


This is a **replacement** levy. The calculation is the estimated total cost to property owners, **not a new tax**.

Remember, we can only collect the total amount of funds voters approved for the next four years. So, if your property value increases, the amount per \$1,000 **decreases**.


The **current rate** is:

 **\$1.29 per \$1,000**
of property value


Reduces by
\$0.50

The **new rate** would be:
 **\$0.79 per \$1,000**
of property value

The **new amount** per month and year would be:

 **\$300,000**
\$19.75/month

 **\$400,000**
\$26.33/month

 **\$500,000**
\$32.92/month

This is a fixed amount

We are the only district who approved a **fixed, four-year rate**. Other districts have increasing rates per collection year. Our district has one of the **lowest** rates in the region.

Not a new tax

We currently have a levy in place that was approved by voters in February 2021 and is set to expire at the end of 2025. This replacement levy **renews** current funding, ensuring students receive excellent education and graduate career-ready.

If approved, the levy would **replace the current levy** and continue funding critical programs at White Pass for student learning.

our Panthers in action! 

The Funding Gap

Washington's school funding model

Washington's funding model serves all schools, but its one-size-fits-all approach doesn't always meet the needs of small districts like White Pass.

State **funding doesn't cover** programs like athletics and extracurriculars, and it falls short on funding counseling, CTE, arts, staffing, and maintenance. All of these programs and services rely on local levies.

Our funding

White Pass School District receives funding from federal, state, and local sources to support student learning.

However, state and federal funding still leave a large funding gap that local levies help fill. This **replacement** levy allows our district to maintain its current level of commitment to a quality education by funding many of the programs that help students learn and grow to be ready for the world.

Voters can decide whether they'd like to approve the replacement levy and close the funding gap to sustain high-quality education for White Pass Students.

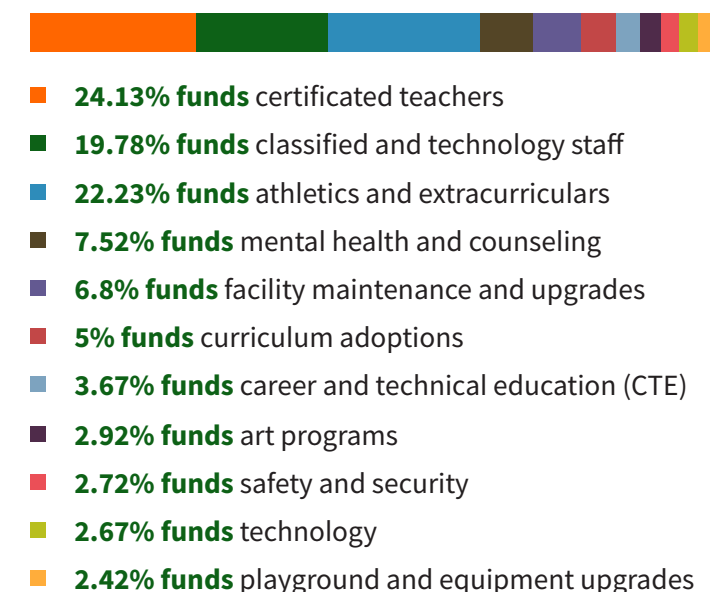
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Ballots should start arriving in mailboxes around **July 18**.

The Levy Breakdown

How levy dollars are spent

We use levy dollars to fund programs and services in the following ways:



How We Compare

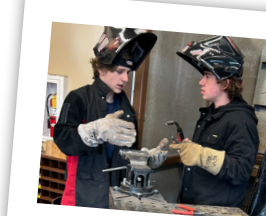
What other districts are asking

The new proposed amount would be the **lowest** tax rate in the area per \$1,000, and we are the only local district with a fixed rate.

Based on 2022 tax levies, the new proposed rate is significantly lower than the average rates across Lewis County.



"The mission of the White Pass School District, in conjunction with our greater rural community, is to provide a quality education for all in a safe and challenging environment."



Get To Know Our School

Established in 1947, White Pass School District serves the communities of Packwood, Glenoma, and Randle.

In our district, students are supported from pre-K through high school. Our schools provide a safe and welcoming environment, but like many districts, we rely on local support to maintain critical programs and services.

From athletics and activities to CTE, technology, and counseling, our schools aim to meet the needs of every student. Investments in these areas ensure White Pass students are prepared for the future.



Two schools to support our Panthers



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do levy dollars go?

A: Levies are for learning. All funds raised from voter-approved measures support current and future generations of White Pass students.

Q: When do I need to vote by?

A: Ballots must be postmarked or dropped in a ballot box by **8 pm on August 5**. You do not need to stamp ballots. They are prepaid.

Q: Who is eligible to vote?

A: All registered voters residing within White Pass School District are eligible to vote on the levy.

Q: How can I register to vote?

A: Visit elections.lewiscountywa.gov to learn how to register online, by mail, or in person.

Q: Are there exemptions?

A: Seniors and people with disabilities may be exempt from all or part of levies and bonds. Visit the Lewis County Assessor's Office online at lewiscountywa.gov/offices/assessor or in person to learn more.

Our Community. Our Future.

Please remember to vote by August 5, 2025.

Want to learn more? Call the District Office at 360-497-3791 or send your questions to our district at wpsdoffice@whitepass.k12.wa.us.



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