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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 1/12/2026 through 1/18/2026

Date: January 12, 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	3.53%	3.55%
6 Months	3.48%	3.46%
1 Year	3.50%	3.51%
18 Months	3.47%	3.46%
2 Years	3.47%	3.46%

[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.

KSDE offices will be closed Monday January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Payments

Jan 15 KPERs, Local Contribution Special Education State Aid

Jan 23 SNP, FFVP & CACFP

Jan 26 KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF)

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 February payment, Form 240 will be open from January 2nd 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

Deposit Local Contribution Special Education State Aid (LCSESA) in General Fund and Transfers

The LCSESA will direct deposit on Thursday, January 15. Similar to other Special Education State Aid payments, the law requires the payment to be deposited in the school district's general fund budget (Code 06, Line 120 – 3205 Special Education Aid). The revenue would then be transferred from the general fund to the special education fund (Code 30, Line 75 – 5206 Transfer from General).

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This LCSESA payment is based on District Local Effort according to the formula approved by the State Board of Education in accordance with K.S.A. 72-3422(e)(2). **This is a direct payment to member districts and is not considered a “flow-through” payment on behalf of the Coop.** The Legislature intended this payment to reduce the additional transfer from General Fund (or Supplemental General Fund) to cover local assessments.

To view payment amounts, link [here](#). Under the FY26 Payments heading and under Special Education, you can reference the following file: -Local Contribution Special Education State Aid.

If you have questions regarding this payment, contact School Finance at (785) 296-3872 to speak to Rose Ireland, Daniel Kalas, or Dale Brungardt.

Child Nutrition & Wellness (CNW) Monthly Updates

Please note that beginning January 2026, Child Nutrition Program (CNP) reimbursement payments will be processed typically on only the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Sponsor Claims that are in “Approved” status by 8:00 a.m. each applicable Tuesday morning will get batched that week.

CNP vouchers are posted between 8:00-9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays which allows direct deposit payment on Fridays (posting of vouchers is a 4-business day process before Sponsors receive the payment via ACH and physical checks are mailed out on Thursdays).

For important details surrounding the CNPs, 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

Jan 14IDEA Maintenance of Effort and Excess Cost Report (stand alone, coop/interlocal LEAs due Jan. 14) [Helen Swanson](#) (785) 296-1712

Jan 15Request for February Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open Jan 2-15) [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

Jan 15Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 2nd Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

Jan 15LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) Final Expenditure Report (Due Jan 15) [Nicole Clark](#) (785) 296-4925

Jan 21Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant Request for Proposals (Due @ 5:00 pm) [Natalie McClane](#) (785) 296-5081

Jan 23Kansas Parents as Teachers - Mid-Year Report for FY26 [Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964

2026-2027 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Forms Open

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The Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval form for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on the [Early Childhood Preschool Programming Webpage](#). The Approval Form is embedded in the [2026-2027 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program Requirements and Assurances](#) document. All programs who wish to be funded must complete and submit the Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Form by April 3 to be approved by the Kansas State Board of Education in May.

The Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program provides school districts with funding for preschool-aged students. In districts operating approved programs, 3-and 4-year-old students who meet an at-risk criterion for the Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program and who are enrolled and attending on Count Day will automatically count as a ½ student (0.5 FTE) in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings. Districts are encouraged to create integrated programs that include all students and to develop strong community partnerships.

If you would like a copy of your 2025-2026 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Form for reference, or if you have any questions as you complete this short approval form, reach out to Natalie McClane at natalie.mcclane@ksde.gov for assistance.

Refresher: School Term Requirement and Inclement Weather Days

The impact of winter weather on school districts often prompts questions about meeting the minimum School Term hours required by state law. Each attendance building and program (if applicable) should be tracking current year (2025-26) compliance with the School Term requirement, including 1116 hours for kindergarten through 11th grade, 1086 hours for seniors and 465 hours for approved Kansas Preschools. Helpful guidance on what counts toward the School Term and what does not is included in the [School Term Audit Guide](#) on the [KSDE Fiscal Auditing](#) webpage, under the "Audit Guide" section. Items numbered 6, 7 and 8 pertain specifically to inclement weather, including: delayed start, early dismissal, and forgiven time.

Remember, any day on which inclement weather causes hazardous driving conditions and either the start of school is **delayed** one or two hours, or school is **dismissed early** due to inclement weather causing hazardous driving conditions, the day is counted as a full day of school. The number of normally attended school minutes for that day should be entered on the attendance building or program's Building Log Calculator. Then, in the "District Notes" column of the calculator, cite late start or early dismissal. Calculator templates are on the KSDE Fiscal Auditing webpage under the "Calculator" section.

If your school district designated an inclement weather make up day or days on KSDE's S066 (Superintendent's Organizational Report) this past fall, the number of hours that may be forgiven are equal to the number of hours designated as inclement weather/snow make-up days. For example, if a school district designated three inclement weather make-up days, the school district must first make up three days on the designated days before any forgiveness is allowed. Five days is the maximum amount allowed by law.

2026 Kansas Legislative session opens today

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The Kansas Legislature consists of a 125-member House of Representatives and a 40-member Senate. Representatives are elected for a two-year term and Senators are elected for a four-year term. The Legislature convenes at 2 p.m. on January 12 and generally will adjourn in early May.

Steps to follow the Legislative Session online

Bookmark this link to follow legislative activities online: <https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/>

Information provided on the **Kansas Legislature** website:

- contact information for legislators
- track the status and view the content/text of a bill
- read supplementary reports and publications
- find out what is happening in the chambers or committees
- appointments to education committees
- follow education committees – agendas, minutes, testimony and action
- listen to live audio broadcasts of House and Senate chamber debates

To narrow your search to review education bills, from the row of blue tabs (see below), select **COMMITTEES**.



From the next screen, look under either the **House** or **Senate** heading, and select **EDUCATION**.

- List of new bills as introduced
- List of legislators appointed to serve on the education committee
- Education committee agendas, minutes, testimony, and action taken
- Meetings can be audio-streamed from this screen

Select **CALENDARS** to read about business to be considered in the chambers and a weekly agenda of committee meetings. Select **JOURNALS** to read the historical record of activity in the chambers.

Another resource for K-12 Education Publications and consensus estimates provided to the Kansas Legislature is the **Kansas Legislative Research Department** website: <http://www.kslegresearch.org/KLRD-web/Education.html>

Additional resources, including an **Education Law Index**, can be found on the School Finance homepage under the [Legislation](#) link. The **Education Law Index** alphabetically

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lists keywords which affect schools and education and provides a statute number (i.e. 72-3353).

Go to the Revisor of Statutes website to read the text of a statute.



Search for text of Kansas law on the
Revisor of Statutes website:

<https://ksrevisor.gov>

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