

Cowlitz County Elections

February 8, 2022 Special Election

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet and Instructions

Dates and Deadlines

Voting Center

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday beginning January 21, 2022 until 8 p.m. Election Night on February 8, 2022.

207 N 4th Ave, Rm 205
Kelso, WA 98626

January 31 - Online and mailed voter registrations must be received by 5 p.m.

February 1 - 8 - Voters can register or update their addresses in person at the Cowlitz County Elections office by 8 p.m. Election Day.

Register and obtain a ballot

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

How to register, update your address, and/or obtain a ballot:

- Online - VoteWA.gov
- By mail - Call us at (360) 577-3005 or email us at elections@co.cowlitz.wa.us and we will assist you.
- In person - 207 N 4th Ave, Rm 205
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Participating Jurisdictions: Castle Rock School District
No. 401



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Returning your ballot

In a ballot drop box

- Castle Rock - 137 Cowlitz St West, in front of the Castle Rock Library
- Kelso - Bridge Market Ln between LJ's Furnace Drug and the Allen St bridge
- Kelso - 207 N 4th Ave, Admin Building North Entrance Parking Lot
- Broadway (Longview) - Broadway St, east of the post office boxes
- Civic Circle (Longview) - Civic Center Circle near the Longview Post Office boxes
- Ryderwood - 208 Morse St, beside the library

*The Kalama and Woodland ballot drop boxes will not be open this election. Ballots must be deposited in a drop box by 8 p.m. Election Night in order to be counted.

In Person

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By Mail

No stamp is needed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before February 8 in order to be counted.

Need assistance?

Accessible voting machines are available every election at our voting center.

These machines provide privacy and accessibility to voters with a disability or condition that makes it difficult to mark a ballot in the usual way.

Voter eligibility

If you have any questions or concerns about your eligibility to vote, contact Cowlitz County Elections.

Questions?

- Phone - (360) 577 - 3005
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Proposition 1

Educational Program and Operations Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 2021-105 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational program and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.98	\$2,775,000
2024	\$1.98	\$2,975,000
2025	\$1.98	\$3,175,000

all as provided in the Resolution subject to legal limits at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Castle Rock School District No. 401 to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The proposed three-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$2,775,000 in property taxes within Castle Rock School District No. 401 for collection in 2023, the levy of \$2,975,000 for collection in 2024, and the levy of \$3,175,000 for collection in 2025, to support the District's educational programs and operations, that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, and properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools. In accordance with Resolution No. 2021-105, these taxes would be collected over three years and deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the educational program and operations support of the District. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.98 (2023 collection), \$1.98 (2024 collection), and \$1.98 (2025 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

See complete resolution text at:
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Elections

Argument For

In recognizing the importance of the educational needs of students enrolled in our District schools, and the ongoing needs of operations, we support this replacement levy. Our school district needs the support of its electors in order to meet these needs.

It is also important to spend tax dollars conservatively. Maintenance and operations progress should be monitored and reported to taxpayers, not deferred. Expenditures must be closely monitored to match the budget plan. Every student's academic growth and achievements must be acknowledged and accounted for.

We must support our schools in order for our children to succeed.

Keep Castle Rock Schools Rock Solid!

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Committee Against: None appointed
Argument Against: None submitted
Rebuttal of Argument For: None submitted
Rebuttal of Argument Against: None submitted