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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 7/27/2026 through 8/2/2026*

Date: July 27, 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	3.81%	3.81%
6 Months	3.97%	3.88%
1 Year	4.18%	4.09%
18 Months	4.26%	4.16%
2 Years	4.29%	4.18%

[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 13Selected Federal Payments **Updated Date**

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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- 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

July 31.....	State Deaf-Blind Funds (KSA 72-3481) Application for 2025-2026 funds (open April 17 – July 31, 2026) Lisa Karney (785) 296-1222
Aug 1.....	Emergency Safety Intervention (in KIAS) for events occurring June 1-November 30 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937
	Emergency Safety Intervention (in KIAS) for events occurring December 1-June 30 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937
Aug 1.....	Discipline Data Collection (in KIAS) for events occurring July 1- June 30 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937
Aug 1.....	KIDS Collection KCAN (State Board Initiatives) (open Aug 1, 2025-Sept 4, 2026) KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935
Aug 1.....	FVR (Fall Vacancy Report) Access in EDCS (open August 1, submit September 25) Sarah Eaverson (785) 296-6712
Aug 1.....	LPR (Licensed Personnel Report) Access in EDCS (open August 1, submit January 1 – March 1) Sarah Eaverson (785) 296-6712
Aug 1-15...	Request September Federal Funds (Form 240) <i>if funds available</i> (open Aug 1-15) Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020
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 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

Age of Eligibility to Attend School

Per [K.S.A. 72-3118](#): The child will attain the age of five years on or before August 31 of the school year. Guidelines for compliance with the law are shown below. The only exceptions to the age rule if a student moved to Kansas and previously attended an equivalent program in another state or country:

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- Any student who moves to Kansas and was enrolled in a program equivalent to the Kansas kindergarten program in another state and/or country may enter the kindergarten program in Kansas provided they were five years of age by no later than December 31 in the school year they enrolled.
- Any student who has completed kindergarten in another state/country and moves to Kansas and wishes to enroll in the first grade must be six years of age by no later than December 31 in the school year they enrolled.
- Documentation must be provided if they were legally enrolled and attending in the state/country where they previously resided and that the student was in compliance with the laws of that state/country.

Out-of-District School Transportation Notification Form

Kansas school districts may provide transportation to nonresident students enrolled through open enrollment under K.S.A. 72-3124; however, this transportation is generally discretionary unless required by federal or state law, such as for students with transportation included in an IEP, students in foster care, or students protected under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Before transportation is provided to a nonresident student, the receiving district must notify the student's resident district. KSDE has established an **Out-of-District School Transportation Notification Form** to assist districts in meeting this requirement. Districts should submit the notification annually before transportation services begin and retain documentation for compliance and audit purposes. The form and related transportation resources are available through the KSDE Transportation Forms webpage. [\[ksde.gov\]](https://www.ksde.gov)

Districts should carefully evaluate operational capacity, staffing, routing, and budget impacts before approving transportation for nonresident students, as any transportation commitment must continue through the remainder of the school year. Additionally, nonresident students are not included in transportation weighting calculations for state transportation aid purposes.

KSDE Resources:

- Out-of-District School Transportation Notification Form: https://www.ksde.gov/docs/default-source/sf/outofdistrictnotification-revised-july-2024.pdf?sfvrsn=be739510_3
- Transportation Forms Page: <https://www.ksde.gov/policy-and-funding/school-transportation/transportation-forms> [\[ksde.gov\]](https://www.ksde.gov)

Districts are encouraged to review local transportation policies, ensure compliance with notification requirements, maintain appropriate records, and continue providing transportation when required under federal or special education laws.

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

Budget Workbook Functionality and Microsoft Excel Versions

We have received inquiries from several districts regarding errors encountered when downloading and using the budget workbook from the Budget Information website. KSDE has reviewed each reported issue and, to date, has been unable to reproduce the errors in our environment. As part of our review process, staff have re-downloaded the workbook from the website and entered sample budget data to replicate the reported conditions, but the reported errors have not occurred during testing. Additionally, many of the reported issues would not normally be possible due to the protections and controls built into the workbook.

In the instances reviewed, a common factor was the use of older versions of Microsoft Excel, including one district using Excel 2019. As Microsoft continues to introduce new functionality and enhancements to Excel, workbooks developed and maintained in current versions may not always perform as expected when opened in older versions. In some cases, this can result in reference errors, formatting issues, or other unexpected behavior.

We recognize that software update schedules and technology resources vary among districts. To help ensure the best experience and full compatibility with KSDE budget workbooks, districts are encouraged to use the most current version of Microsoft Excel available to them. If issues are encountered, please contact KSDE for assistance so we can review the situation and help identify a resolution.

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