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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 1/8/24 through 1/14/24*

Date: January 8, 2024
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Dale Brungardt
 Director of School Finance

| TERM | CURRENT | PREVIOUS |
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| 1 to 89 Days | 5.33% | 5.33% |
| 3 Months | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| 6 Months | 5.05% | 5.12% |
| 1 Year | 4.74% | 4.83% |
| 18 Months | 4.49% | 4.47% |
| 2 Years | 4.30% | 4.26% |

[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

- Jan 10..... Selected Federal Payments
- Jan 16..... KPERS, Mental Health (CMHC)
- Jan 25..... KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF)

Payment amounts will be posted on the [School Finance homepage](#) near the date of deposit. Payments are listed under the heading: **FY24 Payments**

State aid payments: [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973 or [Sara McCullah](#) (785) 296-4972
Federal aid payments: (Form 240): [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Report Due Dates

- Jan 12Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 2nd Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Sara McCullah](#) (785) 296-4972
- Jan 14IDEA Maintenance of Effort and Excess Cost Report (stand alone, coop/interlocal LEAs due Jan. 14) [Christy Weiler](#) (785) 296-1712
- Jan 15Kansas Can Star Recognition Program (open 1/15/2023 – 5/3/2024) kcanstars@ksde.org [Myron Melton](#) (785) 296-8110
- Jan 15Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant Request for Proposals (Due @ 5:00 pm) [Natalie McClane](#) (785) 296-5081
- Jan 19Kansas Parents as Teachers - Mid-Year Report for FY24 [Lisa Williams](#) (785) 296-4964
- Jan 19Request for February Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open Jan 2-19) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Bonus for National Board Certified Teachers

[KSA 72-2166](#) states that teachers who have attained certification from the national board and who are employed by a school district shall be paid an **incentive bonus** in the amount of **\$1,000 each school year** that the teacher remains employed and retains a valid master teacher's license.

The payment for qualified teachers will need to be made using district funds as it is a statutory requirement. **State aid to reimburse districts for the incentive bonus paid** is scheduled for deposit on May 15, 2024.

ESSER Annual Report Deadline

This is a reminder that the ESSER Annual Reporting is due **January 12th, 2024**.

The link to the PDF version of the survey is

https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/Announcements/ESSER_AnnualReportingQuestions.pdf

The link to the survey itself is

https://ksde.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bNn9gltNnEchtfo

If you have any questions or require assistance completing the survey or if you would like a copy of last year's Annual Report, please let us know at ESSER@ksde.org.

Kansas Clean Diesel Program - Reminder

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) currently has a school bus award opportunity open to districts that own and operate their own fleets. Briefly -

- One older model diesel powered school bus is required to be decommissioned for every new school bus awarded through the KS program, up to 5 school buses.
- New bus(es) that are diesel, alt-fuel and battery electric are eligible for an award from KDHE.
- Most awardees will receive up to 25% reimbursement for new buses purchased, per requirement. Projects involving new buses that are battery electric will receive 45% reimbursement, per requirement.
- State (KS) funding cannot be stacked with federal (EPA) for the same bus, per state and federal requirements.
- Awards cannot be processed if the order for the bus/buses has already been placed by the school district.

Deadline for submissions is January 22, 2024. Please visit

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/404/Kansas-Clean-Diesel-Program> for the application process.

In other KS Clean Diesel Program news, Kathleen Waters would like to introduce Amy L. Bloom, Public Service Administrator as the contact person for this school bus opportunity.

For questions, please send e-mail to Amy.L.Bloom@ks.gov

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

2024-2025 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Forms Available through April 3rd

The Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program provides school districts with funding for preschool-aged students. Each preschool-aged at-risk student who is enrolled in a school district and receiving services is counted as 0.5 FTE in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings. Districts are encouraged to create integrated programs that include all students and to develop strong community partnerships.

The Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval form for the 2024-2025 school year is now available on the [Early Childhood Preschool Programming Webpage](#). All 3-and 4-year-old students who meet at least one of the at-risk criteria, are enrolled and attending on count date, and are in an approved program will be funded at .5 FTE. All programs who wish to be funded must complete and submit the Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Form by April 3rd to be approved by the Kansas Board of Education.

If you would like a copy of your 2023-2024 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Form for reference or if you have any questions as you complete this short approval form, reach out to Natalie McClane at nmcclane@ksde.org for assistance.

2024 Kansas Legislative session opens today

The Kansas Legislature consists of a 125-member House of Representatives and a 40-member Senate. Representatives are elected for a two-year term and Senators are elected for a four-year term. The Legislature convenes at 2 p.m. on January 8, and generally will adjourn in early May.

Steps to follow the Legislative Session online

Bookmark this link to follow legislative activities online: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>

Information provided on the **Kansas Legislature** website:

- contact information for legislators
- track the status and view the content/text of a bill
- read supplementary reports and publications
- find out what is happening in the chambers or committees
- appointments to education committees
- follow education committees – agendas, minutes, testimony and action
- listen to live audio broadcasts of House and Senate chamber debates

To narrow your search to review education bills, from the row of blue tabs (see below), select **COMMITTEES**.

From the next screen, look under either the **House** or **Senate** heading, and select **EDUCATION**.

- List of new bills as introduced
- List of legislators appointed to serve on the education committee
- Education committee agendas, minutes, testimony, and action taken
- Meetings can be audio-streamed from this screen

Select **CALENDARS** to read about business to be considered in the chambers and a weekly agenda of committee meetings. Select **JOURNALS** to read the historical record of activity in the chambers.

Another resource for K-12 Education Publications and consensus estimates provided to the Kansas Legislature is the **Kansas Legislative Research Department** website: <http://www.kslegresearch.org/KLRD-web/Education.html>

Additional resources, including an **Education Law Index**, can be found on the School Finance homepage under the [Legislation](#) link. The **Education Law Index** alphabetically lists keywords which affect schools and education, and provides a statute number (i.e. 72-3353).

Go to the Revisor of Statutes website to read the text of a statute.



Search for text of Kansas law on the Revisor of Statutes website: <http://www.ksrevisor.org/>

Monday, January 15, is Martin Luther King Day.

KSDE offices will be closed.