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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 1/19/2026 through 1/25/2026

Date: January 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	3.52%	3.53%
6 Months	3.52%	3.48%
1 Year	3.54%	3.50%
18 Months	3.53%	3.47%
2 Years	3.54%	3.47%

[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

Jan 23SNP, FFVP & CACFP

Jan 26KS 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 March payment, Form 240 will be open from February 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

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).

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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 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

New Printout Estimated FY2027 General Fund Budget

The general fund estimates for the 2026-2027 school year are now available. Please find this computer printout on the School Finance homepage under the "[What's New](#)".

2026-2027 Estimated General Fund Projections

Memo/Column Explanation ([PDF](#))

2026-2027 Est. General Fund (Printout SF26-001) ([Excel](#))

Since enrollment data and weightings are not available for the 2026-2027 school year, the printout was based on unaudited information for the 2025-2026 school year. Therefore, these projections are subject to change when school districts prepare their 2026-2027 general fund budgets and should only be used as an estimation.

If you have budget questions, please contact School Finance:

– [Dale Brungardt](#) (785) 296-3872

Local Contribution Special Education State Aid (LCSESA)

The LCSESA payment deposited on January 15. This payment is special education state aid and considered as *direct special education state aid entitlement* based on prior year special education expenditures for each member district and each stand-alone district. This **payment is NOT special education state aid flow-through** on behalf of the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center.

- Deposit in Code 06 General Fund as 3205 Special Education State Aid
- Transfer from Code 06 General Fund to Special Education Fund as 5206 Transfer From General Fund. Once the money is transferred to the Special Education Fund, it is the district's money to use as needed to cover any special education expense.

At the beginning of the school year, the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center should have communicated with each member district the expected local assessment cost for the current year. This is typically based on the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center increased costs due to hiring new staff, increase in salary, increase in benefits, increase in services, etc.

This LCSESA payment was intended to help offset those increased local assessment costs passed on to each member district, if applicable. For that reason, it is possible some or all of this LCSESA payment may be used to cover the local assessment payment to the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center.

- There is no change in past practices for the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center other than they may adjust their past billing cycles to align with this recent payment so districts have additional “cash on hand” to cover your local assessment payment.
- There is no change in past practices for member districts for making payments to the Coop or Interlocal/Service Center for your local assessment. The local assessment payment should be recorded as an expense the same as it has been for past years as noted below:
 - Code 30 Special Education Fund – Budget Line 250 – 564 Payment to Special Education Coop/Interlocal (Assessments). This is **NOT** special education state aid flow-through.

If there are additional questions regarding this payment, please contact School Finance at 785-296-3872.

2025 Accountability Reports Updated

[KSA 72-1181\(c\)](#) states each school district shall provide a link to the state department of education's webpage where the “Accountability Reports” prepared for each school district are published.

The Performance Accountability and Financial Accountability Reports were published on Thursday, January 15 and can be accessed here:



[Performance and Financial Reports - Data Central](#)

A quick link can also be found on the right side of the [KSDE homepage](#).

Directory Update Changes

Access: <https://apps.ksde.gov/authentication/login.aspx>

REMINDER – The Directory Updates application is open early-to-mid July through early June. If changes occur after the initial submission in the fall for personnel contacts, email addresses, website addresses, phone numbers, etc., please login to make those corrections. It is important to keep this information up-to-date to ensure the correct personnel within your organization are receiving appropriate KSDE communication and State & Federal reports using this information are accurate.

Questions [Marcia Ricklefs](#) | 785-296-4209.

Legislative Bill Tracker

During the legislative session, the State Department of Education closely follows action on selected House and Senate bills relating to K-12 education funding, policies, KPERs and issues that may affect schools or KSDE. The bill tracker is an “at-a-glance list” of all bills being followed and will be updated every Friday. Click on the bill number to read the entire bill and follow the history of actions taken.

To read the text of a bill, go to the **Kansas Legislature** website link:

<https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/>. Hover over the **BILLS & LAWS** tab and select Senate Bills or House Bills. Enter the bill number to read the bill and bill history.

The screenshot shows the Kansas Legislature website. At the top, there's a blue header with the Kansas state seal and the text "2025-2026 Legislative Sessions". Below this, a navigation bar includes links for Home, News, Contact, Audio/Video, and a search bar. A secondary navigation bar lists various sections: HOUSE, SENATE, LEGISLATORS, COMMITTEES, **BILLS & LAWS** (highlighted), JOURNALS, CALENDARS, RESEARCH, and HISTORICAL. Below the navigation bar, the date "Jan. 13, 2026" is displayed. The main content area shows the "Bills" section with a list of bills. The first bill listed is "SB1 - Exempting the state of Kansas from daylight saving time but providing for moving to permanent daylight saving time upon an act of Congress requiring such move." To the right of the bills list, there's a section titled "Other Measures" which includes links for Bills, Resolutions, Concurrent Resolutions, and Executive Reorganization Orders.

Click on [Instructions](#) for guidance to navigate the Kansas Legislature website. This document also provides names of 2025 House and Senate leadership positions and members of the education committees. Hover over the **CALENDARS** tab to access a weekly agenda for committees. Agendas are frequently revised during the week.

Link for Audio/Video Broadcast – <https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/>

Watch committee meetings or the full chamber via the Kansas Legislature website. Located in the top right corner, click link for **Audio/Video**. Click on **Statehouse Live & Archive** to view proceedings at the Statehouse Live (In Progress) or watch a recording (Adjourned).

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu from the "Audio/Video" link in the navigation bar. The menu options are: "House Proceedings Audio Stream", "Senate Proceedings Audio Stream", "Statehouse Live & Archive", and "House, Senate & Committee Video".

Below are times the education committees meet with a link to their committee page:

- [Senate Committee on Education](#) – 1:30 pm
- [House Committee on Education](#) – 1:30 pm
- [House Committee on K-12 Education Budget](#) – 3:30 pm

If you have questions concerning legislative matters, contact the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Frank Harwood, at (785) 296-3871. Gabrielle Hull is the legislative coordinator.

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