STATE DEAF-BLIND FUND
FY 2008-2009

Students who are deaf-blind often present complex and challenging educational needs. The nature of the disability is such that highly specialized technological adaptations frequently are required to allow them to benefit from an educational program. A large percentage of these students also have severe multiple disabilities. The presence of these disabilities often requires the student to have specialized seating and positioning equipment that allows the student to participate in the general education classroom or community setting.

Requests for the State Deaf-Blind Funds are reviewed carefully. Approval for funding is granted when costs exceed the amount that districts are able to provide out of local and state categorical funds. Applications are approved for priority candidates from July 1 to December 31. After December 31, all applications are approved on a first come, first serve basis. Funding is provided to students with severe multiple disabilities who are not on the state deaf-blind census during this time if there are monies available.

State total for 2008-2009 allocation, 81 students in 18 local districts or cooperatives received funding. A total of 89 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The money was used for the following purposes:

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	$109,263.16
CONSULTANTS	645.00
EVALUATION	0
OTHER	0
TOTAL	**$109,908.16**

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EXPENDITURES BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Atchison	199.00
Blue Valley	199.00
Butler County	6,094.09
Clay Washington Counties	2,587.59
Derby	2,807.00
Harvey County	2,080.00
Hays	4,321.75
Lawrence	7,558.98
Olathe	42,847.14
Shawnee Mission Public Schools USD 512	3,239.08
South Central Kansas	2,166.95
Southeast Kansas	10,574.80
TARC	2,170.91
Tiny-K	684.78
Topeka	14,033.78
Wamego	1,274.03
Wichita	5,123.74
Wyandotte Special Education Services	1,300.54
TOTAL	**$109,908.16**