



# Jordan-Elbridge

Central School District

2025-2026 Proposed Budget

Cultivating the best in personal growth and achievement

# Our Mission

# Our Vision

Cultivating the best in personal growth and achievement

Providing the best in educational opportunities by:

- Sustaining a culture that supports the intellectual and developmental needs of all
- Being committed to excellence in education and exceeding expectations
- Building a safe, dynamic learning environment where all are valued and respected
- Expanding our home-school-community partnerships
- Operating in a fiscally responsible manner



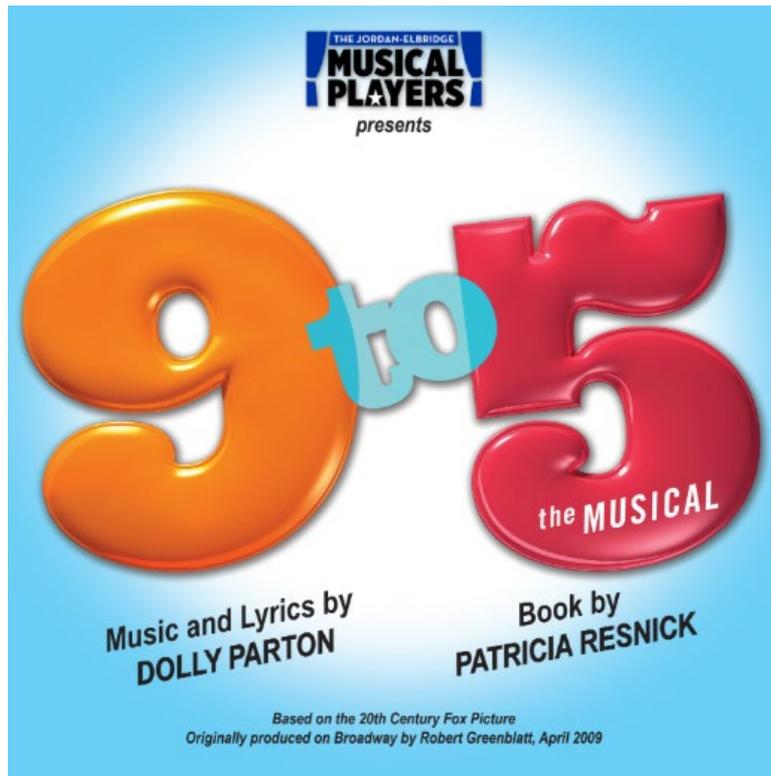
# Our Values



## JE Eagles are...

- **J**ust and caring
- **E**xcellent in all that they do
- **E**thical in their behaviors
- **A**ccepting of all
- **G**lobal thinkers
- **L**earners first
- **E**xaminers of *why* and *how*
- **S**elfless





School musicals at JE foster creativity, teamwork, and real-world skills through immersive, hands-on learning.



# Academics



**Universal Pre-Kindergarten**



**International Baccalaureate**



**OCC Advantage**

JE offers Pre-K, IB, and college courses, ensuring a comprehensive, holistic learning journey.



# Achievements



Jordan-Elbridge Central School District

March 1 at 4:19 PM · 🌐



Congratulations to JEHS student Bridget Whiting for earning runner-up this morning at the 37th Annual Regional Shakespeare Competition of Central New York at the Storch Theatre! Bridget's talent and dedication to Shakespeare's works shined in this prestigious event hosted by the English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition. ✨🎤

This competition challenges students nationwide to read, analyze, and perform Shakespeare, helping them develop communication skills and a deeper appreciation for the power of language. Way to go, Bridget! 🏆🎓



Competing in a Regional Shakespeare Competition showcases mastery of literature, public speaking, and critical thinking skills.





Jordan-Elbridge Central School District

Yesterday at 10:11 AM · 🌐



Yesterday morning, the JEMS Dialogue Club engaged in a powerful session with [@interfaithworkscny](#), diving into conversations about social identity, stereotypes, and belonging. Through "Uplifting All Students," our 6th-8th graders are learning to create a positive, inclusive learning environment—one where vulnerability is a strength and every voice matters. 💬💙



Engaging students in work on social identity, stereotypes, and belonging fosters empathy, critical thinking, and community awareness.



# Achievements



Jordan-Elbridge Central School District

March 11 at 11:55 AM · 🌐

Last Friday, JEDIS welcomed Seneca Falls CSD for an inside look at our outstanding literary program! 📖 ✨ It was a great opportunity to showcase our exemplary curriculum in action. 🧑🎓



Wit and Wisdom enhances critical thinking and reading skills, earning our school recognition for fostering literary excellence.





*Challenge: Gov. Hochul continues to aid rural schools like JE at a minimum 2% increase, which is less than the current level of inflation.*



## 2025-26 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

2024-25 AND 2025-26 AIDS PAYABLE  
UNDER SECTION 3609 PLUS OTHER AIDS

### Current Year

2024-25 BASE YEAR AIDS:	
FOUNDATION AID	11,710,733
FULL DAY K CONVERSION	0
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	962,549
BOCES	2,176,103
SPECIAL SERVICES	0
HIGH COST EXCESS COST	319,463
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	0
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY	7,403
SOFTWARE, LIBRARY, TEXTBOOK	85,294
TRANSPORTATION INCL SUMMER	3,059,776
BUILDING + BLDG REORG INCENT	2,515,987
OPERATING REORG INCENTIVE	0
CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL	0
ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	0
HIGH TAX AID	0
SUPPLEMENTAL PUB EXCESS COST	0
TOTAL	20,837,308

### Next Year

2025-26 ESTIMATED AIDS:	
FOUNDATION AID	11,944,947
FULL DAY K CONVERSION	0
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	1,171,884
BOCES	<del>1,922,427</del> <b>+\$2,242,089</b>
SPECIAL SERVICES	0
HIGH COST EXCESS COST	297,478
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	0
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY	19,296
SOFTWARE, LIBRARY, TEXTBOOK	87,057
TRANSPORTATION INCL SUMMER	3,032,554
BUILDING + BLDG REORG INCENT	2,502,423
OPERATING REORG INCENTIVE	0
CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL	0
ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	0
HIGH TAX AID	0
SUPPLEMENTAL PUB EXCESS COST	0
TOTAL	<del>20,978,066</del> <b>+\$319,662</b>
	<b>\$21,297,728</b>



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The district is benefiting from high interest earnings on community reserve funds.

2021-22 Interest Revenue

\$11,550

2022-23 Interest Revenue

\$221,923

2023-24 Interest Revenue

\$ 657,944

2024-25 Interest Revenue (est. as of 3/31/25)

\$ 438,780

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Interest earned in 2024-25 will help keep the 25-26 tax levy increase at a minimum.





## 2025-26 Budget Proposal



# Proposed Budget by Function – GENERAL SUPPORT

Function	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Board of Education	\$19,730	\$19,730	0%
District Clerk	10,000	10,000	0%
District Meeting	3,150	3,150	0%
Chief School Administrator	285,645	375,908	24.0%
Business Administration	368,813	382,190	3.5%
Auditing	31,500	34,650	9.1%
Tax Collection	13,750	17,250	20.3%
Purchasing	4,535	4,665	2.8%
Legal Services-Other	73,800	83,800	11.9%
Legal Services-Financial Advisor	6,500	6,500	0%
Legal-BOCES Services	26,230	27,017	2.9%
Personnel	120,075	120,930	0.7%
Records Management	2,500	2,500	0%
Public Information & Services	83,340	85,790	2.9%
Operation of Plant	1,912,400	1,972,750	3.1%
Maintenance of Plant	693,180	718,250	3.5%
Central Printing & Mailing	61,000	77,400	21.2%
Central Data Processing	552,105	576,602	4.2%
Insurance & BOCES Admin Svcs.	469,060	478,700	2.0%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$4,737,313</b>	<b>\$4,997,782</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

Contractual retirement obligations



Stipend increase



Cost re-coding to proper budget line



# Proposed Budget by Function – INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Function	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Increase/ (Decrease)	
Curriculum Development	\$142,039	\$146,675	3.2%	
Supervision-Regular School	1,080,726	1,040,795	(3.8%)	Reduction of 1 clerical position at Elbridge Elementary
Research, Planning & Evaluation	146,625	151,000	2.9%	
In-service Training	92,250	93,000	0.8%	
Teaching-Regular School	8,089,978	8,494,385	4.8%	
Programs-Students w/Disabilities	4,316,470	4,851,130	11.0%	Increased student services
English Language Learners	32,500	33,638	3.4%	
Occupational Education	793,884	975,000	18.6%	Additional student participation
Teaching-Special Schools	60,000	61,800	2.9%	
School Library & AV	311,263	324,029	3.9%	
Computer Assisted Instruction	833,610	879,814	5.3%	
Guidance	555,170	619,712	10.4%	Addition of Engagement Specialist
Health Services	189,408	201,750	6.1%	
Psychological Services	169,256	150,125	(12.7)%	Reduction of county social worker partnership & new school psychologist
Social Work Services	126,700	96,376	(31.5)%	
Co-Curricular Activities	260,624	293,710	11.3%	Marching band & athletic supplies
Interscholastic Activities	640,155	676,495	5.4%	
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$17,840,658</b>	<b>\$19,089,434</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	

# Proposed Budget by Function – Transportation, Benefits, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers

Function	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Increase/ (Decrease)	
District Transportation	\$3,234,750	\$3,343,932	3.3%	Includes purchase of: 3 large, 1 small buses
Garage Building	160,125	328,175	51.2%	
Transportation from BOCES	20,600	21,116	2.4%	Bus mechanical lift needs replacement
<b>TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>3,415,475</b>	<b>3,693,223</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	
Community Service	33,400	36,000	7.2%	
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	
Employees' Retirement	560,595	569,000	1.5%	
Teachers' Retirement	1,334,000	1,344,500	0.8%	
Social Security	1,401,625	1,415,800	1.0%	
Workers' Compensation	190,000	190,000	0%	
Unemployment Insurance	35,000	35,000	0%	
Health (Medical)	4,276,340	4,703,450	10%	Rising health care costs
Vision & Dental	164,500	164,500	0%	
Employee Tuition	7,500	10,000	25%	
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>7,975,559</b>	<b>8,438,750</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	Continued planned payment on long- term district debt
<b>DEBT SERVICE-Construction Principal &amp; Interest</b>	<b>2,588,132</b>	<b>2,561,813</b>	<b>(1.0%)</b>	
<b>DEBT SERVICE-BOCES Principal &amp; Interest</b>	<b>304,463</b>	<b>308,000</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	
Transfer to Special Aid Funds	420,000	360,000	(16.7%)	HS Video Scoreboard enhancement
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	100,000	0%	
<b>TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>520,000</b>	<b>460,000</b>	<b>(13.0%)</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,585,000</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	

# Proposed Budget at a Glance

Function	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	% Increase/ (Decrease)
General Support	\$4,737,313	\$4,997,782	5.2%
Instruction	17,840,658	19,089,434	6.5%
Pupil Transportation	3,415,475	3,693,223	7.5%
Community Service	33,400	36,000	7.2%
Employee Benefits	7,975,559	8,438,750	5.5%
Debt Service	2,892,595	2,869,813	(0.8%)
Interfund Transfers	520,000	460,000	(13.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,585,000</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

# Proposed Budget

## 3-Part Budget Format

Component	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Administrative	\$4,264,922	\$4,449,324	4.1%
Program	26,344,620	28,182,875	6.5%
Capital	6,805,458	6,952,801	2.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,585,000</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

# Anticipated Operating Revenues

Revenue Source	2024-25 Revised Revenues	2025-26 Estimated Revenue	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Tax Levy (including STAR)	13,200,000	13,398,000	<b>1.5%</b> <span style="font-size: small;">← School property tax increase</span>
Other Tax Items	596,552	597,749	0.2%
Non-property Taxes	20,000	20,000	0%
Charges for Services	35,000	35,000	0%
Use of Property	82,000	82,000	0% <span style="font-size: small;">← Rental of classrooms to BOCES</span>
Miscellaneous & Interest	545,000	864,715	37.0%
State Aid	19,192,648	20,062,536	4.3% <span style="font-size: small;">← Uncertain changes in state aid</span>
Federal Medicaid Revenue	25,000	25,000	0%
Interfund Transfer-EBALR	0	100,000	100%
Interfund Transfer-TRS	0	150,000	100%
Interfund Transfer-ERS	0	400,000	100%
Interfund Transfer-Workers Comp	0	100,000	100%
Interfund Transfer-Bus Reserve	600,000	650,000	7.7%
Interfund Transfer-Unemployment	118,800	100,000	(18.8%)
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,000,000	3,000,000	0% <span style="font-size: small;">← Maintains Fund Balance below the comptroller's 4% threshold</span>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,585,000</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

# District Reserves

Reserve	Balance 6/30/24	Appropriated Reserves for 2024-25 Budget	Interest & other recommended changes 2024-25	Projected Balance 6/30/25	Proposed Reserves appropriated for 2025-26
Workers Compensation	\$417,289		\$12,519	\$429,808	(\$100,000)
Unemployment Insurance	846,908	(118,800)	25,407	754,315	(100,000)
Liability	309,261		9,278	318,539	
Insurance	161,876		4,856	166,732	
Tax Certiorari Reserve	139,186		4,176	143,362	
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	220,622		6,619	227,241	(100,000)
ERS Reserve	989,970		29,699	1,019,669	(400,000)
TRS Reserve	636,715		19,101	655,816	(150,000)
Capital Reserves:					
- Bus 2017	311,178	(311,178)	0	0	
- Bus 2022	942,582	(288,822)	19,613	673,373	(650,000)
- Bus 2024	643,175		19,295	662,470	
- Building 2016	6,122		184	6,306	
- Building 2019	3,076,813		92,304	3,169,117	
- Building 2024	1,000,000		30,000	1,030,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,701,697</b>	<b>(\$718,800)</b>	<b>\$273,051</b>	<b>\$9,256,748</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>



# Budget Highlights

- **This budget supports all JE academic and co-curricular activities.**
- Continues our practice of purchasing buses with cash.
  - Estimated aid on previous bus purchases in 24-25: \$345,000
  - No expense on debt (interest) by paying with cash
- Strategic planned use of reserve funds will minimize the tax increase
  - EBALR: \$100,000
  - TRS: \$150,000
  - ERS: \$400,000
  - Workers Comp: \$100,000
  - Bus Reserve: \$650,000
  - Unemployment: \$100,000



# Budget Highlights

- Retirement and enrollment-driven decreases to instructional staffing in 25-26 will reduce district spending by an estimated \$260,000.
- A **1.50% levy increase**, along with planned reserve use, will continue to support student programming and demonstrates fiscal responsibility to the community.



# Tax Rate History of School Levy

School Budget Year	Tax Rate Change	Special Notes
2016-17	0.00%	
2017-18	0.00%	
2018-19	1.90%	Addition of 2 School Resource Officers
2019-20	0.00%	Levy showed 0.20% increase; actual tax impact 0% due to PILOT adjustments
2020-21	0.00%	COVID-era reliance on federal funding
2021-22	0.00%	
2022-23	2.80%	Adjusting to the realized impacts of inflation
2023-24	2.75%	
2024-25	0.00%	
2025-26	1.50%	Increase needed to offset minimum state aid increases

# Important Information



- Budget hearing/meet the candidates (in person) – May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.



**Budget Vote/Board Elections – Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**High School Events Entry Lobby - 7:00 am – 9:00 pm**

- In-person voting
- A voter can request an absentee or early mail ballot by contacting the district clerk:

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**JE**  
EAGLES  
are...  
LEARNERS  
**FIRST**

Caitlyn Ryan  
"Black and white Charcoal Drawing"