

April 22, 2025 Special Election

Spokane County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet



## Participating jurisdiction

Orchard Prairie School District

## How to return your ballot

### By mail

You don't need a stamp, postage is prepaid. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before election day, April 22, to be counted.

### In a ballot drop box

Ballot drop boxes are available starting April 3 and close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on election day, April 22.

- Argonne Library - 4322 N Argonne Rd
- Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave
- Liberty Lake Library - 23123 E Mission Ave
- Moran Prairie Library - 6004 S Regal St
- South Hill Library - 3324 S Perry St
- Spokane Co. Courthouse - 1116 W Broadway Ave
- Spokane Valley Library - 22 N Herald Rd

## Did your ballot get damaged or lost?

Here are three ways you can obtain a replacement ballot:

1. **Online** - visit [www.spokanecounty.org/elections](http://www.spokanecounty.org/elections) to print yourself a replacement ballot
2. **By mail** - call us at 509-477-2320 or email us at [elections@spokanecounty.gov](mailto:elections@spokanecounty.gov) to request a replacement ballot by mail
3. **In Person** - Spokane County Elections Office  
1033 W Gardner Ave, Spokane

## Voter Service Center

Drop off your ballot, get a replacement ballot, use an Accessible Voting Unit, or receive other assistance as needed at the Voter Service Center:

### Downtown Spokane

Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Election Day, April 22, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Voter registration dates and deadlines

Do you need to update your voter registration address? Do you know someone who needs to register to vote for this election?

Voter registrations and updates submitted **online** or **mailed** must be received by the Elections Office by **April 14**. Or visit a Voter Service Center **in person** before 8:00 p.m. **April 22**.

## Getting registered to vote

To register to vote, a person must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years by Election Day to vote, but can pre-register at 16 years old
- Not under total confinement for a Washington felony conviction

Submit a registration form one of three ways:

1. **Online** - register at [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)
2. **By mail** - call us at 509-477-2320 or email us at [elections@spokanecounty.gov](mailto:elections@spokanecounty.gov) to request a voter registration form by mail
3. **In Person** - Spokane County Elections Office  
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## FAQ's

### *What is an explanatory statement?*

An explanatory statement outlines the effect the ballot measure would have if it were passed by the voters. The statement is prepared by the district's attorney.

### *How are committees in favor of or in opposition to a measure formed?*

The district is responsible for appointing committee members who agree to write the statements. The statements are a way to encourage voters to vote for or against a measure. The Elections Office does not check statements for factual or grammatical accuracy.

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### Questions? Contact us!

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Online: [www.spokanecounty.org/elections](http://www.spokanecounty.org/elections)  
Email: [elections@spokanecounty.gov](mailto:elections@spokanecounty.gov)  
Phone: 509-477-2320

# Orchard Prairie School District | Proposition No. 1

## Bonds to Construct a New Orchard Prairie School

### **Ballot Title**

See complete resolution text at [www.spokanecounty.org/elections](http://www.spokanecounty.org/elections)

The Board of Directors of Orchard Prairie School District No. 123 adopted Resolution No. 250127-01, concerning a proposition to provide safe, secure, and modern educational facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new Orchard Prairie School sized to meet Washington's educational standards for current and future students; issue \$6,200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 30 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 250127-01. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes school construction bonds to replace deteriorating and educationally outdated school facilities and infrastructure, improve educational and athletic opportunities for all students, enhance student and staff safety, and provide healthy learning spaces.

If approved, the bonds will allow Orchard Prairie School District to replace both the original school (built in 1894) and the more recent classroom facility (built in 1971) with a new Orchard Prairie School sized to meet the educational needs of current and future students, including: a multipurpose room (lunch room, gymnasium and event space); appropriately sized classrooms to accommodate large or small groups of students; necessary space for the nurse, social worker, special education teacher and administration; up-to-code fire safety, seismic, energy efficiency and lighting systems; and a single point of entry for student safety.

The \$6,200,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 30 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the Spokane County Assessor 509-477-3698.

### **Statement For**

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

### **Statement Against**

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.