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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 10/5/2026 through 10/11/2026

Date: October 5, 2026

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	4.17%	4.06%
6 Months	4.30%	4.21%
1 Year	4.60%	4.54%
18 Months	4.78%	4.74%
2 Years	4.86%	4.82%

[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

Oct 8.....Selected Federal Payments
Oct 9.....SNP, FFVP, CACFP & SFSP
Oct 15Special Education, KPERS
Oct 23.....SNP, FFVP, CACFP & SFSP
Oct 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 November payment, Form 240 will be open from October 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

Report Due Dates

- Oct 5-9Request for State Foundation Aid for November (all USDs - open Oct 5-9)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- Oct 10KIDS Collection **ENRL** - (Funding and Enrollment) (deadline for submission Oct 10) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935
- Oct 10**Interlocal Agreements (open Sept 22-Oct 10)** Marcia Ricklefs (785) 296-4209
- Oct 10**PBR** (Principals Building Report) & **SO-66** (Superintendent's Organizational Report) (open Sept 21-Oct 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- Oct 14Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (**KPP-TANF**) 1st Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 15Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds available* (open Oct 1-15) [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 15LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) Carryover Final Expenditure Report (Due Oct 15) [Nicole Clark](#) (785) 296-4925
- Oct 19-23 ...**Bus Stop Arm Violation Reporting** Transportation Directors submit data via [Stop Arm Survey Mitch Mellick](#) (785) 296-4545
- Oct 31Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (**DGSR**) (all USDs - open Oct 1-Oct 31) [DGSR Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-4924
- Oct 31**At-Risk Accountability Plans** (All USDs – Includes Cohort Selection and Financial Reporting, due Oct 31) At-Risk Accountability Plan Application Questions - [Brooke Wells](#) (785) 291-3574 Financial Reporting - [Dale Brungardt](#) (785) 296-3872

Superintendent Organization Report (S066) and Principal Building Report (PBR) Due October 10

[KSA 72-5137](#) states each school district shall certify to the state board the September 21 enrollment on or before October 10 of each school year. This is a friendly reminder of the upcoming October 10 due date for those of you that have not started or are still in progress. **Please continue to monitor the status of your Principal's Building Reports and Superintendent Organization Report to ensure your district is in compliance with this due date.** It is most important that your district is in submitted status to avoid delay in state aid payments.

The KSDE needs this information for Consensus Estimates, school audits and media requests. Timely submission will ensure these requests are being met in a timely manner and will allow KSDE staff adequate time to review and prepare the necessary reports.

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

S066/PBR Questions - School Finance:

[Rosemary Ireland](#) or 785-296-4973; [Marcia Ricklefs](#) or 785-296-4209; [KIDS HelpDesk](#)

School Bus Safety Week – Oct 19-23

Kansas school administrators and staff are encouraged to raise awareness, share important safety messages, and celebrate your professionals who safely transport Kansas students. All Kansas school districts and transportation providers are asked to

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select one school day between October 19 and October 23, 2026, when your school buses are operating. Have school bus drivers record all observed stop arm violations occurring while students are loading or unloading from the school bus.

Complete and submit your data using the [Stop Arm Violation Data Collection Survey](#). Please submit the survey even if no violations are observed on the selected day.

[Stop Arm Violation Survey Information and Examples](#)

[Optional Courtesy Stop Arm Violation Worksheet](#)

Plan for Americas Safe Schools Week – Oct 19-23 which coincides with School bus Safety Week

Kansas school administrators and staff are entrusted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for approximately 500,000 elementary and secondary school students. America's Safe Schools Week is an opportunity to review or enhance your district's crisis plan. Shown below are five areas we will highlight October 19-23, 2026

October 19: Emergency Operation Plans (EOP)

Lessons learned from school emergencies highlight the importance of preparing school officials and first responders to implement emergency operations plans. By having plans in place to keep students and staff safe, schools play a key role in taking preventative and protective measures to stop an emergency from occurring or reduce the impact of an incident.

Plans should include 5 mission areas: **Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery** and how to work with and include community partners, such as Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management, in the planning process.

Here at KSDE Safe and Secure School Unit, we are happy to take the time to sit down with administrators at schools to review, enhance or create new plans that support these 5 missions, while identifying and prioritizing those hazards that would be common in that area. Contact information is at the end of this article.

Resource: [Emergency Planning: SchoolSafety.gov](#)

October 20: Mental Health

Updated: School mental health is a **multi-tiered system of care** that integrates wellness promotion, early/upstream intervention, and supportive interventions within the school environment to create a safe, connected, and productive climate for learning. Students with at-risk or intensive needs benefit from trusted relationships with educators, families, and communities. Coordinated efforts among families, administrators, educators, school psychologists, counselors, and social workers can reduce bullying, isolation, fear of violence, and other negative impacts of mental health challenges.

Progress is being seen:

- Mental Health America ranks Kansas **11th nationally in Juvenile Services**, up from 51st in 2023.
- The **2025 CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey** reports decrease in persistent sadness (42% to 33%), serious consideration of suicide (42% to 22%), and alcohol, marijuana, and other drug use.
- **School connectedness increased by 8%.**
- The Kansas **Communities That Care Survey** provides additional data specific to Kansas students.
- KDHE reports that overall suicide deaths in Kansas have decreased since 2022, down 12.94%.
- [MHA \(Mental Health America\)](#)
- [The New York Times - Mental Health Among Teenagers](#)
- [Kathleen Ethier – Good News](#)
- [KCTC \(Kansas Communities That Care– Student Survey](#)
- [Suicide Related Data](#)

KSDE Resources:

KSDE provides districts with templates and tools to develop local trauma-responsive plans, protocols, and policies related to school mental health, including resources for **bullying prevention, mandated reporting, and suicide prevention**

[School Mental Health](#)

[Bullying Prevention Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)

[YouTube video Mandated Reporting- KSDE](#)

[Suicide Prevention Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)

October 21: 9 Drills

Senate Bill 128 mandates the following nine drills be conducted during the school year: four Fire Drills, two Tornado Drills (September and March), and three Crisis Drills. The crisis drills are conducted under the guidance from the Safe and Secure Schools Unit from KSDE. These drills should be conducted with the best trauma informed practices in mind. Guidelines can be found in the links below.

2026 HB 2534 mandates the way active shooter drills are conducted. While K-5 schools are prohibited from conducting active shooter drills, they must still complete at least 3 crisis drills.

Resource: [School Safety Guidelines](#)

[Active Shooter Drill Considerations](#)

[Office of the State Fire Marshal Emergency Drill Form](#)

October 22: Hotline / SAR

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) partnered to create the reporting tool for schools and community. Kansas School Safety Hotline: (877) 626-8203 contacts the Kansas Highway Patrol. [Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\)](#) form goes to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation

October 23: Behavioral Threat Assessment

Having a multidisciplinary team that consists of several different backgrounds (teacher, counselor, administrator, law enforcement, etc.) that can meet to talk about identification, evaluation, and intervention for possible threats, is a vital part of keeping our schools safe. The team focuses on prevention and **why** a student made a threat, so they can offer support and prevent the threat from being carried out.

If you have questions or need assistance,

Please **email** or **call**:

[John Calvert](#) at (785) 296-7056 or

[Ben Thursby](#) at (785) 296-4946



Displayed on page 4 is the Kansas Proclamation signed by Governor Laura Kelly observing **America's Safe Schools Week**.

Required Inter-District Notification

[KSA 72-3124](#), requires any district that enters another district with one of its vehicles to provide transportation for a nonresident student, is **required by law to notify the district which it is entering**.

The school Transportation section of the KSDE website provides a courtesy form designed to assist districts in meeting this notification requirement.

[Out-of-District Transportation Notification Form](#)

Please note this notification is a yearly requirement.

2026-2027 Education Directories

The [2026-2027 Pictorial Directory of Superintendents](#) is now available on the KSDE website. It can be accessed from the [KSDE homepage](#), under *Popular Resources*, click on *Directories*.

If a superintendent change would occur during the school year, please contact jen.ashley@ksde.gov and cheryl.franklin@ksde.gov to notify us to update this online directory.



We are still updating the **2026-2027 Kansas Educational Directory**. Current school year data is being collected from schools in the Principal's Building Report and S066. The current school year Educational Directory will be posted on the KSDE website in late November/early December. Follow this link to [Download](#) last year's (2025-2026) Directory. [Link to review sections of the educational directory.](#)

*2026-2027 Pictorial Directory
of USD Superintendents*

Generate Custom Reports from Data Central:

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Visit the [Data Central](#) homepage which provides links to many education data reports. Click on the [Subject Index](#) link located at the top right corner of the [Data Central](#) homepage to search for a specific report sorted by category and subject (listed alphabetically).

At- Risk Accountability Expenditure Training

[KSA 72-3574](#) requires each school district board of education to annually submit an At-Risk Student Accountability Plan to the Kansas State Board of Education until 75% of students who take the state assessment during the previous school year are performing at level 3 or level 4 in ELA and math. The plan must demonstrate the district's use of evidence-based instruction, establish and measure student academic improvement goals, and ensure that At-Risk Education Fund expenditures are used for services that are above and beyond regular education services.

[At Risk Program Expenditure Report](#) links to the required Excel template for school districts to complete to report 2025-2026 expenditures on approved at-risk programs and practices, and any approved provisional programs.

Information regarding training sessions and reporting timelines will be communicated through KSDE listserv emails. Completed expenditure reports and at-risk accountability plans are due on October 31st.

For questions concerning the At-Risk Cohort Application, please contact Brooke Wells, (785) 291-3574 or email stateatrisk@ksde.gov. For Financial Reporting questions, please contact [Dale Brungardt](#) or [Daniel Kalas](#), (785) 296-3872.

Additional note: please look for a **listserv message tomorrow** regarding virtual **At-Risk Financial Reporting Training scheduled through Teams** on Wednesday October 7th and Thursday October 9th at 9:00 AM. Links to those meetings will be provided through the listserv message.

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