

Leon County School District Millage Referendum

November 2026 Ballot — Voter Information Guide

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School District Ad Valorem Tax to Improve Teacher Pay and School Security

In order to increase teacher pay, recruit and retain highly qualified educators, enhance school security, improve mental health services, and fund essential operations that preserve important school programs including career and technical education; with a proportionate allocation to charter schools pursuant to state law, shall the Leon County School District authorize an **annual ad valorem operating millage of one mil, for four years**, with expenditures reviewed by a citizen's advisory committee?

YES

For the 1 mil ad valorem tax

NO

Against the 1 mil ad valorem tax

KEY FACTS

Tax type	Ad valorem (property tax) — based on the assessed value of taxable property
Rate	1 mil = \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable property value
Duration	4 years
Who can vote	All registered Leon County voters
What is needed to pass	Simple majority — more than 50% of votes cast. This is a local referendum, not a constitutional amendment, so the 60% supermajority threshold does not apply here.
Oversight	Citizen's advisory committee reviews all expenditures

WHAT THE FUNDS MUST BE USED FOR

Revenue is designated for operating purposes. Permitted uses include:

- Increasing teacher pay
- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified educators
- Enhancing school security
- Improving mental health services
- Funding essential operations that preserve school programs, including career and technical education
- Proportionate allocation to eligible charter schools (as required by Florida law)

Unlike capital improvement funds, **these revenues must be used for operating expenses such as teacher salaries** — that is the primary purpose of this millage.

Current 2025 Millage Rates (new rates will be published in August):

Taxing Authority	2025 Millage Rate
Leon County Commission	8.31440
Children's Services Council	0.34770
County Emergency Medical Service	0.75000
School Board (State Law)	3.11800
School Board (Capital Outlay)	1.50000
School Board (Discretionary)	0.74800
City of Tallahassee	4.40720
Downtown Improvement Authority	1.00000
NW FL Water Management District	0.02070
Totals	
Inside City Limits (1)	19.2060
Outside City Limits (2)	14.7988
Downtown (3)	20.2060

Source: Leon County Property Appraiser Website

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