



# School Finance

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### INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 1/21/19 through 1/27/19

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	<b>2.40%</b>	2.40%
3 Months	<b>2.37%</b>	2.44%
6 Months	<b>2.48%</b>	2.50%
1 Year	<b>2.56%</b>	2.59%
18 Months	<b>2.58%</b>	2.60%
2 Years	<b>2.56%</b>	2.56%

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

### Update on federal funding

We have had several questions about the impact the federal government shutdown will have on school district funding. We believe federal funding for Kansas schools will be safe until at least April 1. We will keep you informed if we learn more.

*Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner      Craig Neuenswander, School Finance Director*

### Transportation Aid Adjustment

Following your KSDE audit, your district will receive an updated legal max letter based on Audited Enrollment. To view the detail used in calculating your weightings, you can download the FY 2019 Legal Max spreadsheet from our School Finance homepage, then unhide columns: <https://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=398>.

2018 Substitute for Senate Bill 423 Sec. 6 states the following:

*In no event shall the transportation weighting of the school district result in the portion of such school district's state foundation aid attributable to the transportation weighting being in excess of 110% of such school district's total expenditures from all funds for transporting students for the immediately preceding school year.*

Your 2017-18 transportation expenditures were reported on the Annual Statistical Report (18E). A preliminary calculation of any reduction may be seen in Column 39 of the FY19 Legal Max Spreadsheet currently posted on the School Finance Website. To view the details, you can reference the 'Transportation' worksheet tab found on the FY 2019 Legal Max spreadsheet. If your district has a preliminary transportation adjustment reflected on the spreadsheet, this amount is subject to change after your audit is complete. Audited expenditures for the 2017-18 regular route transportation will be found on the 'Overall Audit Summary' sheet included with your audit letter. This information will be used to determine adjustments for transportation, which will be noted on the Audited Legal Max Letter (page 2, Column 39).

Don't hesitate to contact our office if you have questions regarding this provision.

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## 2019-20 school year calendar - Sept 20 student count date

Important reminder: [K.S.A. 72-3115](#) designates September 20 as the date school districts submit their enrollment figures to the state for funding purposes.

As you plan your 2019-20 school calendar, **please schedule Friday, September 20, as a day that classes are in session for all enrolled students.** Please avoid scheduling staff training or parent-teacher conferences on September 20, the official student count date.

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## 1,116 hours school year requirement

We encourage you to review “**1,116 Hours School Year Requirement**,” on the School Finance homepage, link: [Guidelines and Manuals](#). This school year requirement 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 (see below).

During audit, the KSDE auditor will review the number of hours each school building is in session the previous year. If you have questions about counting hours, please contact Craig Neuenswander, School Finance Director, at (785) 296-3872, or Laurel Murdie, Fiscal Auditing Director, at (785) 296-4976.

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## Counting hours when school is called off for inclement weather

### Inclement weather/ snow day provision in the law

Each school district may designate inclement weather days. These days will be reported to KSDE through the **SO66** (Superintendents Organizational Report) in the fall. 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 is 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 or the start delayed 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 that allows users to follow only the bills that may impact education, school staff and school funding. Link to **Legislative Bill Tracker: Legislation**. House and Senate bills will be added to this list as they are introduced providing a short summary and the status of the bill.

To read the text of a bill, you will need to go to the **Kansas Legislature** website.

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

Enter the bill number to search and read a new bill in its entirety.

Follow the progress of the Education Committees with access to calendars, agendas, minutes and testimony.

Select the **Calendars** tab for a weekly schedule of all standing, subcommittee and joint committee meetings, times of House and Senate hearings and bills under consideration.

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**Links for Audio/Video Broadcast**

- [House](#) - Listen to the live proceedings in the House.
- [Senate](#) - Listen to the live proceedings in the Senate.
- [House & Senate Video](#)

*For more information on what the **Kansas Legislature** website offers, refer to the January 14 interest letter.*

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