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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 4/08/24 through 4/14/24*

Date: April 8, 2024
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Frank Harwood
 Deputy Commissioner
 Dale Brungardt
 Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	5.33%	5.33%
3 Months	5.28%	5.29%
6 Months	5.23%	5.20%
1 Year	5.00%	4.96%
18 Months	4.84%	4.75%
2 Years	4.68%	4.59%

*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

- Apr 12 SNP, CACFP & FFVP
- Apr 15 Special Education, KPERS
- Apr 19 SNP & CACFP
- Apr 26 SNP, CACFP & FFVP
- Apr 25 KS 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 receive a May federal aid payment, submit Form 240 no later than April 19. The Federal Cash Management Act requires that these funds must be spent by the end of the month in which they are received. LEAs cannot carry over federal funds to the following month.

School Nutrition Payments: Dessa Gifford (785) 296-4965

- SNP = School Nutrition Programs
- CACFP = Child & Adult Care Food Program
- FFVP = Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

Report Due Dates

- April 8.....Kansas Parents as Teachers Grant Application FY25 closes
[Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964
- April 12Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 3rd Quarter Expense
Reimbursement Payment Request [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
- April 15Medicaid Replacement state aid and ensure all eligible claims for March 1
are processed [Sara McCullah](#) (785) 296-3872
- April 15CTE Pathways Student Data Follow Up (open Feb 1- April 15)
[Pathways Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-4908
- April 15Special Education Transportation Claim Form (Form 308)
(open April 15-May 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- April 19Request May Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open April 1-19)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
- April 30National Board Certified Teacher Incentive – reimbursement claim
(open April 1-30) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- April 30Special Education Catastrophic State Aid Application (current year) and NPE
Contracts data is finalized [Mason Vosburgh](#) (785) 296-4945
- April 30December 1 MIS Child Count – MIS Collection data is finalized
[Mason Vosburgh](#) (785) 296-4945

Directory Update Changes

Access: <https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>

REMINDER – The Directory Updates application is open early-to-mid July through early June. If changes occur after the initial submission in the fall for personnel contacts, email addresses, website addresses, phone numbers, etc., please login to make those corrections. It is important to keep this information up-to-date to ensure the correct personnel within your organization are receiving appropriate KSDE communication and State & Federal reports using this information are accurate.

National Board Certification Incentive Bonus Application *sent on listserv April 3*

Funds have been appropriated for 2023-2024 to *reimburse school districts* for the National Board Certification incentive bonus under K.S.A. [72-2166](#) as follows:

- A teacher employed by a Kansas school district who has attained National Board certification shall be paid an incentive bonus of \$1,000. The bonus is paid each school year as long as the teacher remains employed by a Kansas school district and retains a valid master teacher's certificate.
- The bonus shall be paid by the employing school district, but the school district this year is entitled to receive state aid under the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program equal to the amount of any bonuses paid.
- The state aid is to be deposited in the school district general fund and treated as a reimbursement.

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In order to claim the reimbursement, districts must file an application with the Department of Education no later than [April 30, 2023](#). Download the National Board Certification Incentive Bonus Application under the “[What’s New](#)” page on the School Finance website: <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-AdministrativeServices/School-Finance/Whats-New>.

The National Board Certification payment will direct deposit approximately May 15 to reimburse districts for incentive bonuses for eligible National Board Certified teachers.

Please scan and email the completed application to Rose Ireland to rireland@ksde.org.

Program questions: [Myra Stithem](#) at (785) 296-3835 –
Teacher Licensure and Accreditation office

Application questions: [Rose Ireland](#) at (785) 296-4973 – School Finance

Fiscal questions: [Dale Brungardt](#) at (785) 296-3872 – School Finance
[Sara McCullah](#) at (785) 296-4972 – School Finance

Kansas School Transportation Safety Conference & State Driving Competition

The Kansas School Transportation Safety Conference & State Driving Competition will be held June 5-7, in Wichita at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview. During the three-day event, student transportation professionals will connect and learn how to improve operations and safety for their transportation teams.

The Kansas School Transportation Safety Conference strives to educate, not just the transportation administration but the school bus driver, mechanic, dispatch, and paras/monitors through offering workshops and speakers that provide workable solutions and practical answers to pressing questions about student transportation. It is designed to not only increase safety, but to also make local operations more efficient and effective.

Additionally, school bus drivers must meet significantly more and more stringent requirements for licensure, qualifications, and training than most other CDL drivers. The public should view school transportation staff as vital professionals in our education system. They are not just drivers, monitors, and mechanics, but also role models, mentors, counselors, and advisors interacting with your district’s students. This conference is a one-stop shop to meet these needs within your transportation department.

Why should you attend?

Learn the latest trends.

Improve training in general education transportation.

Improve training in special education transportation.

Learn to produce better, more quantifiable results from the transportation team.

Improve transportation safety.

Decrease losses.

Vendor Showcase displaying all of your transportation needs from buses to cameras.

Will this help us retain our school bus drivers?

Yes! One of the reasons experienced school bus drivers are leaving this profession is lack of continued training. The more your transportation staff know the better (and safer) they are.

Safety

Our transportation personnel are often faced with making quick decisions. Without ongoing proper training, are they are going to make the correct decision? You want them to make the right decision.

Who should attend?

Transportation Directors and Supervisors

School Bus Drivers

Superintendents

Fleet Managers, Mechanics, and Technicians

Driver Trainers

Special Education Paraprofessionals

In addition, school transportation personnel can receive training in:

Communicating effectively with students and parents.

How to recognize, intervene, and report signs of harassment, bullying or abuse.

Handling confidential student information in a legally compliant and responsible manner.

How to be a better team member.

The early bird registration deadline is May 5th. Conference program, registration form and more can be found on our website by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/SchoolFinance/School-Bus-Safety/Kansas-State-Pupil-Transportation-Association> or by visiting www.kspta.net

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