

Mail-in ballots and polling places:

Voters requesting to vote by mail will receive their ballots the week of May 3. Ballots must be postmarked by May 18. Voters wishing to vote at the polls may do so May 18 at the following locations:

Hathaway Elementary—Precincts #900, 905, 910, and 914

Gause Elementary—Precincts #935, 940, and 947

Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tax Exemptions:

Disabled persons or those 61 years of age and older may be eligible for a tax exemption. Applications are available at the Clark County (360-397-2391) and Skamania County (509-427-9400) Assessor's offices.

**Washougal School District
levy election:
Tuesday, May 18, 2004**



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Washougal School District

Replacement Levy

for Technology

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School and Community Succeeding Together**



Additional questions?
Please contact
Superintendent
Robert Donaldson
or Assistant
Superintendent Phil
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www.washougal.k12.wa.us

Levy Questions & Answers

Why does the school district need to ask for this levy?

Technology is an invaluable resource for **improving student learning** to make students competitive in a global economy. Additionally, technology helps **increase communication** between the district, parents and community, while also **increasing productivity** within the Washougal School District.

Even though Washougal School District just completed a \$52 million districtwide construction and remodeling project, funds are needed to maintain current levels of technology and keep it updated. The bond money used for remodeling and new construction can only be used for capital improvements, not classroom learning.

How much will it cost?

The tax rate is \$.15 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This is NOT a new tax—it replaces a six-year levy approved for 1999-2004. At \$.15 per \$1,000 assessed value, the rate for 2005-2010 will be less than in previous years when taxpayers paid an average of \$.19.

In an effort to respond to taxpayer wishes, the Washougal School District Board of Directors voted to keep the rate steady over the duration of the levy. The amount the district will collect annually increases because of projected growth in the Washougal community.

Year	Amount	Estimated Rate/1000 Assessed Value
2005	\$200,000	15¢
2006	\$217,067	15¢
2007	\$231,959	15¢
2008	\$247,897	15¢
2009	\$264,953	15¢
2010	\$283,206	15¢

How is technology used to aid student learning?

Examples of technology supporting student learning include:

- Research
- Presentations
- Video projects
- Word processing and productivity
- Grade/Assignment monitoring
- Cooperative learning via the web
- Mini learning, production, and mobile labs
- Distance Learning
- Online Curriculum
- Career and Scholarship Research
- Student Portfolios
- College Research and Post-secondary Education Planning
- SAT/ACT test preparation
- Online foreign language forums
- Teacher web pages
- Adaptive Assessment [Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Test]
- Accelerated Reader (AR) Program
- Skill-building and Assistive Technology
- Pre- and Post-assessment
- Phonics programs

How is technology used to improve communications?

Six years ago, Washougal School District had an outdated phone system and no website. Now the district has a highly functional website that features individual school and classroom pages with links to resources for students and parents. All district staff have voice and e-mail for improved communications.

- Phones and voice mail system
- E-mail
- Website, www.washougal.k12.wa.us
- Teacher's classroom webpages
- Safety equipment (i.e. two-way radios and base station)

How does technology increase overall district productivity?

Technology dollars increase districtwide efficiency through the following:

- Electronic Grade reporting
- Upgraded phone system
- E-mail system
- Campus safety programs
- Attendance
- State reporting
- Assessment analysis

What did the previous technology levy pay for?

- Wired every classroom for voice, data, and video
- Installed a districtwide phone branch exchange system
 - Installed a districtwide e-mail server with e-mail for all staff
- Installed Internet filtering system per Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
 - Enhanced safety programs
 - Improved district communications



What do I need to know?

- Must have 60% "yes" votes to pass.
- This is a six-year levy with a constant rate of \$.15 per \$1,000 per year.
 - This is not a new tax—this replaces a six-year levy approved in 1998.
 - As state support for the operation of schools continues to shrink, local levy funds are required to pay for essential services and programs.