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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 9/8/2026 through 9/13/2026

Date: September 8, 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	3.83%	3.81%
6 Months	3.94%	3.85%
1 Year	4.21%	4.05%
18 Months	4.32%	4.14%
2 Years	4.37%	4.20%

[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

Sept 11Selected Federal Payments
Sept 18.....FFVP, SNP, 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 October payment, Form 240 will be open from September 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 11 Request for State Foundation Aid for October (all USDs- open Sept 7-11)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- Sept 11 Designation of Attendance Officer(s) due (open July 1-Sept 11)
[Hannah Miller](#) (785) 296-7083
- Sept 15 Request October Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds available* (open Sept 1-15)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
- Sept 15 Outcomes Part B verification window (Early Childhood Special Ed - Age 3-5)
(Open July 1-Sept 15) [Angel Spann](#) (785) 296-8965
- TBD **ESSA Building Expenditures Report** (all USDs - open TBD)
[Dale Brungardt](#) (785) 296-3872
- Sept 20 Submit USD Budget to KSDE [Frank Harwood](#), [Dale Brungardt](#) or [Daniel Kalas](#)
(785) 296-3872
- Sept 21 KIDS Collection **ENRL** (Funding and Enrollment) (open Sept 21-Oct 10)
[KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935
- Sept 21 **PBR** (Principal's Building Report) and **SO-66** (Superintendents Organization
Report) (Open Sept 21-Oct 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- Sept 22 Interlocal Agreements (open Sept 22-Oct 10) [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-4209
- Sept 22 Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) for incoming
kindergarten students (Opens March-Sept 22) [Stacy Clarke](#) (785) 296-3953
- Sept 25 **FVR** (Fall Vacancy Report) Access in EDCS (open August 1, submit September
25) [Sarah Faverson](#) (785) 296-6712
- Sept 30 **LCP** (Local Consolidated Plan) (Application due September 30 - open year-
round for changes) (785) 296-4925 [Nicole Clark](#) (785) 296-4925

September 20 County Tax Distribution

Districts will soon be receiving the September 20th tax distribution. Listed below are sources of revenue that are part of the 20-mill general fund, which the county will remit to the State Treasurer.

- Ad Valorem (personal property tax)
- Delinquent Ad Valorem
- In Lieu of Taxes on Economic Development Bonds
- Watercraft

The following revenues should not go into the General Fund:

- Commercial Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle
- Recreational Vehicle
- 16/20M Heavy Truck
- Rental Excise Tax

Depositing other taxes if remitted directly to the district:

- Watercraft tax: deposit as Ad Valorem in appropriate fund (except General Fund).
- Mineral Production (Severance Tax): deposit in General Fund.

If you have budget questions, please call School Finance at (785) 296-3872.

Budget Hearing Reminders – Submit USD Budget by Sept 20

As you finalize the 2026-2027 Budget, the School Finance team wishes to remind you of what we consider “best practices”:

If applicable, the **Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing** should be held **prior** to your Budget Hearing (may be held the same day) and may be held on the same evening as the Budget Hearing. The RNR Hearing must be not sooner than August 20 and not later than September 20.

During the RNR Public Hearing:

1. Adopt Revenue Neutral Rate by **resolution**. ([RNR Resolution](#))
 - i. The governing body shall adopt a resolution to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate by **roll call vote**.

Reminder: Submit the **adopted RNR resolution** to the **County Clerk** (along with the Budget) to certify board approval by roll call vote.

During the Board Meeting:

1. Official motion/resolution to **adopt the 2026-2027 Budget**.
2. Local Option Budget adoption by resolution ([LOB Resolution](#)) certifying the LOB amount/percentage being adopted this year.

Your minutes of the budget adoption meeting should include the following:

- a. Both the **Building Needs Assessment** and **State Assessments** were:
 - i. **provided** to the Board of Education,
 - ii. were **evaluated** by the Board, and
 - iii. **used** in the **Budget Approval Process**.

(Include even if the Board reviewed assessments and included them in the minutes of an earlier meeting).

- b. The minutes of this meeting must also include the board adopted by roll call vote the resolution to exceed the **Revenue Neutral Rate**.

Due Dates to Submit Budget Document:

Upload Budget document to KSDE by: **September 20**

Certify Budget to your County Clerk by: **October 1**

Preparing for PBR & SO66 Reports (Verify User Access Now)

We anticipate the Principal's Building Report (PBR) & Superintendent's Organization Report (SO66) web applications to **open Monday, September 21**. These reports will be used to verify 9/21 enrollment for funding purposes, certify statutory compliance, and to collect other popular data (personnel and average salaries).

Watch for this email: Subj: AVAILABLE - Superintendent's Organization Report (SO66) and Principal's Building Reports (PBR)

When web applications are open for data entry, a message with instructions will be sent to the following KSDE listservs: Superintendents; Board Clerks; Principals (High, Jr High Middle, Elementary) and Curriculum Leaders.

To do now:

Prepare staff assigned to work on these reports:

- Review Enrollment Handbook
We recommend reviewing the [Enrollment Handbook](#), which has guidance for reporting student enrollment. The [Enrollment Handbook](#) has all changes in how student FTE is counted under the school finance formula highlighted in yellow. Download from the KSDE [Fiscal Auditing homepage](#).
- Verify User Access
All staff involved with the PBR and SO66 should verify they have the correct access level for these reports. This is extremely important for new staff or those that have changed positions from last year. Instructions on access levels and how to register are in the PBR and SO66 User's Guides on page 7.
 - Link: [Guidelines and Manuals](#) on School Finance website

Note: The updated PBR and SO66 User's Guides will be posted on Sept 18.

REMINDER: The 2026-27 school year student enrollment count date is **Monday, September 21**. Since Sunday, Sept 20th, is not a school day, the official student count day moves to the first school day following the 20th (September 21).

ENRL Collection will open on Monday, September 21.

USD staff responsible to upload student ENRL records to KIDS may do so on or after September 21 and not before.

Submit Open Enrollment headcount on PBR

The [KSA 72-3123](#) statute requires KSDE to audit each district's Open Enrollment capacity. The information necessary to complete the audit will be collected in the **Principal's Building Report** (PBR).

Shown below are headcounts that will be required by grade level for open enrollment students:

- Number of Nonresident Students Accepted (*uploaded in ENRL record)
- Enrollment Capacity (total capacity for all student enrollment, including resident and nonresident students),
- Projected Enrollment,
- Denied for Capacity,
- Denied for Other Reason.

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

* The number of nonresident students accepted is populated on the PBR based on the [KIDS ENRL](#) (enrollment) record using **Field D93 = 1** (YES, Open Enrollment Student). The other counts will be hand-entered in the new **Open Enrollment Data Table** (example below) on the PBR Headcount Table screen.

Open Enrollment Data Table

Grade	Enrollment Capacity	Projected Enrollment	Denied (Capacity)	Denied (Other)
Grade 1				
Grade 2				
Grade 3				

This web application is open September 22 through October 10.

If you have open enrollment questions, contact [Gabrielle Hull](#) (785) 296-7840.

Fall Transportation Meetings

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) School Transportation Safety Unit will host a series of **Fall Transportation Meetings** at locations across Kansas. These meetings are open to Public and Private School Transportation Directors, Transportation Supervisors, School Transportation Contractors, and other school officials involved in school transportation. Vendor attendance is not permitted. Meetings will be held from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (CDT)**. There is **no cost to attend**, and **meals will not be provided**.

Topics will include:

Note: This material will also be presented to Greenbush members during their Transportation Forums in September. Greenbush members are welcome to attend any of the meetings listed below if a different date or location is more convenient.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

- September 9, 2026, Sublette, KS
- September 10, 2026, Oakley, KS
- September 11, 2026, Salina, KS
- September 15, 2026, Topeka, KS
- September 17, 2026, Great Bend, KS
- October 1, 2026, Goddard, KS
- October 8, 2026, Arkansas City, KS

Registration and more information <https://www.ksde.gov/training-and-events/upcoming-events/fall-transportation-meetings>

For Questions Please Contact: [Keith Dreiling](#) or [Mitch Mellick](#).

KDHE: Open Application for CPR Training and AED Funding Program

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is now accepting applications for state funding to support cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and the purchase and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

The funding, authorized through House Bill 2513, is available to eligible public and nonpublic school districts, as well as religious or charitable associations, libraries and tribal entities that have a registered and approved Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) with KDHE.

The program is designed to increase access to lifesaving training and equipment across Kansas, with an emphasis on expanding access in rural communities. Funding opportunities include CPR and AED training for public and nonpublic school districts and support for AED maintenance and purchases.

A total of \$750,000 is available through three funding opportunities:

- **\$500,000** for AED maintenance and/or purchases for eligible public and nonpublic school districts.
- **\$125,000** for CPR and AED training for eligible public and nonpublic school districts.
- **\$125,000** for AED maintenance and/or purchases for eligible religious or charitable associations, libraries and tribal entities.

Applications will be accepted through **April 30, 2027, or until all available funding has been expended**. The first application review will begin Oct. 1, 2026. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and applicants are encouraged to apply early while funding remains available.

Public and nonpublic school districts can apply for available training, AED purchase and maintenance opportunities through the [school entity application](#).

Religious or charitable associations, libraries and tribal entities can apply for AED purchase and maintenance funding through the [non-school entity application](#).

For more information, visit the [KDHE CERP webpage](#).

Kansas Bus Emergency Support System (KBESS) Directory

The School Transportation Safety Unit has maintained the **Kansas Bus Emergency Support System (KBESS) Directory** for more than 35 years. The KBESS Directory serves as a statewide emergency resource for Kansas school transportation providers who require assistance when a school bus or activity vehicle becomes disabled while operating outside of its home district.

The School Transportation Unit has updated the 2027 KBESS Directory. This year's edition introduces a **security password for access**. Transportation Directors and Superintendents received additional information in an email to their listservs earlier today. Please check your email for additional information regarding the new KBESS security features.

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