

01 Legal Publications

(First published in the Cowley CourierTraveler Thursday, 08 13, 2026.)

State of Kansas Budget Form USD-A						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 6:25 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING						
General	06	25,688,598	20.000	25,764,836	20.000	28,061,202 2,437,302 20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	8,172,724	16.242	8,290,912	16.586	9,105,363 2,476,253 14.875
SPECIAL REVENUE						
Federal Funds	07	2,381,457		1,223,852		1,344,694
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Preschool/Aged At-Risk	11	275,000		300,487		303,850
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0
At-Risk Education Fund	13	8,460,407		7,985,677		6,934,824
Bilingual Education	14	241,664		243,515		869,118
Virtual Education	15	182,358		166,574		116,240
Capital Outlay	16	761,158	7.107	6,268,744	6.743	3,307,288 1,331,762 8.000
Driver Training	18	33,325		33,812		46,112
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0
Food Service	24	2,343,062		2,365,044		3,028,191
Professional Development	26	29,368		14,542		182,391
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0
Summer School	29	97,200		0		90,000
Special Education	30	4,803,167		5,067,544		6,246,742
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	561,670		800,000		721,000
Gifts and Grants	35	125,453		116,472		175,298
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0
KPERs Special Retirement Contribution	51	2,935,669		2,999,476		3,474,143
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	101,315		95,185		0
Activity Fund	56	32,525		0		0
DEBT SERVICE						
Bond and Interest #1	62	6,725,625	7.270	6,734,789	0.000	3,539,812 2,422,136 14.550
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
COOPERATIVES						
Special Education	78	0		0		0
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	63,951,745	50.619	68,471,461	43.329	67,546,268 8,667,453 57.425
Less: Transfers	105	14,142,021		13,449,907		15,203,080
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	49,809,724		55,021,554		52,343,188
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	6,811,846		6,051,422		6,667,453

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

State of Kansas Budget Form USD-A						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 6:25 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER						
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Recreation Commission	84	760,917	4.991	828,400	4.685	810,051 753,200 4.525
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	100,000	0.412	0	0.500	126,750 83,248 0.500
TOTAL OTHER	120	860,917	5.403	828,400	5.185	936,801 836,448 5.025
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$7,625,599		\$6,886,964		\$9,503,901
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$109,920,219		\$113,626,208		\$121,865,098
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$152,486,703		\$157,268,789		\$166,470,214
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$156,478,031		\$160,847,767		\$166,470,214
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026
General Obligation Bonds	135	13,230,000		6,734,789		66,765,000
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	482,109		370,250		899,392
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	13,712,109		7,105,039		67,664,392

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

State of Kansas Revenue Neutral (County Certification)						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:15 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER						
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Recreation Commission	84	760,917	4.991	828,400	4.685	810,051 753,200 4.525
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	100,000	0.412	0	0.500	126,750 83,248 0.500
TOTAL OTHER	120	860,917	5.403	828,400	5.185	936,801 836,448 5.025
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$7,625,599		\$6,886,964		\$9,503,901
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$109,920,219		\$113,626,208		\$121,865,098
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$152,486,703		\$157,268,789		\$166,470,214
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$156,478,031		\$160,847,767		\$166,470,214
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026
General Obligation Bonds	135	13,230,000		6,734,789		66,765,000
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	482,109		370,250		899,392
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	13,712,109		7,105,039		67,664,392

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

State of Kansas Revenue Neutral (County Certification)						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:15 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER						
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Recreation Commission	84	760,917	4.991	828,400	4.685	810,051 753,200 4.525
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	100,000	0.412	0	0.500	126,750 83,248 0.500
TOTAL OTHER	120	860,917	5.403	828,400	5.185	936,801 836,448 5.025
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$7,625,599		\$6,886,964		\$9,503,901
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$109,920,219		\$113,626,208		\$121,865,098
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$152,486,703		\$157,268,789		\$166,470,214
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$156,478,031		\$160,847,767		\$166,470,214
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026
General Obligation Bonds	135	13,230,000		6,734,789		66,765,000
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	482,109		370,250		899,392
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	13,712,109		7,105,039		67,664,392

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

State of Kansas Revenue Neutral (County Certification)						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:15 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
General		\$2,272,524	20.000	\$2,354,190	19.318	\$2,437,302 20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)		\$2,679,151	16.586	\$2,675,514	16.072	\$2,476,253 14.875
Adult Education		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Capital Outlay		\$1,099,747	6.743	\$1,093,710	6.570	\$1,331,762 8.000
Cost of Living		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Bond and Interest #1		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$2,422,136 14.550
Bond and Interest #2		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
No-Fund Warrant		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Special Assessment		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Temporary Note		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Historical Museum		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Public Library Board/District		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits		0	0.000	0	0.000	\$0 0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund		\$6,051,422	43.329	\$6,123,414	41.960	\$8,667,453 57.425
Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund		\$3,778,598	23.329	\$3,769,224	22.642	\$6,230,151 37.425

State of Kansas Revenue Neutral (County Certification)						
USD #470 2026-2027						
Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year						
The governing body of Unified School District 470 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:15 PM at 400 E Kansas Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 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, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.						
	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5) Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6) Est. Tax Rate* (7)
General		\$2,272,524	20.000	\$2,354,190	19.318	\$2,437,302 20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)		\$2,679,151	16.586	\$2,675,514	16.072	\$2,476,253