

SOUTH TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 BUDGET TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- October 1, 2024: Certified Enrollment Count Date. This certified enrollment number drives the budget for the 2024-2025 year.
- October 31, 2024: Special Education Headcount Date. Districts receive additional weighted funding for Special Education students. Funding for this additional weighting is received in the 2024-2025 year.
- November 25, 2024: SBRC Requests of students open enrolled out who were not on prior year count (\$133,800.32), and LEP Programming beyond 5 years (\$120,285.62) to approve. These requests generate additional spending authority for the District.
- Before January 17, 2025: Modified Supplemental Authority Request for the Dropout and At Risk Programs. These programs are funded through property tax and are calculated within the school finance formula.
- January 2025: Attend ISFIS Budget Workshop
- January 2025: Governor recommends a State Supplemental Aid Amount (SSA). The legislature is required to set SSA for school districts within the first 30 days of session. This could end up being different than the Governor's recommendation.
- January 2025: Aid & Levy worksheet release by Department of Management. This worksheet is how the budget and tax rates are determined through the School Finance Formula. There are over 400 lines of formula on this worksheet. The Board only has control over a handful of these items.
- February 10, 2025: Initial Discussion on 2025-2026 budget. Will seek guidance from the Board on priorities for putting the budget together.
- March 10, 2025: Presentation of the budget to the Board. Make Certified Budget decisions and set public hearing #1 (property tax amount). Required public notices will be published after this Board meeting.
- March 15, 2025 - Deadline for info to the Department of Management for taxpayer statements.
- March 20, 2025 - Auditor mailing to taxpayers.
- March 14, 2025 - Public Hearing Notice #1 published (10-20 days prior to hearing)
- April 4, 2024 - Public Hearing Notice #2 published (10-20 days prior to hearing)
- March 24, 2025: Hold public hearing #1
- April 14, 2025: Hold public hearing #2
- April 14, 2025: Adopt budget after public hearing
- April 30, 2024: Last day to file budget with County Auditor and Department of Management