

WATKINS GLEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



GENERAL SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

Primary Contact Information:

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Tax Information - Including Receipts and Bills

The Watkins Glen Central School District in conjunction with GST BOCES has provided a web site which allows anyone to access tax information on any property in the school district. The site allows the look up of tax rates and school code numbers, as well as parcels by using the last name, SWIS and Map numbers, Bill number or street address. The combo box allows the parcel search to look in all of the participating districts or the district selected. All parcels that meet the criteria are listed below the Search button; then click on the Key field to display the parcel. It shows the District, bill number, SWIS and Map numbers, Primary name, property description, assessed and taxable values, tax rate, STAR savings, tax due and date due, amount paid and date paid.

To access this tax information, [click here](#).

School Tax Payment Change

Please note that the District Office no longer accepts payments for school taxes. Payments are now mailed directly to the bank for faster processing and increased security. As noted in the upper left corner of your tax bill, please make checks payable to **WGCSD Tax Collector** and mail check and blue remittance stub to:

Watkins Glen CSD

P.O. Box 928

Elmira, NY, 14902-0928

Tax payments may also be made at any branch of Chemung Canal Trust Company.

General Information

If there appears to be an error of any kind on this bill, please notify your assessor immediately. The presence of errors and/or omissions will not prevent the charging of interest or penalties after the initial due date. If payment is made by mail, the post office postmark will be used as date of receipt.

Third-Party Notification

You have until March 1 to apply for Third Party Notification. If you are either 65 years of age or older or disabled and you own and occupy 1, 2 or 3 family residence, you may designate a consenting third party to receive duplicate copies of your real property tax bills and notices of unpaid taxes. Applications may be obtained from your tax collector or Real Property Tax Services if you send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Change of Address

IMPORTANT: If this property has been sold and you no longer own it, you are requested to give this notice to the new owners. Also notify your assessor of the name and address of the new owner and any changes in your name or address.

Exemption

You may be eligible for over age 65 tax exemption on County, Town and /or School taxes. Please call or write your assessor. Senior citizens have until March 1 to apply for such exemption.

Assessment

If you feel your assessment is too high, you have the right to seek a reduction in the future. For further information please ask your assessor for the publication entitled, "What To Do If You Disagree With Your Assessment" or check on-line at www.tax.ny.gov. Please note that the period for filing complaints on this assessment has passed.

STAR PROGRAM INFORMATION

Property owners of Watkins Glen CSD are encouraged to apply for the STAR (School Tax Relief) Program in order to receive savings on school taxes. Senior citizens aged 65 or older, with a qualifying annual income, who own and live in their homes as a primary residence, qualify for enhanced STAR benefits. Those qualifying will receive a tax exemption of approximately \$50,000 on full-value assessment of their primary residence property. Seniors must re-apply for enhanced STAR benefits each year. All other residents, regardless of age or income, who own and live in their homes as their primary residence, qualify for basic STAR benefits and will receive an approximate \$30,000 exemption of the full-value assessment of their homes. Residents who are not senior citizens need to apply for basic STAR benefits only once. Applications can be obtained online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/star.htm>, your assessor's office, or at the Watkins Glen CSD District Office. Applications need to be returned to your assessor.