



**TAX RATE PROPOSAL**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2021**  
**JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

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The tax warrant is approved annually by the Board of Education and must be submitted to New Castle County by the second Thursday in July.

Current Expense may be used for any expenditure in the district except to buy property or pay off bonds. This portion of the rate can only be increased through voter referendum. There are two components to current expense tax. The first component is a function of the New Castle County School Tax District and is 46.8 cents of the tax rate.

All revenues generated in the four districts by the 46.8 cents are pooled together and reallocated based on the number of units at September 30th of the prior fiscal year. The district's share of the tax district for fiscal year 2021 is 18.59364082%. The second component involves multiplying the district's tax assessment times 111.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The district's total assessed valuation for FY 2019 as reported by New Castle County is \$3,023,824,876.

The tax rate proposed for fiscal year 2021 does not include any adjustments to the current expense rate. Adjustments to the Debt service rate have been made to match expenditure projections, resulting in a 1.0 cent decrease.

The administration is recommending that this 1.0 cent be added to the tuition tax. The increased funds will help Colonial continue to address the growing size and needs of our population of students with disabilities.

Pages 3 through 5 represent the calculations for three of the four components of the tax rate.

**DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE**  
(MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS)

<u>Recommended Tax Rate (in cents)</u>	14.5
Debt Service Estimated Balance as of 6/30/20	3,020,685

**PROJECTED REVENUE**

Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,023,824,876 at 16.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$302,382.49 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate.

4,384,546

Interest Earned on Fund Balance

45,195

Total Available Funds

7,450,425

**PROJECTED EXPENSES**

Local Share for Projects in Annual Bond Bills

Year	Projects	Bond Value	Payment
2001	McCullough, William Penn Gunning Bedford, Southern	8,546,300	455,518
2002	McCullough, William Penn Gunning Bedford	7,181,600	371,510
2003	Carrie Downie, New Castle Wilmington Manor, William Penn Gunning Bedford	8,243,500	461,389
2004	Eisenberg, Colwyck Pleasantville, ML King	6,917,000	395,485
2007	Wrangle Hill (Wilbur) McCullough, New Castle	20,166,800	1,302,624
2008	Wilmington Manor, William Penn Gunning Bedford, George Read	9,402,700	638,255
2009	William Penn	3,522,500	587,637
2010	Carrie Downie, Castle Hills Pleasantville, Eisenberg	4,901,100	102,452
	Total value of authorized bonds	68,881,500	
	Total payments due in FY 21		4,314,869
	Payments due 7-1-20 through 09-30-20		2,500,057

Total Debt Service Expenditures

6,814,927

**PROJECTED DEBT SERVICE BALANCE 9/30/21**

635,499

Note: These funds are used to retire long term bond obligations for the local portion of major capital expenditures.

**MINOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (MCI)/MATCH TAX**

Recommended Tax Rate (in cents)		9
<u>Match Estimated Balance as of 6/30/20</u>		55,770.1
 <b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>		
Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,023,824,876 at 9 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$302,382.49 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate.		2,721,442
Interest Earned on Fund Balance		3,102
<b>Total Available Funds</b>		2,780,315
 <b>PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>		
Matching Local Funds for FY 2021 Minor Capital Improvement	624,633	
Funds for Technology Equipment Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement (1.52cents x 294,161)	459,621	
Match for Reading & Math Resource Teachers	218,996	
Match for Extra Time Funds	270,000	
Match for K-3 Basic funding	169,376	
Match for K-4 Reading Specialist funding	324,408	
NEW Opportunity funding	337,716	
NEW Mental health & Reading supports	212,766	
<b>Total MCIP/Match Expenditures</b>		2,617,516
<b>PROJECTED MCIP/MATCH BALANCE 6/30/21</b>		162,799

Note: These funds are used to match various expense components and minor capital improvements.

## TUITION

Recommended Tax rate (in cents)	37.2
<u>Tuition Estimated Balance as of 6/30/20</u>	1,895,138.1
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>	
Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,023,824,876 at 37.2 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$302,382.49 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate.	11,248,629
Tuition Paid By Other Districts	445,385
Interest Earned on Fund Balance	12,823
Total Available Funds	<u>13,601,975</u>
<b>PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>	
Special School Operating Budget	4,750,000
Tuition Payable to Other Districts	2,700,000
Special Tuition Programs	
Unique Alternatives & Private Placements	515,000
Elementary/Middle ILC	580,000
Secondary ILC	1,100,000
ESL Program	590,000
CASL	613,000
Early Childhood	1,250,000
Other District Tuition	800,000
Total Tuition Expenditures	<u>12,898,000</u>
<b>PROJECTED TUITION BALANCE 6/30/21</b>	<b>703,975</b>

Note: These funds are used to support a variety of programs for students with disabilities for which the district is required to provide individualized services. Funds need to be available at June 30th to cover expenses through September 30th when tax receipts are received.

**Tax Rate**  
**Fiscal Year 2007 Through 2021**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Current Expense</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>MCI/ Match</b>	<b>Total Rate</b>
<b>2021</b>	\$1.586	\$0.372	\$0.145	\$0.090	\$2.193
2020	\$1.586	\$0.362	\$0.155	\$0.090	\$2.193
2019	\$1.586	\$0.372	\$0.165	\$0.070	\$2.193
2018	\$1.476	\$0.372	\$0.150	\$0.045	\$2.043
2017	\$1.206	\$0.332	\$0.158	\$0.040	\$1.736
2016	\$1.206	\$0.295	\$0.180	\$0.055	\$1.736
2015	\$1.206	\$0.285	\$0.190	\$0.055	\$1.736
2014	\$1.206	\$0.250	\$0.195	\$0.055	\$1.706
2013	\$0.856	\$0.220	\$0.190	\$0.060	\$1.326
2012	\$0.856	\$0.250	\$0.210	\$0.050	\$1.366
2011	\$0.856	\$0.280	\$0.215	\$0.045	\$1.396
2010	\$0.856	\$0.305	\$0.196	\$0.055	\$1.412
2009	\$0.856	\$0.330	\$0.184	\$0.055	\$1.425
2008	\$0.826	\$0.310	\$0.199	\$0.055	\$1.390
2007	\$0.786	\$0.300	\$0.164	\$0.055	\$1.305

**Assessment Data  
New Castle County**

<b>School District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
Appoquinimink	2,387,338,645	2,323,461,920	2,209,623,570	2,132,959,820	63,876,725	2.75%
Brandywine	3,414,882,184	3,404,008,712	3,397,232,641	3,410,608,447	10,873,472	0.32%
Christina	5,601,908,803	5,574,732,163	5,552,006,975	5,570,586,691	27,176,640	0.49%
Colonial	3,023,824,876	2,991,022,806	2,941,610,191	2,915,531,296	32,802,070	1.10%
Red Clay	5,340,514,764	5,314,770,206	5,291,741,108	5,296,962,676	25,744,558	0.48%
Smyrna	117,257,270	116,101,720	113,665,620	111,739,520	1,155,550	1.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,885,726,542</b>	<b>19,724,097,527</b>	<b>19,505,880,105</b>	<b>19,438,388,450</b>	<b>161,629,015</b>	<b>0.82%</b>

Property tax payments are based on the assessed value of property, which is approximately 30 to 35% of the market value of the property.