



Conway Views

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QUICK FACTS

- ◆ 2-Year Levy - 2021 & 2022
- ◆ Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy
- ◆ \$1,075,000 in 2021
- ◆ \$1,164,000 in 2022
- ◆ \$1.60-\$1.65 per thousand tax rate

Is this a new tax?

No. It replaces the expiring levy which was voter approved in 2018.

How will this affect my taxes?

The chart shows the estimated combined tax rates of the EP&O levy, tech levy bond, and state school levy. The local levies and bond rate will be approximately \$2.80 per thousand combined with the state school levy of \$2.70 per thousand, for a total of \$5.50 per thousand (2021) and \$5.53 per thousand (2022).

As the chart shows, Tax Rates have been reduced significantly with the new state funding model which now combines property tax for the entire state. This means small communities do not have to pay as much in taxes to finance schools.

Source:

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction:

<https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-apportionment/school-publications/property-tax-levies>

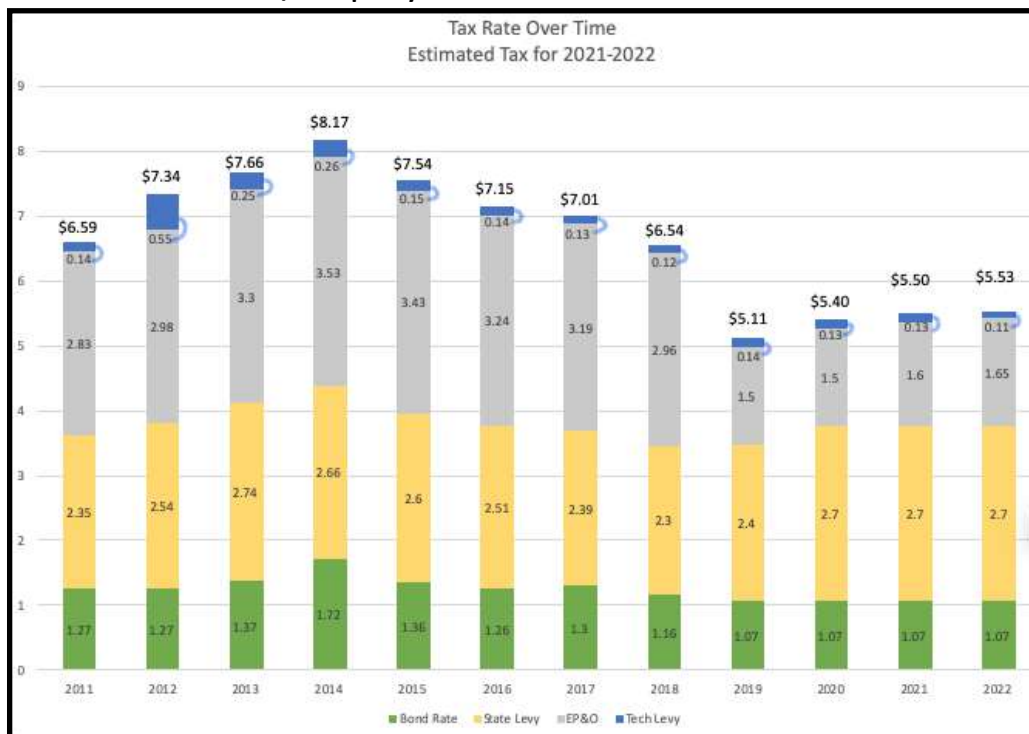
LEVIES ARE FOR LEARNING

Levies pay for programs and staff either not funded or underfunded by the state or other agencies. Some examples include:

- ◆ Extra-curricular athletics and activities
- ◆ Non-High Fees to High Schools Conway Kids attend
- ◆ Special Education Services
- ◆ Staff Professional Development and Staff Salaries not funded by the state

For more information about what is paid for with levy funds, please visit [https://](https://www.smores.com/r9kmp-levy-information)

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Questions or Comments? Join Us!

Community Levy Information Meetings will be held on January 16, 2020 at 8am-9am and 5pm-6pm in the District Office. To schedule a meeting for your group at another time, please contact office@conway.k12.wa.us or 360-445-5785 option 2

Senior and Disabled Tax Exemptions

Senior citizens and disabled persons may qualify for an exemption from these taxes. Additional information about property tax relief programs and eligibility is available online or by phone:

Skagit County Assessor's Office:

<https://skagitcounty.net/departments/assessor> or (360) 416-1780

REMEMBER TO

VOTE

FEBRUARY 11



Message From Our Superintendent

Welcome to an amazing year for Conway School! I want to thank the community for your continued support of Conway School. As we continue to enhance the programs here at Conway, one of our big projects coming up is the transformation of our library into a multipurpose space. I want to thank the PTA for their commitment to securing donations to help with the project and our facilities committee for helping to coordinate the process. A special thanks to Mr. Dickinson for working closely with the PTA to bring their ideas to life. We will keep you updated as the project evolves.

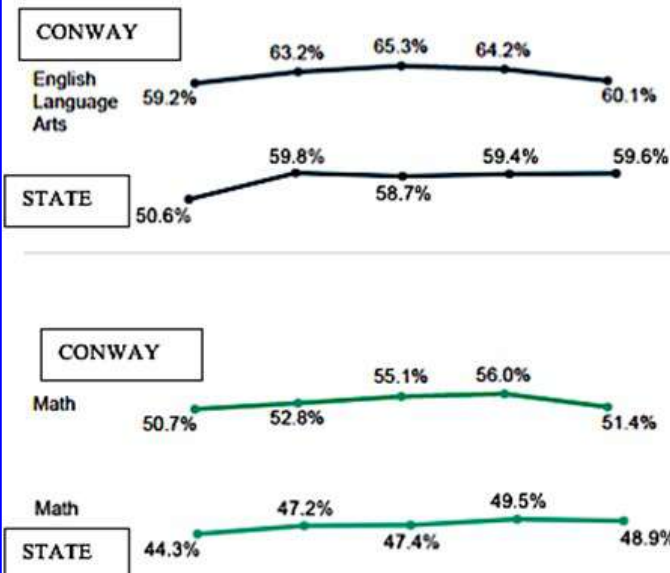
Over the last couple of years, we have adopted both Math and English Language Arts Curriculum. The staff have worked hard to learn the new materials, integrate the state standards, and develop assessments to measure student progress. As with all new curriculum adoptions there is typically an “implementation dip” in assessments that occurs as students and staff get used to the new materials. Once teachers and students become familiar with the new materials, we will see assessment scores start to rise again.

Please take a few minutes to review the data we have included here. If you would like more detailed data you can search for “OSPI State Report Card” or contact Mr. Dickinson or myself.

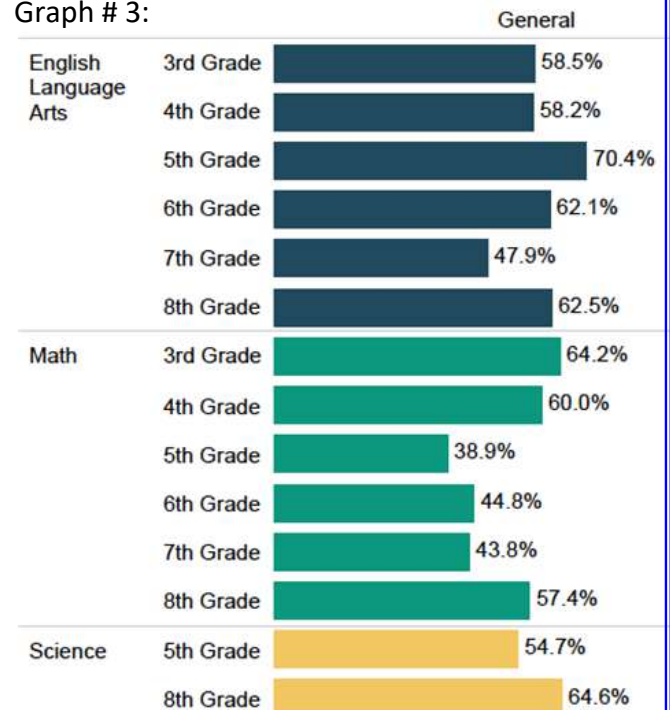
STATE REPORT CARD

Washington State Office of Public Instruction (OSPI) has changed the way data is reported to school districts. Part of the new reporting is combining all grade levels to show growth over time (graphs #1 & 2). While this is one way of showing data, it can distort the results if one grade level had difficulty with the assessment. As you can see by our scores, we have some areas of English Language Arts and Math that need addressing (graph #3). Those areas have been identified in our School Improvement Plan and we are implementing new curriculum as well as focusing our professional development in those areas. We are confident scores will raise over the next couple of years as the teachers and students become familiar with the new curriculum and materials.

Graph # 1: Conway School Overall



Graph # 3:



Conway School

51.4% 60.1% 59.4%

Met Math Standards Met ELA Standards Met Science Standard

Washington State

48.9% 59.6% 46.7%

Met Math Standards Met ELA Standards Met Science Standard

Graph #2: Combined scores of students in 3rd-8th grade. Conway School is above the state average in all areas.

*Note: Scores are impacted by students that did not participate in the assessment. For example, in 7th grade data for students who tested is: 51% in Math and 56% in ELA. When the data for non-tested students is added to our total, student pass rates drop by 5-8%.



Calendar Of Events

Dec 20

Early Release

Dec 23 - Jan 3

School Closed - Winter Break

Jan 6

School Resumes

Jan 16 - 8am & 5pm

Community Levy Info Meetings

Jan 20

School Closed - ML King Jr. Day

Jan 27

School Board Meeting 7pm

Feb 17

School Closed - President's Day

Feb 24

School Board Meeting 7pm

Mar 2

School Closed - Staff in Service

Mar 13

Early Release - End of Trimester

Mar 16

School Board Meeting 7pm

Apr 2 & 3

Early Release Spring Conferences

Apr 6 - 10

School Closed - Spring Break

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Message From Principal Dickinson

2019 was a great year for our students academically. On state testing, they performed better than the state average in 11/14 categories for reading, math, and science. Our school improvement goal is to continue to increase student achievement each year by 5%. To accomplish this goal we have adopted a new reading curriculum in kindergarten through second grade as well as sixth through eighth grade. We are also working on ways to improve the support we offer to students needing additional intervention to reach proficiency. Conway's skilled and dedicated staff are helping all students to make progress.

New for our middle school this year are increased class offerings. We were able to accomplish this by changing the schedule to have five class periods that alternate between days. We call this a blue and gold schedule. Students now have the opportunity to take classes like: leadership, Spanish, photography, journalism, recess coach, integrated science, food science, Skagit Valley history, and world history. Students are really enjoying the variety of offerings.

Message From Crystal Kombol, School Counselor


Our school team has been working on expanding our Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS) framework. As a co-facilitator of our PBIS committee, I work with teachers and students to examine our school-wide systems of teaching, coaching and reinforcing behaviors. We are grateful to have Skagit County Public Health and the U of W's SMART team advise our PBIS program.

In the counseling program, we kicked off the year increasing the number of small groups offered for targeted behavior support from 17 to 23 per week. We continue to offer our Recess Buddies and Brain Builders groups which teach social skills and kindergarten readiness skills. Students in our Zones of Regulation group complete weekly missions to learn skills for self-regulation in the context of team challenges. This year, we added an Anxiety group (Zen Warriors), Cool Cats for anger management and Memory Keepers grief and loss group. All groups are by teacher-parent referral and require consent from parents to participate. We are thankful that Skagit County Public Health continues to staff a part-time school-based therapist to serve youth who may not be able to access behavioral health services and that would benefit from more than our group activities. Our counseling program focuses on Empowering Students and aligning our work with the PBIS framework. For more information please contact me at ckombol@conway.k12.wa.us or visit our website under the **Families** tab.

Message From Conway School PTA

The Conway School PTA has been having a great year under the direction of our new PTA board. Our main fundraising event is our biennial auction that was held this fall. We would like to express our gratitude for the generosity of Conway parents, staff, and community members that contributed to making this our most successful auction to date. We will be using the funds for the next two years to make contributions towards the renovation of the school library to include new technology and a Makerspace center, and continuing contributions towards school assemblies, after school programs, field trips, teacher and staff appreciation events and support, student aid and much more.

We are actively working with our school community on our Giving Tree, Holiday Baskets and our Food Pantry for families in need. With winter break coming up we are hoping to get all of the shelves overflowing with food. We appreciate the support from the community who have contributed to these resources. We hope you will join us January 27 at 5:30 in the cafeteria for our January PTA meeting to hear more about what we have planned. We want to wish all of you a Happy Holidays. If you have any questions or would like to contact us, our email is conwayschoolpta@conway.k12.wa.us

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Conway School Fall Sports

