



2025 Families, Education, Preschool and Promise (FEPP) Levy Renewal

The Department of Education and Early Learning's vision is that **every child in Seattle is...**

Ready to Start kindergarten by investing in affordable, high-quality early learning opportunities, **Ready to Learn** in K-12 by providing safe, healthy, and enriching learning environments, and **Ready to Launch** into the college and career path of their choosing.

2025 FEPP Levy Summary

Building upon Seattle's 35-year legacy of educational levies, renewal of the expiring FEPP Levy is foundational to the Every Child Ready Initiative. Since 1990, Seattle taxpayers have supported investments benefiting children, youth, and families.

Ready to Start: Expand access to high-quality, affordable early learning and childcare for Seattle's youngest learners

Ready to Learn: Sustain K-12 academic and enrichment supports and expand investments that prioritize student safety, mental health, and overall wellbeing

Ready to Launch: Sustain college scholarships for recent Seattle public high school graduates and fund programs to equip graduates with the skills needed to launch their career



2025 FEPP Levy Cost to Taxpayers

Approved by Seattle voters, the 2025 FEPP Levy will generate \$1.3 Billion in revenue over six years (2026-2032) to sustain and expand investments supporting Seattle children, youth, and families. The average annual cost to taxpayers is an additional \$406 for those owning a median home valued at \$1.1 million (approximately \$0.61 per \$1,000 assessed property value; total average cost \$656 per year).

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Levy rate per
\$1,000 assessed
property value

\$406

Average added
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median-value home



Ready to Start - \$658.2M

-  **Seattle Preschool Program (\$452.6M):** 600 new high-quality affordable preschool seats, expanding the nationally recognized program to serve 3,100 3- and 4-year-olds by 2032
-  **Child Care Assistance Program (\$154.8M):** More than doubles capacity of the City's childcare subsidy program to serve 800 new children ages 0-12 citywide, serving more than 1,400 children overall and saving families an average of \$6,500 per child per year
-  **Home Visiting and Health (\$32.3M):** Sustains funding for home visiting programs for expectant and new parents and developmental health screenings, benefiting 750 children annually.
-  **Workforce Supports (\$18.5M):** Adds levy investment to provide direct payments to 5,000 childcare workers annually to support workforce retention



Ready to Learn - \$510.7M

-  **Expanded Learning Opportunities (\$275.6M):** Sustains funding for grants to schools and community-based organizations to offer school-day, afterschool, and summer academic and enrichment programs benefiting more than 19,000 K-12 youth annually
-  **Student Physical and Mental Health (\$188.5M):** Adds 5 new school-based health centers, expanding access for more than 51,000 Seattle Public School (SPS) students at a total of 34 clinics; Adds funding for expanded in-person and virtual mental health services estimated to serve 6,500 Seattle youth and young adults up to age 24 annually
-  **School Safety (\$46.6M):** Expands current City investments for prevention and safety supports in and around schools in partnership with SPS and community-based organizations



Ready to Launch - \$82.4M

-  **Seattle Promise (\$66.2M):** Sustains funding to serve approximately 1,475 Seattle public high school graduates annually with up to two years of tuition-free learning at Seattle Colleges, career advising, and completion supports
-  **Career Pathways (\$14.0M):** Includes funding for a Path to Trades program that increases access to apprenticeship and skill-building opportunities in high-demand fields
-  **Path to UW (\$2.2M):** Adds funding to support more than 100 Seattle Colleges' scholars transfer to the University of Washington-Seattle annually to continue their studies