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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 01/20/14 through 01/26/14

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.07%	0.07%
3 Months	0.04%	0.04%
6 Months	0.07%	0.08%
1 Year	0.14%	0.15%
18 Months	0.23%	0.23%
2 Years	0.40%	0.38%

Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210

Student Count on September 22, 2014

State statute designates September 20 as the date school districts submit their enrollment figures to the state for funding purposes. *This year, the official count date of September 20 set by law falls on a Saturday. In this instance, students are to be counted on the first school day following September 20. As you plan your 2014-15 school calendar, please schedule **Monday, September 22, 2014**, as a day that classes are in session for **all** enrolled students.* Please avoid scheduling staff training or parent-teacher conferences on this day.

We encourage you to review "[Frequently Asked Questions - School Year Requirement - 1,116 Hours](#)" which provides clarification on the school year requirement that must be met by school districts for state aid and accreditation purposes. Determine the common activities which can and cannot be counted towards the 1,116 hours requirement. This document reviews statute requirements, recordkeeping and explains the inclement weather/snow day provision. Below are excerpts which describe the law:

Please explain the inclement weather/ snow day provision in the law.

Each school district may designate inclement weather days. These days are reported to KSDE through the **Superintendent's Organization Report (SO66)** web application due October 10. For example, if a school district designates three snow days, then the school district must first make up three snow days on the designated days before any forgiveness is allowed. In this example, the first three days must be made up and the next three days missed because of inclement weather would be forgiven. **Any days missed after six (6) days must be made up.**

The same holds true for districts designating the 1,116 hour policy. A certain number of hours would be designated and those hours must be made up before any forgiveness is allowed. **Five days is the maximum amount allowed by law.**

How do you count time when school is dismissed early due to hazardous driving conditions?

In order to count the school day, it must have started prior to calling school off. Count as one of the following:

- 1) the number of hours scheduled that day if the district is under the 1,116 hour calendar; **or**
- 2) a full day if the district is under the 186 day, 6-hour calendar, providing a full day was scheduled. The above-mentioned rule will also apply when you delay the start of the school day by one or two hours due to hazardous driving conditions.

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Legislative Bill Tracker

The School Finance office has a legislative bill tracking system allowing users to follow bills that may impact education. Link: [Legislation](#). We suggest you bookmark this website and check back frequently. New education bills will be added here as they are introduced with a short summary. To read the text of a bill, you will need to go to the **Kansas Legislature** website (scroll down for more information).

Screen shot below of the **Legislative Bill Tracker**:

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Bill Number: SB2

Sponsor Names: Legislative Post Audit Committee,
Information technology audits.

Effective Date: This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Bill Number	Status	Occurred Date	Chamber
SB2	Prefiled for Introduction on Monday, December 10, 2012	12/12/2012 10:09:26 AM	Senate
SB2	Introduced	1/14/2013 2:53:42 PM	Senate
SB2	Referred to	1/15/2013 3:09:06 PM	Senate
SB2	Hearing: Wednesday, February 06, 2013, 10:30 AM Room 548-S	1/31/2013 4:42:59 PM	Senate
SB2	Committee Report recommending bill be passed by	2/13/2013 3:21:09 PM	Senate

Kansas Legislature website link: <http://kslegislature.org/li/>

For guidance to navigate this website, refer to the January 13 interest letter.

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