

Legals

State of Kansas Budget Form USD-A		(Published in The Oakley Graphic on August 13, 2025.)				USD #275 2025-2026		
Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget								
The governing body of Unified School District 275 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:15 PM at 503 Wilson Ave., Winona, KS 67764 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 District Office 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.								
		2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	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	08	1,026,095	20.000	1,078,136	20.000	1,251,584	433,488	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	341,501	12.610	357,428	14.937	418,132	383,977	16.641
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	91,717		85,279		42,567		
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	116,768		137,194		182,318		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	289,808	7.910	255,479	8.000	384,975	184,592	8.000
Driver Training	18	500		2,710		6,828		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	86,110		69,924		101,891		
Professional Development	26	1,300		1,372		4,666		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	164,324		167,412		293,273		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	0		0		0		
Gifts and Grants	35	810		19,139		33,956		
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		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	97,318		101,309		114,226		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		23,850				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	6,002		4,987				
Activity Fund	56	18,143		14,529				
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
COOPERATIVES*								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES								
	100	2,240,396	40.520	2,318,748	42.937	2,834,416	1,002,057	44.641
Less: Transfers	105	323,387		308,379		334,683		
NET USD EXPENDITURES								
	110	1,917,009		2,010,369		2,499,733		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED								
	115	1,064,073		1,020,502		1,002,057		
1. Sponsoring District Only								
*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills								

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OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	2,242	0.058	2,583	0.062	5,390	0.063
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	2,242	0.058	2,583	0.062	5,390	0.063
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,065,624		\$1,022,017		\$1,003,507	
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$25,768,040		\$22,994,943		\$21,674,424	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$26,681,453		\$24,361,909		\$23,074,015	
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$26,681,453		\$24,337,427		\$23,074,015	
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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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year							
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		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		\$459,899	20.000	\$459,909	21.219	\$433,488	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS							
Supplemental General (LOB)		\$365,050	14.937	\$363,900	15.771	\$383,977	16.641
Adult Education		\$0.000	0.000			\$0.000	0.000
Capital Outlay		\$195,553	8.000	\$194,906	8.447	\$184,592	8.000
Cost of Living		\$0.000	0.000			\$0.000	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund		\$0.000	0.000			\$0.000	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities		\$0.000	0.000			\$0.000	0.000
Bond and Interest #1		\$0.000	0.000			\$0.000	0.000
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Revenue Neutral Calculation							
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund		\$1,020,502	42.937	\$1,018,715	45.437	\$1,002,057	44.641
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund		\$560,603	22.937	\$558,806	24.218	\$568,569	24.641

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Hoe & Tell
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An inch and a half in the bucket this morning, and that changes my week. The well will get some time off and except for keeping the pots watered, we will not be dragging hoses for a few days. These rains are keeping us encouraged, and our fall dryland corn harvest is looking much better than in years past. The onion harvest has been drying on the west deck in the shade for several weeks and we trimmed them back and cleaned them up for storage in the cool basement. I rough chop some in the food processor, packaging one cup measurements pressed flat in sandwich bags and then packing the bags in a one gallon freezer bag that keeps us in chopped onion all winter without the mess of chopping every time you need chopped onion for soups, chili, meatloaf, tacos and casseroles. Filling fifty bags seems like a lot, but that is only one bag a week and by next onion harvest they are all gone.

As the garden boxes are harvested, a new layer of compost is added and then piled high with clean wheat straw for the winter. I noticed the local garden centers are stocking bales of wheat straw and the benefits of covering your empty garden plots or beds means you will be ready to plant next spring. Don't let them bake in the sun or freeze and thaw all winter without covering them with mulch or a fall crop that you can turn under next spring.

It is time to plant a fall salad garden. Radishes, turnips, lettuce, arugula and kale will germinate quickly in the warm soil. We probably have two months before frost and putting a garden grow box to work makes good sense and provides some delicious greens for the table.

Do not fertilize warm season turf anymore this year. But don't miss the most important time of the whole year to fertilize strawberries. Strawberries are setting new buds for next seasons harvest and a boost of fertilizer will make a big difference next spring. We no longer can handle a strawberry patch and miss it. Scatter 16-4-4 or something similar and water it in. Repeat in two weeks.

Rose of Sharon shrubs are blooming now, reminding us that it is a good idea to include them in our landscaping plans. Althea can be invasive, reseeding in places that can be a problem. Read labels carefully, and choose sterile plants that will behave in your landscaping plans. There is often good opportunity to start a landscaping redo in the fall, instead of the spring. A cold, wet spring can delay plans, but in the next two or three months a lot can be accomplished while the weather is on your side and plants are on sale in nurseries that are trying to reduce inventory for the winter months.

If you are trying to grow a row of ornamental sunflowers, keep a close eye out for worms that can chew up a row of flowers in a day. I know most of the worms turn into pretty butterflies, but diligence can save the day if you are counting on flowers. The hummers keep me company while I deadhead in the flower beds. I brought four parsley worms inside, and after feeding them parsley and dill for several weeks, they are now hanging in their cocoons in the jar. Nature just keeps me in awe, in so many ways. I am so grateful for a childhood that included a close encounter with the wild, and now in my eighties I can still wonder and be thankful for a Creator that just keeps entertaining us.

Annie Oakley 4-H Club booth at the Logan County Fair

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