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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 4/01/24 through 4/07/24

Date: April 1, 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	5.29%	5.31%
6 Months	5.20%	5.25%
1 Year	4.96%	5.01%
18 Months	4.75%	4.81%
2 Years	4.59%	4.62%

[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 1 State Foundation Aid, Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
Mental Health (Liaisons)
Apr 4 Selected Federal Payments
Apr 15 Special Education, KPERS
Apr 25KS 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

Report Due Dates

April 1 Mentor Programs - Submit Mentors/Mentees/Assignments for stipend request
(open April 1-May 1) [Leslie Bruton](#) (785) 296-8011
April 1 Special Education Categorical Aid Personnel Report (deadline to update)
[Evelyn Alden](#) (785) 296-3868
April 1 State Deaf-Blind Funds (KSA 72-3481) Application for 2024-25 funds
(open April 1-July 31) [Lisa Karney](#) (785) 296-4602
April 1-12.... Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 3rd Quarter Expense
Reimbursement Payment Request [Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020
April 1-19.... Request May Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open April 1-19)
[Amanda Williams](#) (785) 296-2020

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April 1-30....National Board Certified Teacher Incentive – reimbursement claim
(open April 1-30) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
April 3.....Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Forms Natalie McClane (785) 296-5081
April 8.....Kansas Parents as Teachers Grant Application FY25 closes
[Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964
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 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

Review of Crisis Plan / Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)

It's that time of year to rethink Crisis Plans and Drills (Examples: Active Assailant, Severe Weather, Power Outages, Earthquakes, Winter storms and Pandemics.) Do you have a high-quality Crisis Plan/Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for those crisis drills that will help answer the Who, What, When, and How? Rules and regulations: [K.S.A. 31-133](#).

If you will be updating your crisis plan but not sure where to begin, please contact us at the **KSDE Safe and Secure Schools Unit**. We will be more than happy to guide you through the process. We will help with specific plans for your district, share best practices, and even help you with a tabletop exercise which counts as one of your three Crisis Drills for the school year. Visit the Kansas Safe Schools homepage for more information: <https://www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools>.

If you would like the Safe and Secure Schools Unit to come out and walk through your school district and provide a school safety assessment, we would be happy to come out and visit any district in person!



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National Stop Arm Violation Count – April 17, 2024

While school buses remain incredibly safe, we all know students that ride buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus, in the “danger zone.” Kansas is assisting the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a national survey to determine the prevalence of illegal passing of school buses. That data will help improve safety countermeasures at the state and national level.

We are enlisting your assistance in this important project. On Wednesday, April 17, please have your district's school bus operators observe and report all instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses.



Please ensure your drivers only report illegal passes (passes occurring while the school bus is stopped with red warning lights flashing and stop arm(s) deployed).

As always, their primary duty is the safety of the students. If your drivers should have questions about what qualifies as a violation, please refer to our examples in our information and examples document.

As has been past practice, each district, or company, will enter data compiled from their collection method directly into our survey. **Survey link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9ZCQ2B>

Please enter your district or company results no later than Friday, April 26.

Driver Report Form (optional) is provided to assist in compiling your district's numbers:
<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Illegal%20Passing%20Survey/worksheet%20for%20violations.pdf>

Stop Arm Violation Survey Information & Examples:

<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Illegal%20Passing%20Survey/Stop%20Arm%20Violation%20Survey%20Examples%202024.pdf?ver=2024-03-14-115256-780>

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.

[Keith Dreiling](#) | KSDE School Bus Safety Unit | Phone: (785) 296-4567 |
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April is Month of the Military Child

Governor Kelly has proclaimed **April as the Month of the Military Child** in the State of Kansas. Students from Fort Leavenworth and Derby, along with their parents, joined the Governor for the signing. Districts are encouraged to show their support and recognition of military connected students throughout the month. The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has chosen **Wednesday, April 17**, to celebrate “**Purple Up! For Military Kids**” day.

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Wearing the color purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. **Why purple?** Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. Across the nation, people are being encouraged to show support for our military and veteran children and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices.

The 8.5" x 11" poster (illustrated right) can be used to announce what day is chosen for your students to "Purple Up". [Click here to Download Printable PDF poster.](#)

Looking for ideas to recognize military children?

- Check with your School Liaison for events in your area (if located near a base)
- 50 Ideas [Celebrate our Youngest Heroes](#) Month of the Military Child
- Ways to Celebrate from the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) [Click here to download](#)
- Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
https://www.militarychild.org/MOMC_Toolkit

How many Kansas students have a parent currently in the military?

A check box in the **KIDS** record will identify a student having a parent who is an active-duty military member. Currently in Kansas schools, **9,989** children have at least one parent currently serving in Active-Duty Forces. This total does not include a few thousand children that have a parent serving in the National Guard or Reserves. These numbers may not reflect youth who have may have a brother or sister serving in the military, the stepchildren of military members, or children living with relatives while a parent in the military is deployed.



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STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, more than 25,000 of Kansas' children have at least one parent serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, Kansas recognizes that when parents serve in the military, their children also serve; and

WHEREAS, the children of our service men and women show strength, sacrifice, heroism, and continued resilience; and

WHEREAS, Kansas stands by our military children just as they and their families stand by us; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute to military children will honor their contributions to Kansas, it also celebrates that, just as their parents are today's strength to our nation, military children are the strength of our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim,
April 2024, as

The Month of The Military Child

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 27th day of
March, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schuch
Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Secretary of State