

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 297 will meet on the 18th day of September 2025 at 6:55 AM at 100 South College Street, St. Francis, KS 67756 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at 100 South College Street on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	2,865,899	20.000	3,033,128	20.000	3,633,467	745,042	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	917,553	19.709	981,705	20.275	1,188,445	875,911	19.235
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	273,512		123,597		134,719		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		0		0		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	324,813		296,371		519,336		
Bilingual Education	14	6,187		17,438		131,471		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	247,447	7.997	599,842	7.997	2,173,032	364,292	8.000
Driver Training	18	10,173		9,412		63,585		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	355,875		382,660		750,180		
Professional Development	26	23,831		31,170		55,230		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	342,642		693,050		1,106,318		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	146,804		185,152		192,724		
Gifts and Grants	35	319,524		134,961		308,739		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	278,056		279,108		343,303		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	49,861		67				
Activity Fund	56	213,185		195,745				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES¹								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	6,375,362	47.706	6,963,406	48.272	10,600,549	1,985,245	47.235
Less: Transfers	105	1,328,630		2,083,279		1,518,127		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	5,046,732		4,880,127		9,082,422		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,925,109		1,934,321		1,985,245		

¹ Sponsoring District Only

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commssion	84	269,215	6.000	273,883	6.000	289,376	273,219	6.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	269,215	6.000	273,883	6.000	289,376	273,219	6.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$2,179,349		\$2,194,726		\$2,258,464		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$37,533,720		\$35,337,356		\$37,252,115		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$42,390,207		\$43,421,797		\$45,536,489		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$42,390,207		\$43,421,797		\$45,536,489		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		
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Board President				Clerk of the Board				

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$706,747	20.000	\$706,673	18.973	\$745,042	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$880,367	20.275	\$880,676	19.334	\$875,911	19.235
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$347,207	7.997	\$347,261	7.000	\$364,292	8.000
Capital Outlay	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$1,934,321	48.272	\$1,934,610	45.307	\$1,985,245	47.235
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$1,227,574	28.272	\$1,227,937	26.334	\$1,240,203	27.235

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