



The One Mill for Schools: What You Need to Know

The One Mill is more important than ever!

During the Great Recession, students in Alachua County Public Schools had access to many vital programs and services that other students in Florida didn't. By approving the One Mill for Schools in 2008, 2012 and 2016, local voters ensured that our schools had the funding they needed to maintain art and music teachers, school counselors, librarians, academic and career-tech programs, middle and high school bands and choruses and classroom technology. The One Mill has also guaranteed a nurse in every school. Currently the One Mill supports more than 320 jobs, and it's the district's primary source of technology funding.

Today our schools face an even bigger crisis than the Great Recession. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Alachua County Public Schools could lose as much as \$16 million in funding just this year, possibly even more. That doesn't include the millions of extra dollars the district has spent on COVID for everything from personal protective equipment to training to laptops for students learning online.

That's why the One Mill is back on the ballot this year. The \$17 million it raises each year will help our schools weather this crisis and keep in place the vital programs and services our children will need more than ever.

In fact, the One Mill is important to all of us, whether we have children in school or not. High-quality schools help attract new businesses and jobs to the community. They boost the economy and property values. Most of all, they prepare our young people to be successful and productive adults.

How much does the One Mill cost?

One Mill equals \$1 for every \$1000 of the taxable value of your property, which means if you don't own taxable property in Alachua County, the One Mill won't cost you anything!

If you do own taxable property, the One Mill WILL NOT increase your school property tax bill. That's because it's a renewal, NOT a new tax.

Overall, your school property tax bill should be **lower** this year than it was last year, even with the One Mill.



For the average Alachua County homeowner, the One Mill adds up to less than \$7 a month.

More information on the One Mill is available at www.sbac.edu.

Ballot Language

RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District's existing one mill ad valorem tax be renewed, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending four years later on June 30, 2025, for necessary operating expenses to fund school nurses; music, art and drama programs; school library programs; school counseling programs; band and chorus programs; academic magnets; career technical programs; and to update classroom technology, with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?

- YES
- NO



**Election Day is November 3
Registration Deadline is October 5**

Registering to vote is easy! You can register online, through the mail or in person. You also have a number of options for casting your ballot—early voting, mail-in voting and voting in person at your polling place.

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office has all the information you need on its website at www.votealachua.com.

Make sure your voice will be heard this November—register and vote!