

EXPLANATION OF TAXES		
DESCRIPTION	RATE PER \$100	AMOUNT OF TAX
COUNTY TAX	0.345	1126.42
COUNTY LIBRARY TAX	0.035	114.27
COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX	0.034	111.01
DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX	1.369	4469.79
REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX	0.668	2181.02
LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX	0.549	1792.49
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TX	0.005	16.33
MUNICIPAL FIRE TAX	0.085	277.53
2025 TOTAL TAX	3.090	10088.86

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES BEFORE REAP		
County Taxes	13.40%	\$ 1351.70
School Taxes	65.92%	\$ 6650.81
Municipal Taxes	20.68%	\$ 2086.35

How to read your actual bill

If you look at your most recent Hunterdon County tax bill, locate the "Summary of Taxes" section:

- District School: This is your K-8 elementary/middle school.
- Regional School: This is North Hunterdon/Voorhees High School.
- County/Municipal: These are the remaining ~25% of your bill.

Typical "Tax Dollar" Breakdown

If you visualize where every \$1 of your tax money goes in a town like Clinton Township, it looks roughly like this:

- \$0.45 goes to the K-8 District School
- \$0.22 goes to NHV Regional High School
- \$0.18 goes to Municipal Services (Police, DPW, Admin)
- \$0.15 goes to Hunterdon County (Courts, Parks, Roads)

The **North Hunterdon-Voorhees (NHV) Regional High School District** serves 12 municipalities. In these towns, the school tax is explicitly split on your bill between the **District School Tax** (K-8) and the **Regional School Tax** (NHV High Schools).

On average across the NHV district, the **K-8 local district consumes about 65% to 70%** of your total education taxes, while the **NHV Regional High School district takes the remaining 30% to 35%**.

2024/2025 School Tax Breakdown by Town

The following table shows the specific tax rates (per \$100 of assessed value) and the resulting percentage split within the education portion of the bill.

Municipality	K-8 Local Rate	NHV Regional Rate	Total School Rate	K-8 % of School Bill
Hampton Boro	\$2.189	\$0.574	\$2.763	79.2%
High Bridge Boro	\$1.574	\$0.586	\$2.160	72.8%
Califon Boro	\$1.798	\$0.779	\$2.577	69.8%
Clinton Township	\$1.408	\$0.672	\$2.080	67.7%
Bethlehem Twp	\$0.936	\$0.468	\$1.404	66.6%

Lebanon Borough	\$1.133	\$0.649	\$1.782	63.6%
Glen Gardner	\$0.933	\$0.499	\$1.432	65.1%
Union Township	\$1.157	\$0.819	\$1.976	58.5%

Town of Clinton	\$1.205	\$0.683	\$1.888	63.8%
Glen Gardner Boro	\$0.933	\$0.763	\$1.696	55.0%
Tewksbury Twp	\$0.907	\$0.626	\$1.533	59.1%
Franklin Twp	\$1.255	\$0.686	\$1.941	64.6%

Why does the "Share" vary so much between towns?

Even though all these towns send students to the same two high schools (North Hunterdon or Voorhees), they don't all pay the same "High School" rate. This is due to two factors:

1. **The NHV Funding Formula:** The state-mandated formula for regional districts is based on a mix of **Enrollment** (how many kids your town sends) and **Equalized Property Wealth** (the total market value of all land in your town).
2. **K-8 Independence:** Each K-8 district (like Clinton Township vs. Bethlehem) has its own separate budget, administration, and debt. Towns with smaller commercial tax bases or

older K-8 buildings with high debt services (like High Bridge) often have much higher local K-8 rates.

Quick Example (Clinton Township Home)

If you own a home assessed at **\$500,000** in Clinton Township:

- **Total School Tax:** ~\$9,850
- **Paid to K-8 District:** ~\$6,605
- **Paid to NHV High School:** ~\$3,245

Note: These figures represent the **school portion** only. When you include County and Municipal taxes, the NHV Regional High School portion typically accounts for about **21% to 23% of your *entire* tax bill**

For the North Hunterdon-Voorhees (NHV) Regional High School District, the split between your local elementary school and the high schools is one of the most significant line items on your tax bill.

Because NHV is a regional district, the Regional School Tax rate is relatively consistent (though not identical) across member towns, while the District School Tax (K-8) varies wildly based on local town budgets and student populations.

The NHV "Big Picture" Breakdown

In almost every town in this district, the K-8 District takes the majority of the education levy.

- **Average K-8 Share: 62% – 70%**
- **Average NHV High School Share: 30% – 38%**