



# DON'T TALK ABOUT IT; BE ABOUT IT!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Antigo's District Growth score ranks **at or above 82.9%** of districts statewide!



### MISSION

Driven by purpose. Guided by integrity.  
Defined by success.



### VISION

Build a proud Antigo community.

**THE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ANTIGO**



# OUTSTANDING GROWTH

## ON 2025 STATE REPORT CARD

Our students and schools are demonstrating real, measurable academic progress. This year's Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Report Card shows improvement across all four priority areas, with a significant increase in overall performance.



**4 out of 5** Antigo schools Meet or Exceed Expectations



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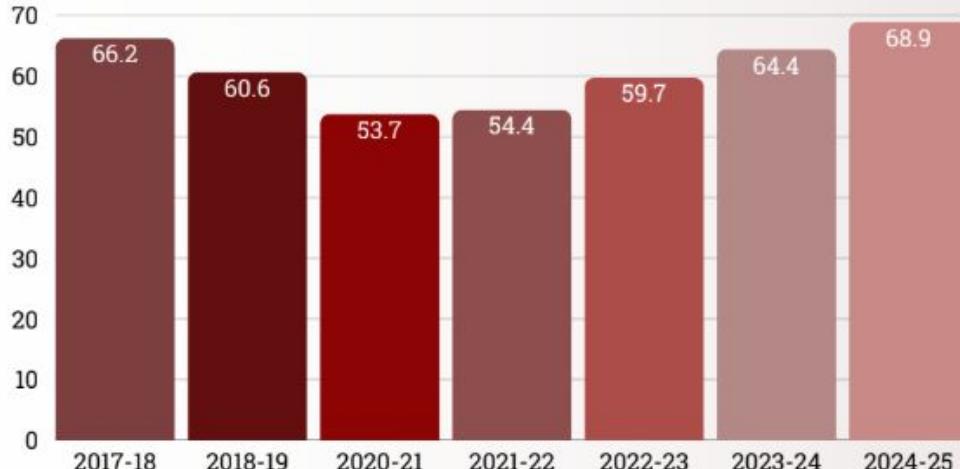
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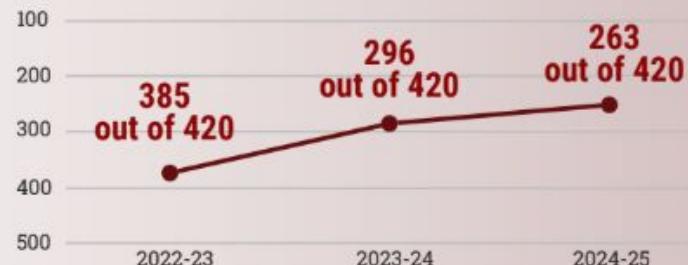
✓ ACHIEVEMENT  
✓ GROWTH

✓ TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES  
✓ ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION

# Historical Improvement



## STATE RANKING



Antigo increased 122 places in state ranking in two years!



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## School Results

School	2023-24	2024-25	
East Elementary School	70.1 - Exceeds Expectations	75.4 - Exceeds Expectations	+5.3
North Elementary School	54.3 - Meets Few Expectations	63.1 - Meets Expectations	+8.8
West Elementary School	50.0 Meets Few Expectations	60.9 - Meets Expectations	+10.9
Antigo Middle School	72.6 - Exceeds Expectations	81.2 - Exceeds Expectations	+8.6
Antigo High School	58.3 - Meets Expectations	59.3 - Meets Few Expectations	+1.0

# Bringing Your Taxdollars BACK

**\$2,033,293 in Additional State Aid in Two Years!**

2024-2025 vs 2025-2026 Tax Impact Comparison		
	2024-25	2025-26
<b>Private School Voucher Levy/Mill Rate (Funded by Taxpayers)</b>	\$1,589,744/\$.95	\$1,862,504/\$1.04 
<b>District Portion of Total Levy/Mill Rate without the Private School Vouchers Funding</b>	\$10,360,525/6.21	\$10,268,507/\$5.73 

The total levy for 2025-26 would have decreased if the funding for private school vouchers did not increase. The mill rate from private school vouchers was \$0.95 in 2024-25, and increased to \$1.04 in 2025-26. The mill rate for the district portion, including the referendum, was \$6.21 in 2024-25 and \$5.73 in 2025-26. Because the referendum passed, we received an additional \$787,202 of state aid this year.

# Mill Rates at Historic Lows!

	Fall 1984	Fall 1985	Fall 1986	Fall 1987	Fall 1988	Fall 1989	Fall 1990	Fall 1991
Antigo Mill Rate	\$13.04	\$13.90	\$15.32	\$14.57	\$15.03	\$16.36	\$17.59	\$17.94
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$12.98	\$14.35	\$16.13	\$15.38	\$16.09	\$16.62	\$17.11	\$17.51
	Fall 1992	Fall 1993	Fall 1994	Fall 1995	Fall 1996	Fall 1997	Fall 1998	Fall 1999
Antigo Mill Rate	\$19.02	\$18.69	\$17.12	\$14.60	\$11.61	\$11.02	\$11.30	\$10.44
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$18.37	\$17.91	\$16.60	\$15.26	\$11.90	\$11.30	\$11.20	\$10.68
	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007
Antigo Mill Rate	\$10.08	\$9.74	\$9.34	\$9.53	\$9.24	\$8.83	\$8.78	\$7.92
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$10.43	\$10.04	\$9.73	\$9.56	\$9.46	\$8.63	\$8.31	\$8.45
	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015
Antigo Mill Rate	\$7.70	\$8.31	\$8.86	\$9.24	\$7.94	\$8.54	\$8.94	\$8.63
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$8.61	\$9.18	\$9.80	\$9.88	\$10.21	\$10.37	\$10.26	\$10.25
	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
Antigo Mill Rate	\$8.09	\$7.84	\$7.49	\$7.26	\$8.00	\$6.75	\$4.99	\$6.21
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$9.97	\$9.79	\$9.46	\$9.37	\$9.22	\$8.64	\$7.68	\$7.18

Even with the passage of a referendum and record high private school vouchers, the 2025-26 mill rate would be the fourth-lowest on record, demonstrating our commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility while addressing the needs of the district.

	With the Referendum Passed		
	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Antigo Mill Rate	\$6.21	\$7.16	\$6.77
Antigo Mill Rate without Private School Vouchers	\$5.43	\$6.21	\$5.73
K-12 Average Mill Rate	\$7.18	\$7.09	

# Taxpayer-Funded Private School Vouchers

\$2,000,000

In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the total number of pupils residing in the district who could participate in the choice program from each district was limited to no more than one percent of the district's prior year membership. Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, the enrollment limit will increase by one percentage point in each year until the enrollment limit reaches 10 percent of the district's prior year enrollment (2025-26). Beginning in 2026-27, no student enrollment limit would apply.

\$1,500,000

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\$0

Per pupil funding has also increased longitudinally.

\$301,200

\$472,994

\$704,025

\$780,846

\$869,070

\$951,219

\$1,183,286

\$1,589,744

\$1,862,504

2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24 2024-25 2025-26





## Did You Know?

From 2020-21 through 2023-24, our district received **\$7.9 million in one-time federal stimulus funds**. When those funds expired on June 30, 2024, the district faced a **\$2 million structural deficit**, created when ongoing staff positions were previously added using temporary dollars.

Rather than pass this financial burden on to taxpayers through an operational referendum, the district moved quickly and responsibly. Through strategic planning and careful realignment of resources, we made the necessary reductions to **protect our community from higher taxes** while keeping our long-term financial health strong.

And here's the most important part: **These reductions did not harm student outcomes**. In fact, during this same two-year period, our district's performance **improved dramatically—rising 122 places out of 420 districts statewide**, an achievement nearly unheard of in Wisconsin.

Strategic financial stewardship + intentional instructional focus = **Better outcomes for students and better value for taxpayers**.

# BALLOT LANGUAGE

**The question will appear on the ballot as follows:**

*“Shall the Unified School District of Antigo, Langlade, Shawano and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$54,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a new elementary school, related site improvements and possible land acquisition; improvements for the relocation of the district offices; capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements at the Middle and High Schools; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?”*

# REFERENDUM UPDATES

We are pleased to report that the Elementary School project bids came in **\$12 million lower than anticipated**, a direct result of our team's strategic planning. These savings, combined with our existing \$8 million in funds from the voter-approved referendum, provide a unique opportunity to address **the necessary** deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs—including projects at the Middle School, High School, and relocation of Central Office

# JOHN H. BRADLEY ELEMENTARY PROJECT UPDATES

In November 2024, our community approved a \$54 million capital referendum for the Unified School District of Antigo. A portion of the funds will be used to build a brand-new elementary school building, John H. Bradley Elementary School.

Construction on John H. Bradley Elementary began in August 2025, with an anticipated completion date of December 1, 2026. This page will be updated regularly as work progresses. Please check back for the most recent updates!



## OCTOBER 2025

The final concrete foundation walls are nearly complete, and the slab on grade in the commons area is scheduled to be poured this week. In the gym, steel joists and acoustical decking have been installed, and roof blocking is underway in preparation for roof installation.



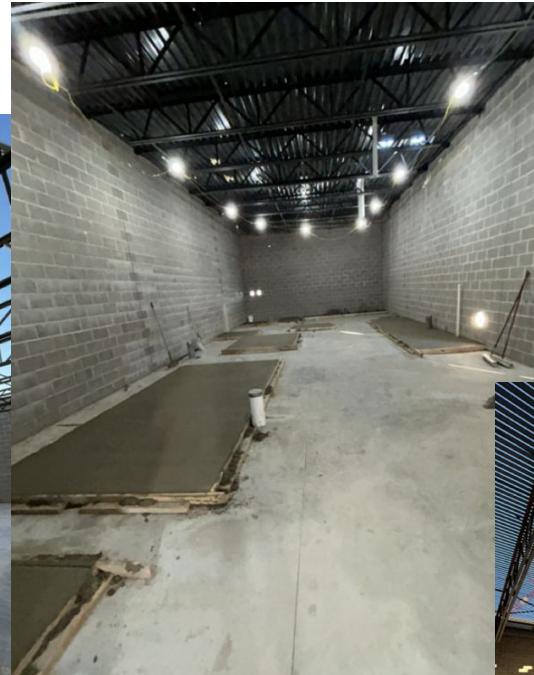
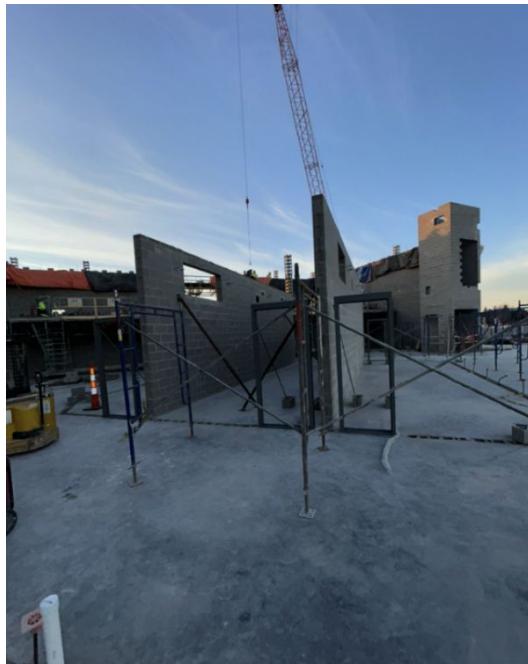
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## DECEMBER 2025

Structural steel has been installed in the main corridor between the gymnasium and the library. Wood and cold-formed roof trusses will be installed in the coming weeks. Roofing work in the Commons is underway and expected to be completed soon. Most recently, masonry work has begun on the east wall of the library, with crews working under tented enclosures due to the cold weather.

