

Earned Income Tax FAQ

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It is tax season again and with that comes frequently asked questions regarding the school district income tax for Cloverleaf residents.

This tax applies only to district residents who currently earn an income – helping provide property tax relief to homeowners and to retirees. Cloverleaf is grateful to our community for its support of the schools through this critical funding source.

I hope the questions and answers below help clarify how the earned income tax works.

What income is considered taxable?

- Earned income only, such as wages and self-employment earnings, including earnings from partnerships.

What income is not considered taxable?

- Interest
- Dividends
- Capital Gains
- Pensions
- Rental Income
- Lottery Winnings
- Income Earned by Estates

Why did I not receive my school district tax booklet in the mail?

- The department is no longer mailing its school district income tax booklets in an effort to streamline operations and reduce costs. Electronic filing has become the preferred method used by Ohio taxpayers. The options available for filing a 2011 school district income tax return are through I-File and Federal/State e-file. These options can be found on the Ohio Department of Taxation's website. There are still a limited number of booklets and tax forms available at libraries and post offices. A paper version is also available of the Department of Taxation's Web site.

Do I make my income tax payment directly to Cloverleaf Local Schools?

- No. The Ohio Department of Taxation accepts online payments by credit card or electronic check. Credit card payments also are accepted by telephone.

What should I do if I receive a late notice indicating I owe taxes, but my income is not considered taxable?

- According to the Ohio Department of Taxation, you still are required to submit a school district income tax return even though your income is not taxable. No interest and penalties will be assessed once you submit your return reflecting no taxable income. If you have any questions, you will need to contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at the number reflected on the late notice. Please keep in mind it may take a while to get through at this time of year due to the tax filing season.

What do I do if my employer refuses to deduct the school district income tax from my paycheck?

- Employers are required by law to withhold the school district income tax. Please provide the Department of Taxation with the facts in writing along with a copy of your most recent W-2 from that employer, and submit them to the Employer Withholding Unit, P.O. Box 182847, Columbus, OH 43218-2847.

If you have further questions, you can find more information on the Ohio Department of Taxation's Web site: <http://tax.ohio.gov/>.