



School Finance

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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 2/11/19 through 2/17/19

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	2.40%	2.40%
3 Months	2.40%	2.41%
6 Months	2.49%	2.51%
1 Year	2.55%	2.57%
18 Months	2.53%	2.55%
2 Years	2.49%	2.53%

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

ESSA Building Level Expenditure Reports

As you are aware, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires districts to report building level expenditures starting with the 2018-19 school year. This data will be submitted to KSDE via a new web application that will be open July 1 and close September 15.

In advance of this reporting, we have provided a helpful FAQ guide. It explains what building level expenditures will be collected, how to report special education expenditures, along with examples of what expenditures will need to be prorated. This document is posted on the [School Finance homepage](#) under the **Guidelines** heading. Select: **ESSA Building Level Expenditure Reports (FAQ)**.

While this data collection is not due until next September, we hope this guidance will give your office an idea of what current expenditures to track by building now and to organize them for this fiscal year.

Questions may be directed to Craig Neuenswander, cneuenswander@ksde.org, or Sara Barnes, sbarnes@ksde.org, at 785-296-3872.

Feb 15 state aid payments

The following state aid payments will deposit on Friday, February 15 (if applicable).

Capital Outlay state aid

- Deposit to: Capital Outlay (Code 16)
- Contact: Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973 or by email at rireland@ksde.org

Local School District Contribution Program checkoff (a.k.a. "Chickadee Checkoff") per K.S.A. [79-3221n](#)

- Deposit to: Gifts and Grants (Code 35)
- Contact: Christie Wyckoff (785) 296-6321 or by email at cwyckoff@ksde.org

State Safety (Driver Education) state aid

- Deposit to: Driver Training fund (Code 18)
- Contact: Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020 or by email at nnorwood@ksde.org

State Safety (Driver Education) state aid is a reimbursement payment for students that passed an approved drivers education program in FY2019 (web application to receive payment was submitted to KSDE in August). The prorated amount per student is \$147. Driver Education KSDE consultant: Robyn Meinholdt rmeinholdt@ksde.org

These payment amounts will be posted on the [School Finance homepage](#) near the date of deposit.

State Board meets Feb. 12-13

State Board of Education meets on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12-13 in the KSDE Board Room in Topeka. [Click here](#) to review the agenda. **Kansas State Board of Education** meetings are streamed live over the Internet at: <https://www.ksde.org/Board/Kansas-State-Board-of-Education/Streaming-Media>

Submit Medicaid Claims by April 15

NOTE: This message sent to the Special Ed Directors listserv on Tuesday, 2/5/19

Attn: Special Ed Directors - Submit Medicaid Claims by April 15

The State Department of Education is required to distribute to school districts special education state aid as Medicaid replacement state aid in the amount of \$9,000,000. Allocations are determined based upon **the number of special education children that have been approved for Medicaid reimbursement on Friday, March 1, 2019.**

Note: You are allowed to include *Medicaid services for special education students one week prior and one week after March 1st (February 22 through March 8).*

Districts should submit their Medicaid claims before April 15. If your district belongs to a coop, you may want to visit with them because they may be submitting on your behalf. Claims are submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Division of Health Care Finance (HFC), through the **MMIS** billing portal for Medicaid eligible students.

Medicaid related questions should be directed to KDHE: Hallie Doud – email: Hallie.Doud@ks.gov

Sometime after May 1, KSDE will request from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment a list of the number of special education children that have been approved for Medicaid reimbursement in order to calculate the final June special education state aid payments.

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