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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 9/28/2026 through 10/4/2026

Date: September 28, 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%	3.77%
3 Months	4.06%	3.98%
6 Months	4.21%	3.12%
1 Year	4.54%	4.43%
18 Months	4.74%	4.62%
2 Years	4.82%	4.70%

[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 1State Foundation Aid, Supplemental General (LOB), Bond & Interest
(Capital Improvement)
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

Sept 30	LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) (Application due September 30 - open year-round for changes) (785) 296-4925 Nicole Clark (785) 296-4925
Oct 1	Submit budget documents to County Clerk Daneil Kalas , Dale Brungardt (785) 296-3872
Oct 1	Special Education Personnel Categorical Aid Report (deadline to update) Evelyn Alden (785) 296-3868
Oct 1-31	Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) (all USDs - open Oct 1-Oct 31) DGSR Helpdesk (785) 296-4924
Oct 1-14	Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 1 st Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020
Oct 1-15	Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) <i>if funds available</i> (open Oct 1-15) Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020
Oct 2	Federal Fiscal File Review (located in KIAS web app) (Cohort 3 – Data Verification) (open October 2-14) Helen Swanson (785) 296-1712
Oct 5-9	Request for State Foundation Aid for November (all USDs - open Oct 5-9) Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973
Oct 10	KIDS 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 15	LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) Carryover Final Expenditure Report (Due Oct 15) Nicole Clark (785) 296-4925

Resources available to School Districts as they Prepare for KSDE USD Audits

Fiscal Auditing staff will begin annual KSDE USD audits as early as Oct. 12.

To help districts prepare for their annual KSDE audit, a new one-page **Audit Readiness Checklist** will be emailed to districts at least six weeks prior to the audit start date. The Audit Readiness Checklist includes a list of what to do and by when to be ready for the district's annual KSDE audit. Districts will also receive a copy of the Documentation Checklist. Items check-marked on page 1 of the Documentation Checklist must be uploaded at least three weeks in advance of the scheduled audit.

Both the Audit Readiness and Documentation Checklists were discussed at the recent Counting Kids workshops, conducted by Fiscal Auditing Director Laurel Murdie and Information Technology Assistant Director Kyle Lord. Workshops concluded Sept. 14 in Hiawatha as part of an 11-stop tour throughout Kansas. Counting Kids presentation slides from the 2026-27 workshops are posted on the Fiscal Auditing webpage, under the Additional Resources heading.

Questions related to preparing for the annual KSDE USD audit? Please contact KSDE Fiscal Auditing at 785-296-4976 or auditing@ksde.gov. In addition, the KIDS helpdesk can be reached at 785-296-7935 or KIDS@ksde.gov

For the 2026-27 school year, enrollment (ENRL) data submitted to the Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS) system will be used to calculate funding. The [Enrollment Handbook](#) and all other audit guides are available on the KSDE [Fiscal Auditing](#) webpage.

Now open - ESSA Building Expenditures Report – Due October 23rd

The district office should expect a listserv email concerning further details of this report later this week.

NEW: The 2026-2027 USD Budget software included a new “*ESSA_SLFS Optional Template.xlsx*” file. When opening, this file will automatically populate with the 2025-2026 actual expenditures from the Codes.xlsx budget file. Be sure to <Save> after opening. This file will give you the details within a table by Function (and Fund) to then be allocated out to the building level.

The ESSA Building Expenditures report is collected within **LEA Forms** on the [KSDE Web Applications site](#). Beginning 2023-2024 school year, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is requiring all states to participate by submitting the required fields listed below as subsets of the Total ESSA Current Expenditures:

Total Current Expenditures by Building (current ESSA Building Expenditures)

- Function 1000 Instruction
 - Teacher Salaries (Certified/Non-Certified permanent, temporary and substitute)
 - Instructional Aide Salaries (Aides or assistants of any type who assist with classroom instruction)
- Function 2100 Support Services, Pupil
- Function 2200 Support Services, Instructional Staff
- Function 2400 Support Services, School Administration
- Books and Periodicals (Functions 1000 and 2200; Object 640) used for classroom instruction or library services

We are anticipating the above required federal collection to eventually expand, so the SLFS includes all current “optional” reporting data items. Download the complete [School-Level Finance Survey](#) to view all data items with instructions. The highlighted fields (also listed above) will be required for 2025-2026 in addition to the current collection for ESSA Building Expenditures.

Contacts: [Daniel Kalas](#) (785) 296-3872 [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-3872

NEW THIS YEAR – At-Risk Financial Accountability Report – Due October 31st

Beginning in the 2026-2027 School year. All districts must submit an At-Risk Accountability Plan. This plan must use evidence-based instruction, measure academic growth for identified student cohort groups, demonstrate academic growth and track at-risk expenditures by program. The KSDE is currently training districts at a variety of locations throughout the state on the web application and establishment of cohorts. See the [At-Risk Evidence Based Programs and Practices](#) page for more information concerning the academic reporting side of the report.

At this time, the School Finance team is working on details that will be coming soon concerning the financial reporting side of this Accountability. You may recall information on the At-Risk Financial Accountability Report that was shared during the Legislative and Budget Workshops this past summer if you were in attendance. The Excel document can be found on the School Finance Page in the Announcements and Information Link : [At-Risk Program Expenditure Report](#).

Kansas School Bus Safety Week Stop Arm Violation Data Collection | October 19-23, 2026

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) School Transportation Safety Unit is requesting the participation of **all Kansas school districts** and transportation providers in the **2026 Kansas Stop Arm Violation Data Collection**, which will be conducted during **National School Bus Safety Week, October 19 through October 23, 2026**. **This is a New Approach for 2026** to improve participation. KSDE will not designate a single survey date this year. Instead, each school district will select **one school day of its choice between October 19 and October 23, 2026**, to conduct its stop arm violation count.

All Kansas school districts and transportation providers are asked to:

- 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](#)
- Submit the survey even if no violations are observed on the selected day.

Here are links to **Help Documents**

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

Your participation is critical to the success of this statewide initiative. By collecting data from districts across Kansas, we can better understand the extent of stop arm violations, support education, and enforcement efforts, and continue working toward the shared goal of ensuring every student arrives safely to and from school each day.

Thank you for your commitment to student transportation safety and for your participation in the **2026 Kansas Stop Arm Violation Data Collection during National School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2026**.

Stop Arm Violation Data Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCBQBT5>

CDL Proxy Testing and ELDT Theory Event - October 20-21, 2026 - Clay Center, KS

USD 379 Clay County will be hosting a CDL Proxy Testing and ELDT Theory Event on **October 20-21, 2026**

Clay County Community High School
1630 9th St.
Clay Center, Kansas

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Time 8:00 AM

Registration Link and more information: <https://www.ksde.gov/training-and-events/upcoming-events/cdl-proxy-testing-and-eldt-theory-event>

Preparation:

Study the appropriate sections of the Kansas CDL Manual

Digital Copy Kansas Commercial Driver's License Manual

<https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pdf/cdlhandbook.pdf>

Clay County School contact: Mike McCoy mikemccoy@usd379.org

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