

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027						
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 10,030,457	\$ 1,632,087	\$ 1,877,939	\$ 13,540,483	145.4	
FY 2024 Actual	11,030,475	2,769,388	2,671,643	16,471,506	145.4	
FY 2025 Actual	12,111,850	3,449,606	486,523	16,047,979	140.7	
FY 2026						
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 12,578,844	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,971,490	140.7	
Agency Revised Estimate	12,902,074	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,405,811	140.7	
Special Committee on the State Budget	12,577,694	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,081,431	140.7	
House Committee of the Whole	13,047,574	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,551,311	140.7	
Senate Committee of the Whole	13,008,594	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,512,331	140.7	
Legislative Approved	12,559,985	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,063,722	140.7	
Governor's Recommendation	12,578,844	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,082,581	140.7	
FY 2027						
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,285,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,260,340	140.7	
Agency Request	14,071,084	5,793,811	1,573,490	21,438,385	140.7	
Special Committee on the State Budget	13,234,308	2,664,240	1,573,490	17,472,038	140.7	
House Committee of the Whole	13,823,038	3,393,811	3,373,490	20,590,339	140.7	
Senate Committee of the Whole	13,381,608	5,664,240	1,573,490	20,619,338	140.7	
Legislative Approved	13,443,902	5,193,811	1,574,640	20,212,353	140.7	
Governor's Recommendation	12,934,308	5,664,240	1,573,490	20,172,038	140.7	

* Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include four capital improvement projects that will be completed in FY 2026.

The Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) is an accredited K-12 school campus located in Olathe, Kansas. It is an independent state agency under the control and supervision of the State Board of Education. KSSD's mission is to help deaf and hard-of-hearing (D/HH) students achieve their full potential in a language-rich environment, offering a comprehensive curriculum for D/HH students ages 21 and under, with both American Sign Language (ASL) and English serving as integral parts of the education program.

KSSD also operates a statewide outreach program that serves D/HH students, their families, and their local school districts. This includes the Hearing Assistive Technology program, which provides equipment and consultative services for D/HH children in public school districts, and the Language Assessment Program, which administers and monitors changes in annual language assessments of all Kansas children who are D/HH, ages birth through 8.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 12,578,844	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,971,490	140.7
Agency Revised Estimate	12,902,074	3,995,818	1,507,919	18,405,811	140.7
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (324,380)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (324,380)	-
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,507,919	\$ 18,081,431	140.7
House Committees					
K-12 Education Budget	\$ 469,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 469,880	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ 469,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 469,880	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 13,047,574	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,507,919	\$ 18,551,311	140.7
Senate Committees					
Education	\$ 430,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430,900	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 430,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430,900	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 13,008,594	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,507,919	\$ 18,512,331	140.7
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ 525,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,780	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-
Certifications	(543,489)	-	-	(543,489)	-
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ (17,709)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (17,709)	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 12,559,985	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,507,919	\$ 18,063,722	140.7

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$18.4 million, including \$12.9 million SGF, and 140.7 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$434,312, or 2.4 percent, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature, with reappropriations, largely due to the following items:

1. **SGF 1.5 Percent Lapse Restoration.** The agency's request includes \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures in FY 2026. The agency indicates that the reduction in funding directly impacts children's academic readiness and long-term success.
2. **Additional School Days and Pay Increase.** The agency's request includes a supplemental request of \$228,350 SGF for teacher and support staff salaries and wages for an additional 6 days of instruction during the 2025-2026 school year (SY).

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Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$228,350 SGF for teacher and support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction in FY 2026.
2. Delete \$94,880 SGF which would have restored the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures in FY 2026.
3. Delete \$1,168 SGF in reappropriations for state operations in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$375,000 SGF to cover additional pay for certified teachers in FY 2026.
2. Add language allowing the agency to spend up to \$375,000 to cover additional funding to match the amount of the final negotiated contract, but not to exceed the amount negotiated for certified teachers.
3. Also add language stating the school year is not to extend past 181 days in FY 2026.
4. Add \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures in FY 2026.
5. Add language allowing the agency to purchase under the statutes for procurement for school districts rather than those of state agencies in FY 2026.

Also add language to grant State Board of Education authority to authorize purchase, to not require competitive bids in certain situations, and that the State Board may authorize the school's superintendent the authority to make purchases without State Board approval under certain circumstances in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Education

The **Senate Committee on Education** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$430,900 SGF to cover for additional pay for certified teachers for the school year and for pay for support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction in FY 2026.

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Education's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$430,900 SGF to cover for additional pay for certified teachers for the school year and for pay for support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction in FY 2026.
2. Add \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures in FY 2026.
3. Add language allowing the agency to purchase under the statutes for procurement for school districts rather than those of state agencies in FY 2026.

Also add language to grant State Board of Education authority to authorize purchase, to not require competitive bids in certain situations, and that the State Board may authorize the school's superintendent the authority to make purchases without State Board approval under certain circumstances in FY 2026.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Delete \$543,489 SGF to eliminate funding for positions which have been vacant for at least 60 calendar days in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027						
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,285,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,260,340	140.7	
Agency Request	14,071,084	5,793,811	1,573,490	21,438,385	140.7	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)						
Change from Agency Request	\$ (836,776)	\$ (3,129,571)	\$ -	\$ (3,966,347)	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 13,234,308	\$ 2,664,240	\$ 1,573,490	\$ 17,472,038	140.7	
House Committees						
K-12 Education Budget	\$ 588,730	\$ 729,571	\$ -	\$ 1,318,301	-	
Appropriations	-	-	1,800,000	1,800,000	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ 588,730	\$ 729,571	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 3,118,301	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 13,823,038	\$ 3,393,811	\$ 3,373,490	\$ 20,590,339	140.7	
Senate Committees						
Education	\$ 147,300	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,147,300	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 147,300	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,147,300	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 13,381,608	\$ 5,664,240	\$ 1,573,490	\$ 20,619,338	140.7	
Legislative Approved						
Conference Committee	\$ 344,630	\$ 2,529,571	\$ -	\$ 2,874,201	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	(135,036)	-	1,150	(133,886)	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ 209,594	\$ 2,529,571	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,740,315	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 13,443,902	\$ 5,193,811	\$ 1,574,640	\$ 20,212,353	140.7	

* Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include four capital improvement projects that will be completed in FY 2026.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$21.1 million, including \$13.8 million SGF, and 140.7 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is \$3.9 million, or 22.5 percent, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature for FY 2026 (without reappropriations and with one-time adjustments). This is largely due to the following enhancement requests:

1. **Powerhouse Structure.** The agency's request includes \$1.8 million SIBF to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027. This is the last stage of the capital improvements project to decommission all electrical, steam, and related utilities from this building.

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2. **Emery Elementary/Dorm Remodel.** The agency's request includes \$1.2 million SIBF to remodel the Emery Elementary/Dorm, including remodeling the atrium and replacing the roof for FY 2027.
3. **Additional School Days and Pay Increase.** The agency's request includes a request of \$228,350 SGF for teacher and support staff salaries and wages for an additional 6 days of instruction during SY 2026-2027.
4. **ASL Proficiency Incentives and Contracts.** The agency's request includes \$143,350 SGF to support ASL proficiency pay stipends and supplemental pay for staff, including for the Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer Curriculum Planning Workshop for FY 2027.
5. **Capital Improvements R&R Base Increase.** The agency requests an additional \$129,571, all from the SIBF, for capital improvement rehab and repair for FY 2027. The agency indicates this is to account for inflation within capital improvement projects for FY 2027.
6. **SGF 1.5 Percent Lapse Restoration.** The agency's request includes \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures for FY 2027. The agency indicates that the reduction in funding directly impacts children's academic readiness and long-term success.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$1.8 million SIBF to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027.
2. Delete \$1.2 million SIBF for the Emery Elementary/Dorm remodel for FY 2027.
3. Delete \$228,350 SGF for teacher and support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction for FY 2027.
4. Delete \$143,350 SGF to support ASL proficiency pay stipends and supplemental pay for staff, including for the Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer Curriculum Planning Workshop for FY 2027.
5. Delete \$129,571 SIBF to account for inflation within capital improvement projects for FY 2027.
6. Delete \$94,880 SGF which would have restored the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures for FY 2027.
7. Delete \$70,196 SGF to match pay parity with USD 233 Olathe for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$600,000 SIBF for the Emery Elementary/Dorm roof replacement for FY 2027.
2. Add \$391,400 SGF to cover additional pay for certified teachers for FY 2027. Add language allowing the agency to spend up to \$391,400 to cover additional funding to match the amount

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of the final negotiated contract, but not to exceed the amount negotiated for certified teachers for FY 2027. Also add language stating the school year is not to extend past 181 days for FY 2027.

3. Add \$102,450 SGF to support ASL proficiency pay stipends and supplemental pay for staff for the Summer Curriculum Planning Workshop for FY 2027.
4. Add \$129,571 SIBF to account for inflation within capital improvement projects for FY 2027.
5. Add \$94,880 SGF which would have restored the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures for FY 2027.
6. Add language allowing the agency to purchase under the statutes for procurement for school districts rather than those of state agencies for FY 2027.

Also add language to grant State Board of Education authority to authorize purchase, to not require competitive bids in certain situations, and that the State Board may authorize the school's superintendent the authority to make purchases without State Board approval under certain circumstances for FY 2027.

Furthermore, add language requiring a report on this matter be presented to the House Committee on K-12 Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 11, 2027.

The **House Budget Committee** also includes the following notation:

1. The State's financial support for the Kansas State School for the Deaf shall be recognized as a state appropriation for the provision of special education and related services, and appropriate credit shall be given to such legislative appropriations when deliberating and acting on special education and related services funding for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$1.8 million SIBF to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027. Also add language making this funding contingent on the Joint Committee on State Building Construction also recommending funding for this project.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Education

The **Senate Committee on Education** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.8 million SIBF to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027.
2. Add \$1.2 million SIBF for the Emery Elementary/Dorm remodel for FY 2027.
3. Add \$447,300 SGF to cover for additional pay for certified teachers for the school year and for pay for support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction for FY 2027.

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4. Delete \$300,000 SGF to return to the agency's allocation amount for FY 2027. This prevents double funding for the three additional resource teachers.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Education's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.8 million SIBF to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027. Also add language making this funding contingent on the Joint Committee on State Building Construction also recommending funding for this project.
2. Add \$600,000 SIBF for the Emery Elementary/Dorm roof replacement for FY 2027.
3. Add \$447,300 SGF to cover for additional pay for certified teachers for the school year and for pay for support staff salaries for an additional 6 days of instruction for FY 2027.
4. Add \$129,571 SIBF to account for inflation within capital improvement projects for FY 2027.
5. Add \$102,450 SGF to support ASL proficiency pay stipends and supplemental pay for staff for the Summer Curriculum Planning Workshop for FY 2027.
6. Add \$94,880 SGF which would have restored the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures for FY 2027.
7. Delete \$300,000 SGF to return to the agency's allocation amount for FY 2027. This prevents double funding for the three additional resource teachers.
8. Add language allowing the agency to purchase under the statutes for procurement for school districts rather than those of state agencies for FY 2027.

Also add language to grant State Board of Education authority to authorize purchase, to not require competitive bids in certain situations, and that the State Board may authorize the school's superintendent the authority to make purchases without State Board approval under certain circumstances for FY 2027.

5. Furthermore, add language requiring a report on this matter be presented to the House Committee on K-12 Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 11, 2027.

Governor's Vetoes

The **Governor** vetoes the following for FY 2027:

1. Add language making the \$1.8 million SIBF for the powerhouse structure contingent on the Joint Committee on State Building Construction also recommending funding for this project for FY 2027.

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Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$50,552, including \$49,402 SGF, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.
2. Delete \$184,438 SGF to lapse 1.5 percent of state operations funded from the SGF for FY 2027. This lapse does not apply to SGF-financed operating expenditures for authorized contractual services, specific projects, or an identified program or entity.