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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 12/01/2025 through 12/07/2025

Date: December 1, 2025
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Frank Harwood
Deputy Commissioner
Dale Brungardt
Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	3.88%	3.88%
3 Months	3.74%	3.83%
6 Months	3.70%	3.76%
1 Year	3.60%	3.62%
18 Months	3.51%	3.59%
2 Years	3.47%	3.55%

[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

Dec 1State Foundation Aid
Dec 1Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
Dec 4Selected Federal Payments
Dec 5.....SNP, FFVP & CACFP
Dec 12.....SNP & CACFP
Dec 15.....Special Education
Dec 15.....Juvenile Detention
Dec 19.....SNP, FFVP & CACFP

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 January payment, Form 240 will be open from December 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 (CNW) 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

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

Dec 1KIDS Collection SMSC (Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)
Funding (open Dec 1-Jan 5) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935

Dec 1Juvenile Detention Center Application due (select LEAs)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

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

Dec 8-12.....Request for State Foundation Aid for January (all USDs - open Dec 8-12) final
request for FY2026 [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Dec 15.....IDEA Maintenance of Effort and Excess Cost Report (submission deadline for
coop/interlocal member districts) [Dean Zajic](#) (785) 296-2425

Dec 15.....Mill Rate by Fund submission for all USDs (open Nov 15-Dec 15)
[Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-4209

Dec 20.....Emergency Safety Intervention Data (in KIAS) due for events occurring
between June 1-November 30 [Trish Backman](#) (785) 296-6937

Preliminary Legal Max Letters

School Finance staff are in the process of generating preliminary legal max letters. We anticipate mailing letters on Wednesday, December 3rd. Two copies of the “preliminary” legal max letter will be mailed to the district office (Superintendent, cc: Board Clerk). Each board president will also receive a letter by mail.

The WTD FTE (weighted full-time enrollment) are calculated based upon the unaudited enrollment as filed by your district on the Superintendent’s Organization Report (S066) in October.

Preliminary legal max letter will be posted later this week. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the heading: **FY26 Legal Max Letters (Preliminary)**. Also, the prior year’s final legal max letters are posted on the School Finance homepage for each school district. We recommend you keep a copy of last year’s final letter as your auditor will ask to see it.

If you have questions, please contact the School Finance office at (785) 296-3872.

Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant Applications due Jan. 21

The [2026-2027 Kansas Preschool Pilot \(KPP\) Grant Requirements and Application](#) is now available. Current Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees will have the opportunity to renew their current level of funding through a quick, noncompetitive process. As in years past, grantees will complete a short Survey Monkey application along with the Preschool Revenue Calculator and Budget Template tool to estimate preschool revenue and expenditures for next school year. If the gap between expected revenues and expenditures remains larger than or equal to the current grant award, grantees can expect to receive level funding. If other sources of funding will reduce the gap between revenue and expenditures, grantees can expect to receive a grant equal to the size of that gap.

Grant applications are due at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21.

KSDE will be hosting webinars to review this grant opportunity at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10.

[Click here to register for the 10:00 a.m. webinar.](#)

[Click here to register for the 2:00 p.m. webinar.](#)

The amount of Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding available statewide remains limited. Districts are encouraged to consider other larger, more sustainable options to invest in preschool. If any available 2026-2027 Kansas Preschool Pilot funds remain following the review of renewal grant applications, KSDE will review applications for new awards of up to \$50,000 on a competitive basis. Review the [2026-2027 Grant Requirements and Application](#) for more information.

Contact Natalie McClane (natalie.mcclane@ksde.gov) and Amanda Petersen (amanda.petersen@ksde.gov) with Kansas Preschool Pilot questions.

Mill Rate Form 2025-2026 – due 12/15 *(listserv sent 11/14 to Sups & Clerks)*

The 2025-2026 Mill Rate Form is now open. Access the Mill Rate Form through **LEA Forms** on the [KSDE Web Applications site](#). We anticipate the reporting time to complete this Mill Rate report is *less than 20 minutes*.

To complete the report, enter the final mill rates for each fund from the **certified Mill Levies sheet**. *The County Clerk should have mailed certified final Mill Rates to each USD in November*, but if not contact the County Clerk to request them.

For step by step help, the [Mill Rate User's Guide](#) is available on the [Guidelines & Manuals](#) page of the School Finance website under the **Manuals** heading. Below are some helpful tips:

- Do ***NOT*** enter the budgeted mill rates provided on the Mill Rate Form as final mill rates.
 - KSDE provides the budgeted rate as certified on the USD Budget as a reference **ONLY** in order to show the difference between budgeted and final rates.
- Be sure that the final mill rates entered are for the current school year.
 - 2025 Mill Rates for 2025-2026 School Year

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- Capital Outlay cannot exceed 8.000 mills per [KSA 72-53,113](#).
- If USD is in multiple counties, report the rates from USDs *Home County*.
- If there are any discrepancies on the Levy Sheet, please notify the County Clerk.

Mill Rate Questions, contact School Finance staff:

[Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-4209

[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Username and Password Questions, contact the [KSDE Help Desk](#): (785) 296-7935

Free Transportation Basics Workshop for Transportation Directors/Supervisors

The Kansas State Department of Education School Transportation Safety Unit will be holding a free Transportation Basics Workshop for Transportation Directors/Supervisors on

December 18, 2025

9:00 am-4:00 pm

USD 500 Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

<https://events.ksde.gov/sf/TransportationBasics1.aspx>

Please register by December 8th.

A few of the topics include Legal responsibilities of the Transportation Director, Bus Driver requirements, Alcohol and Drug Testing, Drug and Alcohol Clearing House, Commercial Driver's License requirements, Physicals, School Bus Regulations, Loading and Unloading the bus, 2 ½ mile rule, Out of District Transportation, Bus requirements, Emergency Procedures, ELDT, and more.

Workshops are open to any Public or Private School Transportation Directors, Transportation Supervisors, School Transportation Contractors, and other School Officials involved with school transportation. No vendors, please.

All new transportation directors/supervisors are encouraged to attend. Although this course is designed for new transportation directors/supervisors, any transportation director/supervisor is welcome to attend.

Free Reasonable Suspicion Training for CDL Supervisor

The Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas State Department of Education School Transportation Safety Unit are offering a free Reasonable Suspicion Training for CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Supervisors on

December 30, 2025

9:00 am to noon

USD 260 Derby

<https://events.ksde.gov/sf/AlcoholandDrugTraining.aspx>

This training is federally mandated for all individuals who supervise individuals required to have a CDL as a condition of their employment.

Suppose your school district or school bus contractor operates a school/activity bus that requires the driver to have a CDL, and you supervise that driver. In that case, you are required by federal law to have Reasonable Suspicion Training for supervisors. This class is a one-time requirement.

Any school district/contractor EMPLOYEE is welcome to attend, even if you are not mandated to participate in the training.

About the Instructor:
Lieutenant Carson Nuss
Kansas Highway Patrol

Carson Nuss has 26 years of law enforcement experience, 3 years as a Sheriff Deputy, and the last 24 years with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Carson served 7 years in the United States Army, both Active and Reserve, as a Military Police (MP) officer. Since August 2009, his assignment has been to the drug and alcohol evaluation unit. Carson is a certified instructor for SFST (standard field sobriety test), ARIDE (advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement), DRE (drug recognition expert), and evidential breath testing.

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