

# TAXING AND BORROWING

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## Annual Tax Levy

The taxing authority of each school district is established by state law. In Barnwell County School District, beginning in 2026, that authority is vested in the board of trustees within statutory limitations.

## Borrowing

The board is permitted, by law, to borrow money in anticipation of collection of taxes. The purpose of such borrowing is to secure funds for district operations. The board must approve the issuance of tax anticipation notes.

## Sale of Bonds

In order to obtain funds for capital improvements, the board may, from time to time, issue bonds. The limit of district bonded indebtedness is subject to the provisions of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution.

In order for the district to sell bonds in excess of the limitation, the community must vote for a referendum allowing such sale.

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### Legal References:

- A. S.C. Constitution:
  - 1. Article X, Section 15 - Bonded indebtedness of school districts.
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 11-27-10, *et seq.* - Effect of Article X of S.C. Constitution on bonded and other types of indebtedness.
  - 2. Section 11-27-50 - Effect of Article X on district bonds.
  - 3. Section 59-13-70 - Superintendent will keep record of district bonds.
  - 4. Section 59-71-10, *et seq.* - The School Bond Act (statutes regulating the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts which was in effect prior to the ratification of Article X of S.C. Constitution).
- C. S.C. Acts and Joint Resolutions:
  - 1. 2023 Act 92- Barnwell County School District is authorized to impose an annual tax levy.