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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 4/20/2026 through 4/26/2026

Date: April 20, 2026
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Frank Harwood
Deputy Commissioner
Dale Brungardt
Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	3.64%	3.64%
3 Months	3.61%	3.64%
6 Months	3.71%	3.72%
1 Year	3.71%	3.75%
18 Months	3.77%	3.83%
2 Years	3.76%	3.82%

[Minimum investment rates](#) banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by [K.S.A. 75-4210](#).
Maximum length of investment term is two years.

Payments

Apr 24.....SNP, FFVP & CACFP
Apr 27KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF)
May 1.....State Foundation Aid, Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
May 7.....Selected Federal Payments
May 8.....SNP, FFVP & CACFP (SFSP Advances as needed)
May 22Kansas Pre-K Pilot (CIF), SNP, FFVP & CACFP (SFSP Advances as needed)

Payment amounts for each district/LEA will be posted near the date of deposit:
[Payment Information](#).

State Aid Payments: [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Federal Aid Payments/Form 240: [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

Refer to Form 240 (Federal Aid Payment request form) for a list of federal program funds. To request a June payment, Form 240 will be open from May 1st through the 15th. The Federal Cash Management Act requires that federal funds must be spent by the end of the month they are received. LEAs cannot carry over federal funds to the following month.

Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Payments: [Dessa Gifford](#) (785) 296-4965

- SNP = School Nutrition Programs
- FFVP = Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- CACFP = Child & Adult Care Food Program
- SFSP = Summer Food Service Program

Child Nutrition & Wellness Monthly Updates

For important details surrounding the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), please be sure to check out the Monthly Updates provided from Child Nutrition & Wellness (CNW) leadership each month and posted to the CNW website at <https://cnw.ksde.gov/> for each of the following under their respective menu: SNP - SNP Monthly Updates; CACFP - CACFP Monthly Updates; or SFSP - SFSP Monthly Updates.

Report Due Dates

Apr TBDKansas Parents as Teachers Grant Application FY27
(Will be released in April TBD) [Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964

Apr 30Special Education Catastrophic State Aid Application (current year) and NPE
Contracts data is finalized [Mason Vosburgh](#) (785) 296-4945

Apr 30December 1 MIS Child Count – MIS Collection data is finalized
[Mason Vosburgh](#) (785) 296-4945

May 1Special Education Categorical Aid Personnel Report - Final deadline to update
[Evelyn Alden](#) (785) 296-3868

May 1-15Request June Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds are available* (open May 1-15)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

May 1Foundations for School Success End of Year Survey Kansas Preschool Pilot
(May 1-June 1) [Natalie McClane](#) (785) 296-5081

May 1IDEA Application for funds: Title VI-B Flow Through Part 1 - funds for 2026-27
school year (May 1-June 5) [Helen Swanson](#) (785) 296-1712

May 11KIDS Collection EOYA – End of Year Accountability (open May 11-June 30)
[KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935

May 8Special Education Transportation Claim Form (Form 308) (submit by May 8)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

May 15CTE Pathways Student Data Management (open May 15-August 15)
[Pathways Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-4908

May 11-22 ..Juvenile Detention Center - Final expenditures (open approx. May 11 - submit
by May 22) [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

May 11-22 ..Kansas Parent Education Program - Final expenditures claim form
(open May 11-22) [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

May 22KIDS Collection TASC (Teacher and Student Connection)
(open Aug 11, 2025-May 22, 2026) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935

Banking Updates Notification

If your district changes banks, or if your bank is bought out by another bank, it is important to notify KSDE immediately so the process of updating your district's information in the State accounting system can be initiated. In many cases where the bank is bought by another bank, your account information may not change but the routing number will change; this could result in a delay in state aid payments.

It is important to understand this process can take several weeks to update the district's banking information, so timely notification is crucial to avoid delay of state aid payments.

Please contact [Marcia Ricklefs](#) or call 785-296-4209 to initiate this process of updating your district's banking information.

2025-2026 Republishing General Fund

Are you concerned about republishing your General Fund? Keep in mind the following factors will impact the calculation of your final “computed” general fund budget:

1. **Audits** – KSDE is still processing audits. We anticipate having all audits completed by mid-May. If there are audit exceptions to any current year weightings, this will result in an increase or decrease of your computed general fund budget.
2. **Special Education State Aid** – The final special education aid payment will deposit on June 1. Once we finalize this payment, we will re-compute your general fund budget based on actual special education aid. If your **actual** special education aid increases or decreases in comparison to the special education aid budgeted on Form 118, your general fund budget will increase or decrease respectively.
3. **Virtual Credits** – We are currently computing your general fund budget based on **estimated** Virtual Credits submitted on the Superintendent's Organization Report. The **actual** Adult Virtual Credits earned for students 20+ years and Dropout Virtual Credits for students 19 and under will be submitted on the Local Effort web form due June 6. Immediately thereafter, we will re-compute your general fund budget based upon actual Virtual Credits. If the actual virtual credits increase or decrease in comparison to the Virtual Credits estimated, your general fund budget will increase or decrease respectively.

To download the complete 2026 Legal Max spreadsheet, please go to this website:
<https://www.ksde.gov/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Legal-Max-General-Fund-School-Finance-Studies>

Note: The spreadsheet ‘effective date’ 4/6/2026 appears in Column B (top left side of screen). As audits are processed, we re-compute and repost the spreadsheet with a new effective date.

We anticipate mailing each district a Final legal max letter by mid-June.

Don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions pertaining to republishing the General Fund or any other fund within the USD budget program.

Contact for questions concerning republishing:
[Dale Brungardt](#), School Finance.

If your district needs to republish general fund, step by step instructions are provided online to make these updates in your Excel budget program.

Note:
It is not necessary to mail an amended paper copy if you have submitted electronically.

Guidelines to Republish USD Budget can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ksde.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kZgCHOqAoRk%3d&tabid=403&portalid=0&mid=971ht>

2025-26 Budget Republication forms should be received by KSDE before:

- o June 1, 2026 - General Fund
- o June 30, 2026 - All funds republished except General

IMPORTANT: If you will amend the general fund and the hearing will be held later than May 15, please notify KSDE of your intent to republish. Email a pdf copy of the **Amend** form (notice of hearing) to [Katie Albright](#).

Immediately following board approval, please electronically submit all amended budget worksheets.

2025-2026 Bond & Interest State Aid Request

The Bond & Interest state aid request was submitted in June 2025 for the current 2025-2026 school year via the KSDE Authentication Portal. We are encouraging districts to review your principal and interest payments reported, which are used to compute your state aid entitlement. If refunding of bonds resulted in lower principal or interest payments than originally reported, no action is required. Any overpayment will be determined by your KSDE auditor during the 2026-2027 school year audit.

If your district's bond principal and interest payments were greater than reported in June 2025, you are entitled to additional state aid. Please follow the steps below to submit a request for these funds to be included with your final June state aid payment:

1. Login the KSDE Authentication Portal: [User Login for KSDE Web Applications](#)
2. Select "LEA Forms"
3. Select "State Aid Request for July and Bond Principal & Interest Request"
4. Print the **Bond & Interest State Aid** page to pencil in all applicable changes. Additional state aid should be requested for June.
Note: We cannot modify payments that have already been deposited.
5. Sign and date the bottom of the form.
6. Scan signed form and attach pdf to an email to [Rose Ireland](#) **no later than May 1.**

If you have questions regarding your bond and interest state aid payment, please contact [Daniel Kalsas](#) or [Dale Brungardt](#) at 785-296-4972.

Special Education Catastrophic Aid & Non-Public Equivalency (due April 30)

Please forward this reminder to your local MIS clerk who will be submitting data electronically.

In recognition of the fact that some exceptional students have unique or severe physical, mental, social-emotional or educational characteristics that require expensive interventions, reimbursement may be granted in an amount equal to 75% of the net costs for special education services which exceed 2 times the per teacher entitlement

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from the prior school year, after deducting state and federal aid generated by the student.

- For non-public, this includes services provided by non-public institutions or agencies.
- Download instructions and Excel application from the Special Education Fiscal Resources homepage: https://www.ksde.gov/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Special_Education/Special-Education-Fiscal-Resources/Categorical-Aid

NOTE: Please provide completed forms to your local MIS clerk, who will submit the data electronically. For submission procedures: <https://www.ksde.gov/Portals/0/SES/MIS/MIS-DataDictionary.pdf> Page 27-29.

Do not mail copies of the completed applications to KSDE. These forms are for internal use only.

Special Education Catastrophic Aid & Non-Public Equivalency

- Applications due April 30 (one application per child)
- Special Education Services contact: [Mason Vosburgh](#) or 785-296-4945

April 28-National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

As we approach **School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**, observed nationally on the **fourth Tuesday of April**, and continue preparations for **Kansas School Transportation Appreciation Day** during **National School Bus Safety Week in October**, we would like to encourage districts to take time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated school bus drivers who play a critical role in student safety and educational success.

School bus drivers are often the first and last school staff members our students see each day. They safely transport students in all conditions, maintain discipline and order on the bus, assist students with special needs, conduct daily safety inspections, and help ensure students arrive at school ready to learn and return home safely. Their professionalism, commitment, and care are essential to the functioning of our school systems.

To support districts in honoring their transportation staff, below are **suggested ideas and activities** that have been widely used across Kansas and other states:

Ideas for Celebrating School Bus Driver Appreciation

1. Student & School Involvement

- Encourage students to create thank-you cards, notes, or posters
- Have classrooms write short appreciation messages
- Share student artwork or letters with drivers

2. Appreciation Events

- Host a breakfast, lunch, or snack break for drivers
- Provide coffee, donuts, or a catered meal

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- Organize a short recognition gathering or staff meeting acknowledgment

3. Gifts & Tokens of Appreciation

- Small gift bags, snacks, or treats
- Practical items such as travel mugs, gloves, or safety gear
- Handwritten notes from administrators or school staff

4. Public Recognition

- Highlight drivers on district websites or social media
- Share photos and appreciation messages with families and the community
- Feature driver spotlights or short biographies

5. Certificates & Awards

- Present certificates of appreciation
- Recognize years of service, safe driving milestones, or exceptional professionalism

6. Safety Week Tie-Ins

- Pair appreciation activities with school bus safety education
- Review safety rules with students
- Participate in poster contests or safety demonstrations

Why This Matters

Across Kansas, districts continue to face challenges with driver recruitment and retention. Meaningful recognition helps build morale, strengthen relationships, and reinforce the value of the transportation team as an integral part of the education system. Even small gestures can make a significant impact.

We encourage each district to participate in some form of recognition—no matter the size—and to celebrate your drivers in ways that best fit your local community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for supporting the professionals who safely transport Kansas students every day

KSDE School Transportation

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