

Kirkwood 2026 Bond General FAQ

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What is Kirkwood asking voters to consider?

Kirkwood Community College is asking voters to consider an \$88 million general obligation bond request in November 2026.

What is the estimated cost to homeowners?

For residential homeowners, the estimated cost is \$9.35 per year per \$100,000 of assessed property value. That is less than \$10 a year, or less than \$1 per month, for each \$100,000 in assessed value.

Why is Kirkwood requesting this bond?

Many Kirkwood classrooms, labs, and instructional spaces need updates to support modern technology, hands-on learning, simulation, flexible instruction, and workforce training, and to meet the growing workforce demand in our communities in areas like health care and manufacturing.

What would the bond pay for?

The bond would pay for five primary facility initiatives: Jones Hall renovations, agriculture operations improvements, health care and simulation space updates, Nielsen Hall and Benton Hall improvements, and high-use classroom refreshes.

How does this affect the community?

Kirkwood prepares people who work throughout the region in health care, emergency response, agriculture, business, IT, manufacturing, industrial technology, skilled trades, and many other fields. That means the impact of Kirkwood training shows up in everyday community life: in hospitals, ambulances, clinics, farms, offices, factories, schools, small businesses, and local employers.

Could the actual homeowner cost be lower?

Yes. The \$9.35 estimate does not assume exemptions or credits. Actual costs may be lower for homeowners who qualify for homestead, senior, military, or other exemptions and credits.

Can bond funds be used for salaries?

No. Bond funds would be used for approved capital projects such as renovations, construction, infrastructure, technology, and equipment. They would not be used for salaries or day-to-day operating expenses.

Why focus on the main campus?

Kirkwood's main campus is Kirkwood's central instructional hub and serves students from across

the region. Programs and facilities based there support students, families, employers, and communities throughout our seven-county service area.

Why is this bond issue on the ballot in 18 counties?

Kirkwood has always been supported by taxpayers in 18 counties. Our service area is consists of seven primary counties plus portions of 11 others because our boundaries follow k-12 school district boundaries.

For more information, visit www.kirkwood.edu/bond2026