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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT  
 Effective 11/15/21 through 11/21/21*

**Date:** November 15, 2021  
**To:** Chief School Administrators  
**From:** Craig Neuenswander  
 Deputy Commissioner  
 Dale Brungardt  
 Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.08%	0.08%
3 Months	0.03%	0.03%
6 Months	0.05%	0.05%
1 Year	0.16%	0.15%
18 Months	0.35%	0.32%
2 Years	0.50%	0.47%

**Report Due Dates**

- Nov 15 .....Career (CTE) Pathway Programs of Study-Application & Maintenance (open Nov 15, 2021 – Mar 1, 2022) [Pathways Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-4908
- Nov 15 .....Mill Rate by Fund submission (all USDs-open Nov 15-Dec 15) [Christie Wyckoff](#) (785) 296-6321
- Nov 17 .....[Survey: Early Retirement Program](#) (All USDs) – due Nov. 17
- Nov 19 .....Request December Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available [Nicole Norwood](#) (785) 296-2020 (all USDs-open Nov 1-19)

**Mill Rate Form 2021-2022 – due 12/15** Refer to listserve sent 11/12/2021

The 2021-2022 Mill Rate Form is now open. Please submit the **Mill Rate form by Wednesday, December 15**. Access the web form through the [KSDE Authentication website](#) under <LEA Forms>. We anticipate the reporting time to complete this Mill Rate report is *less than 20 minutes*.

To complete the report, first locate the **certified Mill Levies sheet** with final mill rates from the County Clerk. *The County Clerk should have mailed this to your district in November*. If necessary, contact the County Clerk to request it.

Download the “[Mill Rate User’s Guide](#)” available on the School Finance website located under the **Manuals** heading: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=429>

Mill Rate Questions, contact School Finance staff:

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Username and Password Questions, contact the KSDE Help Desk:  
 785-296-7935 KSDE Help Desk [HelpDesk@ksde.org](mailto:HelpDesk@ksde.org)

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### Reminder – Early Retirement Survey due Nov 17

We are required to provide early retirement survey data to the Legislative Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits for their review. We would appreciate a response from all unified school districts by returning this survey to our office by Tuesday, November 17.

Instructions and the survey form can be downloaded on the School Finance homepage. [Link: Survey: Early Retirement Program](#)

Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions, please contact our office; at (785) 296-3872.

*Interlocals and Service Centers may disregard.*

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### KDHE Grant Opportunity

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is offering grants to purchase products made from recycled waste tires. Playground surfacing, picnic tables, and park benches are a few examples of the eligible projects.



The application period runs from November 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022. The effective date of the funded grants will be May 1, 2022. Applications and guidelines will be available November 15 at [https://www.kdheks.gov/waste/forms\\_grants.html](https://www.kdheks.gov/waste/forms_grants.html)

Questions about the grant may be directed to Jessica Ruiz at KDHE, [Jessica.ruiz@ks.gov](mailto:Jessica.ruiz@ks.gov).

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### ACT information required to be posted on school districts website

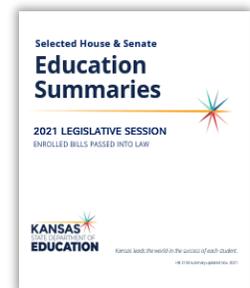
The provisions of 2021 House Bill 2134 require the posting of ACT information on the school districts website. The district shall annually publish on their websites the times, dates and locations of the pre-ACT college entrance exam, the ACT college entrance exam and the ACT WorkKeys assessments that are offered in Kansas and information for students on how to register for such exams or assessments.

Please verify that all required documents have been posted on your school district's website for the 2021-2022 school year. A list of these documents was included in the June 2021 USD budget workshop packet. Follow this link to open: [USD Documents required to be posted online to school district or building websites](#)

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### Education Summaries booklet updated

The **Selected House & Senate Education Summaries** booklet was distributed at USD Budget Workshops in June. An official summary of House Bill 2134 was not available at that time, so we added a brief overview of this education bill passed during the final days of the 2021 session. The Kansas Legislative Research Department has since completed their summary and the revised publication is available on the [School Finance homepage](#) > Select: **2021 Selected House and Senate Summaries**



The official summary for HB 2134 added nine pages to the booklet. It may be worth your time to read through it and possibly print a new booklet.

Below is a list of topics included in HB 2134:

- Appropriations for Department of Education FY 2021, FY 2022 and FY 2023
- Foster Care Report Card (KSDE and DCF collaborate on annual report to Legislature Jan 15)
- At-risk Services (defines criteria for a student to be eligible for at-risk services)
- Remote Learning and Waivers; 40-hour limitation; \$5,000 per remote student
- Kansas Challenge Act - Reporting concurrent or dual enrollment; authority of USDs
- Using Needs Assessment in district budget process; achieve "Rose capacities"
- Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program; expands student eligibility
- Kansas School Finance - Defines KSEEA enrollment to exclude remote enrollment
- At-risk and High-density At-risk weighting and expenditures; reporting requirements
- ACT, Pre-ACT and WorkKeys Assessments; USDs publish times, dates, etc on website
- Kansas Challenge Act - Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Students (enrolled in postsecondary)

If you have questions about this bill, please contact:

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