STATE DEAF-BLIND FUND
FY 2007-2008

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 2007/2008 allocation, 77 students in 18 local districts or cooperatives received funding. A total of 83 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The money was used for the following purposes:

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	$108,611.41
CONSULTANTS	645.00
EVALUATION	440.85
OTHER	0
TOTAL	**$109,697.26**

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EXPENDITURES BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Butler County SPED Cooperative- El Dorado USD 490	7,373.35
Central Kansas Cooperative in Education	4,301.58
Clay County	2,621.74
Derby USD 260	1,287.00
Hays USD 489	4,632.75
Kansas State School for the Deaf	11,487.53
Lawrence USD 497	3,121.37
Leavenworth County Special Education	1,203.38
Olathe USD 223	36,708.20
Rice County	2,675.84
Russell County	1,168.05
Shawnee Mission Public Schools USD 512	2,577.00
Southeast Kansas Education Service Center #609	5,596.89
TARC	4,632.79
Topeka USD 501	10,620.92
Wichita USD 259	9,689.05
TOTAL	**$109,697.26**