How to vote!

1. Read your voters' pamphlet to learn about what's on your ballot.
2. On your ballot, fill in the ovals beside your choices.
3. Sign the back of your ballot return envelope.
4. Return your ballot. Whether by drop box or the mail, vote early!
5. Track your ballot. Visit **kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot** or sign up for ballot alerts at **kce.wiki/BallotAlert**. These are the best ways to know your ballot was counted and your voice was heard.

Need a replacement ballot?

If your ballot is lost or damaged, you can print a replacement from home, the library, or wherever is convenient.

The Online Ballot Marking Program (OBMP) is available for all registered voters. It's designed to enable voters with disabilities, particularly who are blind or low vision, to mark their ballot privately.

How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

- Go to kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.
- Enter your information in the form.
- Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot.

  OR

- Print your ballot and mark it by hand.
- Check that your ballot is marked correctly.
- Return your ballot as usual, at a ballot drop box or via USPS.

  No postage is required when you use the envelope cover sheet included when you print your ballot.

If you need additional assistance or another way to cast your ballot, please contact our office at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Who donates to campaigns?

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Sign up for Ballot Alerts!

Get texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted.
Opt in at **kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot**.

Register to vote

Online: Visit **VoteWA.gov** to register to vote online. The deadline to register online for the February Special Election is February 2.

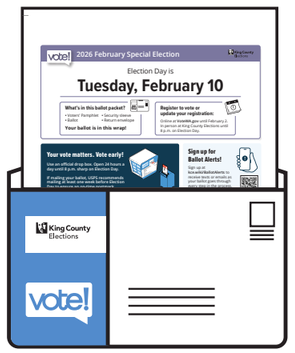
By mail: Download and print a registration form from **kce.wiki/VoterReg** and mail to King County Elections: **919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057**. It must be received by February 2.

In person: You can register in person through February 10, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at **kingcounty.gov/elections**.

Contact us to receive this pamphlet in an alternate format.

Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese.
如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請與我們聯絡。
한국어로 투표 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.
Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы получать материалы для голосования на русском.
Nala soo xiriir si aad u hesho agabkaaga codeynta oo ku qoran Af-Soomaali.
Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en español.
Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

Learn more about drop boxes, Vote Centers, and more!



We are here to help!

Elections staff can help you register and get a new ballot all the way up to Election Day. Need a replacement ballot and want to mark your ballot privately? Access your ballot online at **kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp** to utilize the Online Ballot Marking Program.

Your ballot is wrapped in useful information! Be sure to check out your ballot wrap for:

- the five drop boxes closest to you,
- where to get in-person assistance,
- how to print your ballot if yours is lost or damaged,
- how to return your ballot,
- and more!

206-296-VOTE (8683)
elections@kingcounty.gov
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Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Mercer Island School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 747, concerning educational funding. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations not funded or fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.72	$16,000,000
2028	$0.75	$17,000,000
2029	$0.77	$18,000,000
2030	$0.80	$19,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 747. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

You will be voting
Yes or No
on Proposition No. 1

Requirement passage: Simple majority (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Mercer Island School District to replace the existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. Consistent with the current levy, this replacement levy will be used to pay educational programs and operations expenses either not funded or fully funded by the State of Washington, including funding gaps caused by the State's special education funding system. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, safety and security, instructional materials, expanded performing arts including elementary band and orchestra, increased nurse staffing, the seven-period day at MIHS, activities and athletics at IMS and MIHS, enhanced staffing to reduce class sizes or increase support (salaries and benefits), transportation, technology infrastructure, maintenance of facilities, and non-capital expenses of operating the district. Information is available on the District's website www.mercerislandschools.org.

The proposed replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to $16,000,000 in 2027, $17,000,000 in 2028, $18,000,000 in 2029, and $19,000,000 in 2030. The levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $0.72 in 2027, $0.75 in 2028, $0.77 in 2029, and $0.80 in 2030. The exact levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Dr. Fred Rundle
Superintendent
(206) 236-3300
fred.rundle@mercerislandschools.org

Mercer Island School District No. 400

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Statement in favor

Leslie Ferrell, Isabel Freitas Peres, Ricca Poll
www.yesmischools.org

Mercer Islanders have a long history of supporting our students and strong schools. This renewal levy provides funding for critical student learning not funded by the state's "basic education". This renewal levy, replacing the current levy which expires in 2026, will run from 2027-2030. All funds raised on Mercer Island stay on Mercer Island. The levy funds 16% of the MISD budget. It funds teachers who keep elementary class sizes small and all additional educators in the classroom who support learning, including Special Education. This measure provides funding for electives such as advanced science and math programs, robotics, radio, drama, music, art, business, athletics, and essential staff such as nurses, academic advisers, a school resource officer, and more. Without this levy, MIHS will go from 7 to 6 -periods, reducing college prep opportunities. The state limits the amount districts can raise. The state increased the per student cap, but funds cannot be collected until voter approval. Starting in 2027, this replacement levy would increase taxes by $27.50 per month for the average $2.2M home. This is the local way we directly fund public education for our students, and strong schools support our entire community. It has been endorsed by all PTAs and school board directors. Vote *Yes*! www.yesmischools.org

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

Jurisdictions that place measures on the ballot also appoint members of the public to "pro" and "con" committees. These committees prepare statements either for or against the ballot measure. These statements are published in the local voters' pamphlet to help voters make informed decisions.

If the jurisdiction is unable to appoint a committee, King County Elections can appoint any eligible committee members who come forward. To join a committee in the future, please contact the jurisdiction.