



School Finance

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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 4/8/19 through 4/14/19

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	2.41%	2.42%
3 Months	2.39%	2.42%
6 Months	2.41%	2.44%
1 Year	2.39%	2.38%
18 Months	2.38%	2.31%
2 Years	2.32%	2.24%

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

April reminders

- April 12 – Report April 1 Unencumbered Cash Balances (web app closes April 12 – refer to listserv sent 3/29/19)
- April 15 - Submit Medicaid claims (MMIS) for Special Ed (see Feb 11 interest letter)
Medicaid questions: Hallie Doud – Hallie.Doud@ks.gov
- April 16 - CTE Pathways Student data follow up (open Feb 1- April 16) [Pathways Helpdesk](mailto:Pathways.Helpdesk@ksde.org) 785-296-4908
- April 19 – Deadline to request federal aid (via Form 240) for May payment nnorwood@ksde.org
- April 22 – Report Special Education Transportation (Form 308) web app will be open April 22 – May 10
- April 8-29 –National Board Certified Teachers Incentive Program – submit by April 19 – [Guidelines and claim form](#)
- April 30 – Special Education Catastrophic State Aid Application (current year), and NPE Contracts collection window closes (Contact: Mason Vosburg 785-296-4965) *Catastrophic threshold \$56,020*
- May 3 – Final date to submit online nominations for 2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year – [Nomination packet](#) (email 4/1/19 from Dale Dennis) Questions: sbukovatz@ksde.org or call (785) 296-2551

Meetings and Recognition:

- April 10 - Council of Superintendents meeting at 2 pm - [KASB \(Topeka\) Agenda](#)
- April 16-17** – State Board of Education meeting (**NOTE:** date change for April)
- Month of April – **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”**

Mentor Teacher web application delayed

You may recall the opportunity to apply for mentor grant funds in October by reporting qualified mentor teachers to KSDE (refer to [Sept 24, 2018, interest letter](#)). Teacher names not submitted to KSDE by October 15, 2018, will not qualify for a state-funded stipend. The “stipend per mentor” is a prorated dollar amount KSDE will announce in early June. It is determined using the total number of eligible teachers certified on the web application below.

We anticipate the Mentor Programs web application will open mid-to-late April. Districts that applied for Mentor funds in October will go online to certify or re-validate the list of mentors/assigned mentees and submit. An email will announce when the Mentor application is open and latest date to submit, along with instructions.

[Click here to review detailed information on the state funded mentor stipends](#)

The mentor payment for approved teachers is anticipated to direct deposit on June 17. If you have questions on mentor stipends, contact Susan Helbert, Teacher Licensure office at shelbert@ksde.org.

National Board Certified Teachers Incentive Bonus

Funds have been appropriated for 2018-19 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 is paid by the employing school district, but the school district 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 up to \$1,000. The state aid shall be deposited in the school district general fund and is treated as a reimbursement.

In order to claim the reimbursement, districts must file an application with the State Board of Education **no later than April 29, 2019**. Download **instructions** and the **application form** under the “**What’s New**” page on the School Finance website: <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Whats-New>



You can go to <http://www.nbpts.org/nbct-search> to verify teachers on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website.

State aid payments will direct deposit approximately May 15 to reimburse districts for incentive bonuses paid to eligible National Board certified teachers.

Register for Safe & Secure Schools Workshops

It's not too late to register. KSDE's Safe and Secure Schools Unit is traveling the state to promote safety measures and security options. It is strongly encouraged school district leaders attend this training, and invite your local law enforcement, emergency management, fire and private partners to attend as well.

Experts will be on hand to answer your questions, and participants will leave with a full knowledge of what a safe and secure school is and how to meet the [new standards](#) passed on May 31, 2018.

Topics include:

- explanation of Senate Bill 109, Section 76 standards
- introduction to Senate Bill 128 (enrolled and governor signed April 2, 2019)
- mental health importance in schools
- new suspicious activity reporting
- communication, crisis, mitigation and recovery plans
- introduction to active assailants
- infrastructure protection and security technology



Date	Location	Registration information
April 15	Oakley (NKESC)	Email hstephens@nkesc.org to register
April 15	Salina (Smoky Hill ESC)	REGISTER HERE
April 30	Clearwater (Orion)	REGISTER HERE
May 2	Sublette (Southwest Plains)	REGISTER HERE

Workshops session 8:30 -12:30. Registration includes beverage service and lunch. Cost: \$25 per person

Please visit the Safe and Secure Schools website: <https://www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools>
Links to safety resources, free online courses and planning resources to use for safety drills.

If you have questions, contact the Safe and Secure Schools team:

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