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## **About Property Taxes in Harris County Department of Education**

### **About Harris County Department of Education**

Harris County Department of Education (“HCDE”), a highly successful educational resource in the Houston metroplex, is a political subdivision of the State of Texas dedicated to the equalization of educational opportunity and to the advancement of public schools. HCDE has been serving Harris County and its public schools and residents since 1889. HCDE impacts the educational community through visionary leadership shared resources and innovative programs.

### **HCDE Taxing Authority**

Harris County Department of Education is authorized in law to assess property taxes within the taxing boundaries of Harris County, Texas. In 1935 Harris County voters approved taxing authority of maximum one cent (\$0.01) per \$100 assessed value.

### **HCDE Property Appraisal Services**

HCDE contracts with the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) for property appraisal services. Protests of values are heard by HCAD. For information and /or an application, call the HCAD telephone information center or access their website at ‘www.hcad.org’.

### **HCDE Tax Collections**

HCDE contracts with the Harris County Tax Office (HCTO) for property tax collection services. Property taxes are levied on the assessed value as of the prior January 1<sup>st</sup> for all real and business personal property in conformity with *Subtitle E. Texas Property Tax Code*.

### **HCDE Annual Tax Calendar**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER - HCTO mails tax bills, which are due upon receipt.

FEBRUARY 1 - Tax bills become delinquent in February following the year in which imposed.

JULY 1 - Additional penalties and interest are imposed on unpaid taxes.

### **HCDE Tax Exemptions**

Harris County Department of Education Board of Trustees approved the following exemptions:

✓ Regular Homestead Exemption: \$5,000 or 20% of the assessed value, whichever is greater, of an adult's residence homestead;

**AND**

✓ Disabled: First \$160,000 of the assessed value of the residence homestead.

**OR**

Over-65 Homestead Exemption: First \$160,000 of the assessed value of the residence homestead.

### **HCDE Tax Questions**

For answers to your questions regarding HCDE taxes call (713) 696-8250.