

# 2024 School Bond Referendum, Orange County, NC

**It's the last item**

**on the ballot.**

**Make your vote count**

In the 2024 general election, Orange County voters will consider a referendum to fund school replacements, renovations, and repairs for \$300 million.

## Why do we need this bond?

- Many schools in Orange County are over 70 years old. Repairs, renovations, and in some cases, replacement facilities are needed.
- A bond is a way the county government can borrow money at low interest and pay it back over time.



### **If the bond isn't approved, can we still make improvements?**

We can make some improvements, but they will be limited. Without the bond, the County would have to use traditional borrowing methods that will only provide one-third of the funds needed.

### **How will the bond money be used?**

Out of the \$300 million bond, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) will get about \$175 million, and Orange County Schools (OCS) will get about \$125 million. The split is in line with student enrollment and is based on the costs of major projects and high-priority needs.

### **Can the bond be used for any other purpose?**

No. The Board of Commissioners restricted the bond to be used only for school facilities.

### **If the bond is approved, how will it impact what I pay in taxes?**

The bond is projected to cost a property taxpayer \$34.10 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value. For example, owning property valued at \$400,000 would mean a tax increase of approximately \$136.40 per year.

### **Do I vote on the bond referendum even if I don't have school-age children?**

Yes. The outcome of this bond referendum will impact the entire County and all its citizens, so broad participation is essential to represent the opinions of the entire community.

### **Where can I learn more?**

You can learn more about school bond referendum, see a sample ballot, and register to vote at [OrangeCountySchoolBond.com](https://www.OrangeCountySchoolBond.com)



**Make your vote count by mail or in person.**

**OCT  
17**

early  
voting  
begins

**NOV  
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