



CY 2025 Millage



Millage Rate

- ★ State law requires that if the District does not lower the millage rate to offset property value growth set by the tax assessor, we must advertise it as a tax increase and hold three public hearings – even when the millage rate itself has not changed from the previous year.
- ★ 2nd Hearing: Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Houston County Board of Education in Perry.
- ★ 3rd Hearing: Monday, August 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Houston County Board of Education in Perry.



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★ 2025 Proposed Millage Rate – 11.719 mills

★ Same millage rate as in 2024

<u>Year</u>	<u>Millage</u>
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2023	13.183
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2024	11.719	Reduction in millage by 1.464 mills
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2025	11.719	Unchanged from 2024
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★ Remains lower than any actual millage rate since 1992 (32 years)



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- ★ For CY 2024 (FY 2025) the School District's millage ranked 165th out of 180 systems.
- ★ Property owners in 164 school districts faced higher millage rates, which likely resulted in higher property taxes.



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- ★ Even though the millage rate is not going up, higher overall commercial and residential property values mean the State considers it a tax increase. This results in a rollback amount of 1.266 mills and requires us to hold three public hearings.
- ★ Only property owners whose reassessment went up would see a tax increase. For owners with no reassessment, taxes would remain the same. If a reassessment went down, their taxes would decrease.



Effect on Homeowner

The amount attributable to 1.226 mills is:

<u>Home Value</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
\$100,000	\$ 49.04	\$ 4.08
\$150,000	\$ 73.56	\$ 6.13
\$200,000	\$ 98.08	\$ 8.17
\$250,000	\$ 122.60	\$ 10.21



Additional Information

- The Houston County School District is the 12th largest school district in the State of Georgia with over 30,800 students and growing.
- We are also the 2nd largest employer in Houston County.
- We are a large organization with a \$470 million General Fund budget and a fund balance equal to approximately 2.5 months of expenses.
- Due to a decrease in federal funding from prior years, more expenditures are now being paid by local funds.



What Do Property Taxes Help Pay For

- Examples (including but not limited to):
 - Attract and retain the most highly qualified teachers and support staff (personnel costs)
 - School Resource Officers (SROs); school safety and security
 - Instructional Materials
 - Technology for our students and staff
 - Transportation Costs: buses, salary and benefits, fuel, operating costs
 - 100% of state health insurance employer costs for our classified employees (i.e.. Bus drivers, bus monitors, paraprofessionals, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance staff, lunchroom monitors, etc.)
 - Recurring Expenses for 45+ Facilities : Electricity, Water, Fuel, Cleaning Supplies, Operating and Maintenance Supplies, Repairs, etc.



In Summary

- ✓ The proposed 2025 millage rate is remaining unchanged from 2024 at 11.719 mills.
- ✓ Lowest actual millage rate since 1992 (32 years).
- ✓ The millage rate is not increasing.
- ✓ Lowered millage rate by 1.464 mills in 2024
- ✓ Our millage rate ranked 165th out of 180 school districts (CY2024)
- ✓ Our Board of Education continues to prioritize transparency and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars while meeting the needs of a growing student enrollment and community.