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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 8/3/2026 through 8/9/2026

Date: August 3, 2026
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Frank Harwood
Deputy Commissioner
Dale Brungardt
Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	3.63%	3.63%
3 Months	3.90%	3.81%
6 Months	4.00%	3.97%
1 Year	4.17%	4.18%
18 Months	4.24%	4.26%
2 Years	4.28%	4.29%

[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

Aug 3State Foundation Aid, Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
Aug 13.....Selected Federal Payments – **Updated Date**
Aug 7.....FFVP, SNP, CACFP & SFSP
Aug 21.....FFVP, SNP, CACFP & SFSP

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 September payment, Form 240 will be open from August 1st through the 15th. The federal Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) 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 (CNW) Financial Management Reminders

- Beginning with August 2026, claims will resume being processed on typically the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Site and Sponsor Claims submitted and in “Approved” status by 8 a.m. each applicable Tuesday morning will get batched and processed for direct deposit payment that corresponding Friday.

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- Reimbursement Rates for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2027 for SNP and CACFP have been posted to the Child Nutrition & Wellness (CNW) website at <https://cnw.ksde.gov/key-links/reimbursement-rates>
- Enter the End-Of-Year Balance of Uncollected Charges on the Annual Financial Report (AFR) in KN-CLAIM by **August 15**. Should you need help with Monthly Financial Reports (MFRs) and/or the AFR, please contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant (CNC) as detailed in your Sponsor Packet in KN-CLAIM in the upper dark blue bar.

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

Aug 3-31....**18-E** Annual Statistical Report (all USDs - open August 3-31)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Aug 7.....KIDS Collection **TEST** (Assessment Testing)
 (open August 7, 2024-July 25, 2025) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935

Aug 10-14...Request for State Foundation Aid for September
 (all USDs - open Aug 10-14) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Aug 15.....Request September Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds available* (open Aug 1-15) [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

Aug 25.....Directory Updates - annual review/update for KS Educational Directory
 open July 10-Aug 25) [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-4209

Aug 25..... Submit Interlocal Budget to KSDE
[Frank Harwood](#), [Dale Brungardt](#) or [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-3872

Aug 31..... Driver Education claim form for reimbursement due
[Jessica Apodaca](#) (785) 296-0952

Reminder: Register Soon for Counting KIDS Workshops

Registration deadlines are approaching for KSDE's annual Counting Kids workshops presented in advance of the state's official student count day. Workshops are led by KSDE Fiscal Auditing Director Laurel Murdie, with additional presentations by KSDE Information Technology Assistant Director Kyle Lord.

Who should attend? Counting KIDS workshops are intended to benefit school personnel responsible for entering Count Day data. Typically this includes Board Clerks, Building Secretaries, Student Information System Data Clerks, Registrars and Business Managers.

Make plans to attend one of the in-person sessions conducted at 11 locations across Kansas on selected days Aug. 24 to Sept. 14. Participants will learn about information needed to enter for funding purposes and receive important updates prior to student Count Day. Since Sept. 20, 2026, is a Sunday, Count Day moves to the first school day following the 20th. Count Day this year is **Monday, Sept. 21**.

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Online registration is required to attend. Follow the link below for a full schedule of workshops and to register: **KSDE Training Portal** <https://learning.ksde.org/>

There is no cost to attend, however, limited seating capacity exists at most locations.

Questions? Contact the Fiscal Auditing office at 785-296-4976 or email auditing@ksde.gov

2026-27 Enrollment Handbook Available Online

The 2026-27 Enrollment Handbook is posted on the KSDE Fiscal Auditing webpage under the "Audit Guides" headline. [Fiscal Auditing](#)

The [Enrollment Handbook](#) is a resource to assist schools in reporting data for student enrollment and funding purposes. Updates and changes for the 2026-27 school year are highlighted in yellow and will be discussed during upcoming Counting KIDS workshops being presented on selected dates Aug. 24-Sept. 14.

Don't forget to register for Counting KIDS. District staff who are responsible for entering Count Day data should plan to attend a Counting KIDS workshop. It's not too late to sign up. There are 11 workshop locations. For a complete schedule and registration information, see the [Fiscal Auditing](#) webpage.

Remember - For the 2026-2027 school year, KIDS will remain the official data source for school funding purposes. However, districts should plan to submit enrollment (ENRL) data to both KIDS and to the Kansas Education Data System (KEDS). KEDS is the new statewide longitudinal data system that will help automate student data collection and eventually replace KIDS. For the 2026-2027 school year, both KIDS and KEDS will run in parallel.

2026-2027 Directory Updates – Due 8/25

USDs, Interlocals, Service Centers, Special Education Coops, and Private Accredited Schools are required to submit the Directory Updates application. Please log into [KSDE's Web Applications site](#) to review and update the districts Directory Updates information. Refer to announcement email sent July 8 for complete instructions: Subj: 2026-2027 Directory Updates OPEN - Due Aug 25

Note: We understand you may not have all required personnel assignments by Aug 25 to submit. If this is the case, enter a temporary contact (i.e. main administrator at the building) to submit by Aug 25. Please be sure to set a reminder to update the Administrative Contacts section once personnel have been confirmed. Since the Directory Updates application is open year-round for updates, you will not need to have your report un-submitted to make these updates. Upon saving the updated pages, you will receive a "Record Saved" pop-up, which confirms the data saved to KSDE.

Download the [Directory Updates Instruction Manual](#) for assistance.

Was your Directory Updates report SUBMITTED to KSDE? *Here is how to check:*
Follow the steps below to verify if the Directory Updates application has been submitted:

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1. Go to KSDE's Web Application Site:
<https://apps.ksde.gov/authentication/login.aspx>
2. Enter: **User ID/Password**
3. Select: **Directory Updates**
4. Select: **Submit** from left hand menu
 - If Submitted, the page will state "This organization has already been submitted..." and there will not be a Submit button available.
 - If not submitted, the page will show a list of Errors that need to be addressed before submission can happen or will have a submit button in order to submit.

Questions on User ID and/or password, call the KSDE I.T. Help Desk at (785) 296-7935.

Questions on entering data in the Directory Updates web application, contact:
[Marcia Ricklefs](#) at (785) 296-4209

2026-2027 Allocations for Title Programs

Final allocations for 2026-2027 for the programs listed below are posted in the FY 27 Allocations section on the following page of the KSDE website:

<https://www.ksde.gov/policy-and-funding/elementary-and-secondary-education-act-programs/allocations-and-local-consolidated-plan>.

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Educational Agencies;
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children;
- Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 – Delinquent;
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction;
- Title III, Part A - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students; and
- Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment.

Final setaside amounts for Neglected facilities are also posted on the same page. Official grant award notifications for programs included in the Local Consolidated Plan (LCP) Application will be available within the LCP Application upon its approval. After the district's LCP Application has been approved by KSDE, the FY2027 grant amounts will appear the following month on the Form 240, and these funds can be requested. The LCP Application should be available to districts in mid-August. If you have questions about allocations, please contact Nicole Clark at nicole.clark@ksde.gov. If you have specific Title questions, please contact the KSDE LCP consultant assigned to your district.

Transporting Students - FAQ

With the school year starting, it's a good time to review the rules and regulations on pupil transportation. Please visit the [School Transportation Safety Unit](#) website for a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) with over 160 questions and answers. The website also contains information regarding Entry Level Driver Training, Drug and Alcohol Testing, Drug and Alcohol Clearing House, Inspection Forms, Bus Purchasing and School Vehicle Purchasing.

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REMINDER: We host a monthly meeting/forum for Transportation Directors and Contractors on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:30 am to 10:30 am (CDT). Our agenda is very informal and is intended as an open forum to share information, discuss, and answer any transportation questions you may have. The zoom link is posted on our [Upcoming Events webpage](#)

Call the KSDE **School Transportation Safety Unit** for assistance on student transportation:

[Keith Dreiling](#) (785) 296-4567

[Mitch Mellick](#) (785) 296-4545

[Melissa Ostermeyer](#) (785) 296-5659

[Sarah Harter](#) (785) 296-3551

Schedule USD Budget Reviews (In Person-Virtual-Conference Call)

Before publishing the Notice of Hearing, superintendents and business officials may request someone in the School Finance office double-check their budget document. Please call to schedule a one-hour appointment with Frank Harwood, Dale Brungardt, Craig Neuenswander, or Dale Dennis.

Call School Finance at (785) 296-3872 or (785) 296-3871 to schedule a time.

Due to the volume of reviews, it is important to call our office if you need to **cancel** or **change** a scheduled budget review to open that time slot.

Staff will meet **in person** (face-to-face), **virtual** (Teams, Zoom, etc.), or **conference call**.

Please read these instructions before your budget review that were provided in the June 22 interest letter, linked here for your convenience: [June 22, 2026](#) (reminders, where to park, how to set up a virtual meeting, etc.)

The following information will be needed for an “in person” budget review:

1. Revenue Neutral Rates (RNR) from the county clerk
2. Estimated 2026 assessed valuation information
3. Your laptop computer with the budget program. This will allow you to enter revisions to your budget during the review.
4. A printed copy of the budget document (codes and forms being used) to take notes

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