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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 6/22/2026 through 6/28/2026

Date: June 22, 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%	3.62%
3 Months	3.71%	3.68%
6 Months	3.80%	3.77%
1 Year	4.01%	3.96%
18 Months	4.10%	4.08%
2 Years	4.12%	4.11%

[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

June 22.....State Foundation Aid balance, Supplemental General (LOB) balance,
CTE Transportation, KS Parents as Teachers (PAT)
July 17SNP, FFVP, CACFP & SFSP
July 24 FY26 KPP-TANF 4th Quarter Reimbursement, SNP, FFVP, 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 an August payment, Form 240 will be open from July 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) Financial Management Reminders

As we approach the end of the State Fiscal Year, please keep the following in mind:

- The deadline for submitting original and upward revision April claims for meal reimbursement is **by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026.**

- All transfers to the Food Service Fund must be completed by **June 30**.
(Transfers may be required for gratis adult meals or to keep the balance at the desired amount.)
- Indirect Costs (IC) must be charged to the Food Service Fund by **June 30**.
- Enter the End-Of-Year Balance of Uncollected Charges on the Annual Financial Report (AFR) in KN-CLAIM by **August 15**.

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.

Food Service State Match Re-Appportionment

In School Nutrition Programs (SNP), all funding except “State Match” is federal funding; SNP is the only Child Nutrition Program (CNP) to receive any state funding, and it is only for National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Our State Agency (SA) is allocated a certain amount of state funding at the beginning of each State Fiscal Year (SFY) for the School Year (SY) and it all must be paid out by the end of SFY. KSDE ensures this fund is depleted once the final May SNP vouchers are posted and Sponsors get their “normal” monthly state match amount; whatever is left in the fund is then re-apportioned to Sponsors based on the number of lunches they served for the SY. This payment was processed on Monday, June 8 with direct deposit on Thursday, June 11.

A spreadsheet showing the breakdown of how much each Sponsor was paid is posted to the SF homepage under “FY 26 Payments”: <https://www.ksde.gov/policy-and-funding/funding/school-finance/payment-information>

Child Nutrition & Wellness (CNW) has also posted the spreadsheet to the “SNP What’s New” page: <https://cnw.ksde.gov/snp/snp-what's-new>

Please ensure to code the state funding in your Monthly Financial Reports (MFRs) in KN-CLAIM on row “6. 3203 State Reimbursement for Student Lunches”.

Report Due Dates

June 24.....	Bond & Interest Form (to determine State Aid) (all USDs - open June 18-24) Rose Ireland (785) 296- 4973
June 24.....	Request for State Foundation Aid for July (all USDs - open June 18-24) Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973
June 30.....	Discipline Data Collection (in KIAS) final data due for events occurring between July 1-June 30 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937
June 30.....	Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) (in KIAS) Incidents occurring on or between 12/1 and 5/31 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937
June 30.....	KIDS Collection EOYA - End of Year Accountability (open May 6-June 30) KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935
July 1-14.....	Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 4 th Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020

July 1 Discipline Data Collection (in KIAS) (open July 1-June 30)
[Trish Backman](#) (785) 296-6937

July 1-15 Request July Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds are available* (open June 1-15)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

July 1 LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) Revision and Carryover (Due July 1)
[Nicole Clark](#) (785) 296-4925

July 15 LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) Annual Report (tentative due date July 15, 2026)
[Nicole Clark](#) (785) 296-4925

July 24 Kansas Parents as Teachers - Affiliate Performance Report FY26
[Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964

July 25 KIDS Collection **TEST** - Assessment Testing (all USDs –
 (open October 1, 2025 - July 24, 2026) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935

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

Retain Final FY26 State Aid Printouts for Auditor

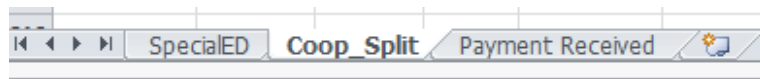
Please **print and file** a copy of your USD's **final printout** that summarizes all FY26 General, Supplemental General and Capital Improvement state aid payments, along with FTE enrollment, property value assessments, tax rates, local effort and other statistics for your district for the 2025-26 school year. This two-page summary can be downloaded on the **Payment Information** screen on the School Finance homepage: <https://www.ksde.gov/policy-and-funding/funding/school-finance/payment-information>

Look under the heading **FY26 State Aid Printouts**

Select: **General, Supplemental General and Capital Improvement State Aid Printout**

Click on cell G1, and a drop-down arrow will appear to the right. Scroll to select your USD number and the printout will update with your information. You may have to click Enable to initiate the data merge. If the arrow doesn't appear, click in the cell, and manually enter D0101 (D-zero-USD number) in the cell and press enter. Your district data should update on the screen.

Please also print and file the final FY26 **Special Education State Aid Printout**. This document summarizes FY26 Special Education payments, teachers, transportation costs, and other statistics. To display each report on the printout, select a tab located at the bottom of the screen (Special Ed, Coop Split, Payment Received).



If your district's information is not refreshing on either of the state aid printouts, please reference the [Instructions: State Aid Printouts](#) posted just above the **FY26 State Aid Printouts** heading.

If you have questions on these printouts, contact [Rose Ireland](#) at (785) 296-4973.

At-Risk Financial Accountability Reporting

As shared in the budget workshops, [K.S.A. 72-3574](#) requires academic and financial reporting of the At-Risk Programs in your system. This requirement is being

implemented in the 2026-27 school year. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is taking steps to help districts understand the process and requirements.

The fiscal side of this report will need to be completed and uploaded to the KSDE by October 31st, 2026. The report will account for your at-risk expenditures per evidence-based program being used in your schools. The Excel financial reporting document can be found on the [Announcement and Information](#) page on the School Finance webpage.

Districts will be required to complete the information for the yellow cells. The pink cells are optional. Districts should enter their Organizational Number in Cell H5. The cells immediately below this cell will autofill. Districts should then complete the Contact Information in Col C.

Once this preliminary information is completed, districts will use the drop downs in each row to report the Categories and At-Risk programs being used in the district. These can be found in Col. A and Col. C. The categories and programs must come from the [Evidenced Based Best Practices list](#). Lastly, the district will enter the expenditure amount for the named program in Col. E.

Look at the Provisional Instructions tab if you are making use of a Provisional Program.

School Finance will provide additional instructions regarding the saving and uploading processes later.

If you have questions on the At-Risk Financial Accountability Report, feel free to contact School Finance:

- [Dale Brungardt](#) at (785) 296-3872
- [Daniel Kalas](#) at (785) 296-4972

2025-2026 Final Legal Max Letters Available Online

Final legal max letters posted on the School Finance website can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.ksde.gov/policy-and-funding/funding/school-finance/legal-max-general-fund>. Under the second heading **FY26 Legal Max Letters (Final)**, locate the group with your district's letter, and if you choose to print, manually change the Printer Default to select "Print Current Page," otherwise you will print letters for all districts.

If you are questioning differences between the **audited** legal max letter and the **final** legal max letter, this would be related to the **actual** Special Education state aid in comparison to the **budgeted** Special Education state aid as submitted on the USD Budget Form 118, which was likely padded when the USD Budget was completed this past fall. Differences may also be due to **actual** Virtual Credits (adult and dropout) recently reported on the Local Effort web form.

REMEMBER, you pad Special Education state aid on the USD Budget Form 118 and this is where we see its impact. As a result of the lower actual special education state aid, the General Fund will recompute a lower budget by this difference because there is less budget authority needed to transfer the Special Education state aid out of the General Fund. If the Local Option Budget is computed on current year Special Education state aid (rather than FY2009), you may also see a drop in the LOB.

A final legal max letter is also being mailed to all superintendents and board presidents.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1. *Why does my final general fund budget not match my audited legal max letter?*

A1. The final legal max letter is computed using actual Special Education State Aid and Virtual Credits as reported on Local Effort earlier this month.

Q2. *Why did my LOB Budget get reduced on my final legal max letter?*

A2. LOB is computed using the higher of FY2009 or current year actual special education state aid. If your LOB is computed on the current year special education state aid, your special education state aid was likely padded on the USD Budget Form 118 to result in a lower computed LOB.

If you have questions on the legal max letters, feel free to contact School Finance:

- [Rose Ireland](#) at (785) 296-4973
- [Marcia Ricklefs](#) at (785) 296-4209
- [Daniel Kalas](#) at (785) 296-4972

Training Opportunity – Transportation Basics for Directors & Supervisors

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) School Transportation Safety Unit is pleased to offer Transportation Basics Workshops for transportation directors and supervisors across the state.

These **FREE workshops** will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, with a break for lunch (on your own).

Workshop Dates & Locations

- **Topeka – Wednesday, July 15, 2026**
Bishop Professional Development Center
3601 SW 31st Street
Topeka, KS
- **Hays – Wednesday, July 22, 2026**
Kansas Highway Patrol
Troop D – Basement Training Room
1821 Frontier Road
Hays, KS 67601
- **Newton – Thursday, July 23, 2026**
The Education Technology Center
116 West 7th
Newton, KS 67114

Register online: <https://www.ksde.gov/training-and-events/upcoming-events>

Who Should Attend

This workshop is highly recommended for new transportation directors and supervisors. However, all transportation directors, supervisors, and related personnel are encouraged to participate.

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Eligible attendees include:

- Public and private school transportation directors
- Transportation supervisors
- School transportation contractors
- Other school officials involved in transportation operations

Please note: This workshop is not open to vendors.

About the Workshop

This training is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the key responsibilities and foundational knowledge required of transportation directors and supervisors. Participants will also receive updates on recent changes, regulations, and industry developments.

Topics Include

- Legal responsibilities of the Transportation Director
- Bus driver requirements
- Alcohol and drug testing requirements
- Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements
- Physical qualifications and examinations
- School bus regulations
- Safe loading and unloading procedures
- The 2½-mile rule
- Out-of-district transportation
- Bus specifications and requirements
- Emergency procedures
- Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)
- And more

Registration Information

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in this valuable training. Please register as soon as possible to secure your spot.

For Additional Information, Please Contact: [Keith Dreiling](#) or [Mitch Mellick](#)

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. If you would like to meet with a member of the KSDE staff to review your budget document before publishing, please call us to schedule a one-hour appointment with Frank Harwood, Dale Brungardt, Craig Neuenswander, or Dale Dennis. Staff will meet **in person** (face-to-face), **virtual** (Teams, Zoom, etc.), or **conference call**.

Call School Finance at (785) 296-3871 or (785) 296-3872 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.

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All Budget Reviews - Have the following information available:

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.

If possible, email the CODES.xlsx file 24-48 hours prior to your scheduled review. This will shorten the time needed to conduct your budget review. Please include in your message the time/date of your scheduled budget review and specify any budget concerns or funds to be reviewed carefully before your meeting. Links to email addresses are listed below:

[Frank Harwood](#) | [Dale Brungardt](#) | [Craig Neuenswander](#) | [Dale Dennis](#)

In Person Reviews – Directions and Parking:

Kansas State Department of Education - Landon State Office Building - 900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka Across the street from the State Capitol Building on the east side.



Enter at the north entrance pictured above (the doors on the south side of the building are for authorized employee access only).

– 900 SW Jackson Street (corner of 9th & SW Jackson)

Doors open to the public at 8 a.m. *Take south elevator to 3rd floor – Conf. Room 355 South*

The School Finance office is located on the 3rd floor in the southwest corner of the **Landon State Office Building**. Enter the main doors and notify the security personnel you need to get to conference room 355. Once through the security turnstiles, look to your right, and walk down a very long hallway to the South elevators to the 3rd floor. Enter conference room 355 to wait for your reviewer. Dr. Frank Harwood, Dale Brungardt, Craig Neuenswander or Dale Dennis will come to the conference room when they are ready to begin. When leaving the building, feel free to use the exit doors by the south elevators.

PARKING options:

- Parking meters along Jackson Street accept coins - \$1 hour.
- No coins, no problem, you can use [Passport Parking App – City of Topeka](#)
- Free 2-hour parking on YELLOW bagged meters along 9th Street.
- Free 2-hour parking on Kansas Avenue (one block east).
- Free parking in the visitor parking in **Lot 1** by the **Kansas Judicial Center**, 301 SW 10th Avenue. Driving west on 10th Avenue, pass the Judicial Center and turn south at the light onto Harrison Street (one-way). Lot 1 is on your left. This is a

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'scenic two block walk' past the capitol grounds to the corner of 9th and Jackson (main entrance to Landon Building).

- To park near the main entrance, the **City Centre parking garage** is located on 9th Street, between Jackson St. and Kansas Avenue. Parking is \$1 hr.

Virtual Reviews:

Schedule a virtual review with [Frank Harwood](#), [Dale Brungardt](#) or [Craig Neuenswander](#), (times are limited)

- First, contact School Finance by phone at (785) 296-3872 to schedule a time for a virtual review.
- **The district will be responsible for setting up the virtual meeting.** *At least a day ahead of your scheduled appointment*, send an email to invite the person conducting your budget review: Subj line: **USD ### Virtual review**
- **Specify in the body of the email:** (1) date and time of budget review; (2) VIRTUAL Meeting ID and Password; (3) names of people joining; and (4) good phone number to call in case of technical difficulties.
- **Attach** your "**Codes.xlsx**" budget file to the email and specify any budget concerns or funds to be reviewed carefully before the meeting.

Reviews by Conference Call:

Conference calls can be scheduled with all reviewers. Call School Finance at (785) 296-3872 to schedule a time.

- *At least a day ahead of your scheduled conference call*, send an email to the person conducting your budget review: Subj line: **USD ### conference call review**
- **Specify in the body of the email:** (1) date and time of budget review; (2) names of people joining; and (3) the phone number to call.
- Attach your "**Codes**" budget file to the email and specify any budget concerns or funds to be reviewed carefully before the meeting.

NOTE: Dale Dennis will conduct budget review meetings **in person or by conference call only**. For reviews, he requests that you bring a paper copy of your budget or mail a paper copy in advance if you are reviewing by phone (see instructions above).

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. We look forward to serving you!

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