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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 10/6/2025 through 10/12/2025

Date: October 6, 2025
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Frank Harwood
Deputy Commissioner
Dale Brungardt
Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	4.09%	4.09%
3 Months	3.91%	3.92%
6 Months	3.77%	3.79%
1 Year	3.66%	3.70%
18 Months	3.60%	3.65%
2 Years	3.57%	3.60%

[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 9.....Federal Payments
Oct 10SNP, FFVP, CACFP & SFSP
Oct 15Special Education, KPERS
Oct 17SNP & CACFP
Oct 24SNP, FFVP, & CACFP
Oct 27KS 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 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

Report Due Dates

Oct 6-10.....Request for State Foundation Aid for November (all USDs - open Oct 6-10)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
Oct 10KIDS Collection ENRL - (Funding and Enrollment) (deadline for submission
Oct 10) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935
Oct 10Interlocal 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 22-Oct 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973**

Oct 14 Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 1st Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

Oct 15 ESSA Building Expenditures Report (all USDs – Open Sep 19-Oct 15) [Rose Ireland](#) [Dale Brungardt](#) [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-3872 Link: [Instructions](#)

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

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

Oct 31 Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) (all USDs - open Oct 1-Oct 31) [Julie Ewing](#) (785) 296-2325

CDL Theory and Proxy Testing Event October 20 & 21, 2025 – Clay County

Clay County USD 379 to host CDL proxy testing and ELDT Theory event October 20th & 21st, 2025 at PrairieLand Partners. The Kansas Department of Revenue will conduct the training.

Oct. 20: ELDT Theory and CDL study only

Oct. 21: CDL written test.

Note: The CDL written test will be administered only on Oct. 21.

To register and for more information, [click here](#).

This event will be at PrairieLand Partners, 1181 18th Road, Clay Center, KS 67482.

The cost is \$25, which includes lunch and snacks on both days. This fee is waived if someone is only taking the CDL written test on Oct. 21.

Contact Keith Dreiling, keith.dreiling@ksde.gov, with questions.

Superintendent Organization Report (S066) and Principal Building Report (PBR)

Due October 10

Org. #	Org. Name
D0103	Cheylin
D0106	Western Plains
D0108	Washington Co. Schools
D0110	Thunder Ridge Schools
D0212	Northern Valley 1 st
D0297	St Francis Comm Sch 2 nd
D0303	Ness City
D0335	North Jackson
D0364	Marysville
D0371	Montezuma 5 th
D0387	Altoona-Midway 3 rd
D0399	Paradise
D0476	Copeland 4 th
D0494	Syracuse

KUDOS to those districts who have already submitted their S066 and PBR! The first five to do so, are noted in **RED**.

[KSA 72-5137](#) states each school district shall certify to the state board the September 20 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.

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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](#)

Reminder – ESSA Building Expenditures for 2024-2025 – Due Oct 15

On September 19, School Finance sent a listserv message to SUPS and BDCLERKS announcing the ESSA Building Expenditures Report (web application) is open. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). One of the requirements is that each [State Report Card](#) is required to include a per pupil breakdown of Total Current Expenditures, Federal Expenditures and State & Local Expenditures for each school in every local education agency in Kansas for the *prior fiscal year (actual expenditures for 2024-2025)*. Expenditures reported are posted on KSDE's Data Central within the [District Report Card](#) and also in the [Accountability Reports](#) per [K.S.A. 72-5178](#).

To complete and submit report:

Review Users Guide before starting: [ESSA Building Expenditures Users' Guide](#)

Access: [KSDE Web Applications Site](#) (Current Users: page 32)

Contacts:

- Username & Password:
[KSDE Help Desk](#) or (785) 296-7935
- Reporting Guidance:
[Rose Ireland](#) or (785) 296-4973
[Marcia Ricklefs](#) or (785) 296-4209
[Dale Brungardt](#) or (785) 296-3872

We would appreciate all USDs submitting their building level expenditures for 2024-2025 by October 15.

National School Bus Safety Week – Oct 20-24

Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operations, school administrators, and other interested parties to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety.

Start planning NOW to do something within your community. We have several resources available to assist.

The 2025-26 School Bus Safety Poster Contest is a fantastic way to get students involved. The guidelines are now available at [Kansas State Department of Education > Agency > Fiscal and Administrative Services > School Finance > School Transportation Safety > School Bus Safety Poster Contest](#)

Be sure to share the poster contest information with your entire school district. You never know what teacher, class or club may want to get involved.

For younger students (grades K-4) we have a School Bus Safety PowerPoint available so that YOU can plan an assembly and present. All you need to do is download it to your computer. Here is the link to that PowerPoint:

[Kansas State Department of Education > Agency > Fiscal and Administrative Services > School Finance > School Transportation Safety > School Bus Safety Materials](#)

For your older students who are getting ready to drive, we have a PowerPoint available for you to use for instructing these students when they are required by law to stop for the school bus. It is in quiz form but is also open-ended where you can include any district specific information that you want to share with students. This PowerPoint is available upon request by emailing Melissa Ostermeyer melissa.ostermeyer@ksde.gov

Also consider printing and handing out the stop arm pamphlets to your older students and parents. These are available on our website at:

<https://www.ksde.gov/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Transportation-Safety/School-Bus-Safety-Materials> in addition to other information and safety materials available to assist you with promoting school bus safety.

Here is some helpful information to be shared with everyone in your community: [School Bus Safety | Bus Stops, Drivers | NHTSA](#)

Take photos! We want to see how you celebrated. Please send pictures to Melissa Ostermeyer melissa.ostermeyer@ksde.gov

Plan for America's Safe Schools Week - Oct 20-24

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 20-24.

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October 20: 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: [REMS TA Center Website \(ed.gov\)](#)

October 21: Mental Health

Suicide is the No. 2 leading cause of death among teenagers in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is important to be mindful of everyone's mental health – especially after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Suicide Prevention Toolkit has been in publication for 1 year. In the first year, KSDE has trained 881 building-level School Mental Health Team members. [The Kansas Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Reintegration and Postvention Toolkit](#)

Resources: [Kansas School Mental Health Advisory Council \(ksde.gov\)](#)
[Bullying Prevention \(ksde.gov\)](#)
[Suicide Awareness and Prevention - Training \(ksde.gov\)](#)

Review list of all Required Staff and Student Trainings (includes Suicide Prevention):
[Required Staff and Training List](#)

October 22: 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. [Fire Drills Checklist](#)

Resource:

[Kansas State Department of Education > Kansas Safe and Secure Schools > Training > Safety Drills, Exercises and Information \(ksde.gov\)](#)

October 23: Hotline/ SAR [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

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.

Resources: [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#) (SAR)
<https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>

October 24: 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](#).

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and generally make school safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, all leaders especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business should eagerly collaborate with each other and the National School Safety Center, a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education, to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote innovative answers to these critical issues; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and

WHEREAS, Safe Schools Week promotes efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2025, as

Safe School Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 24th day of
September 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schrock
Secretary of State

Whitney Timpel
Assistant Secretary of State