

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

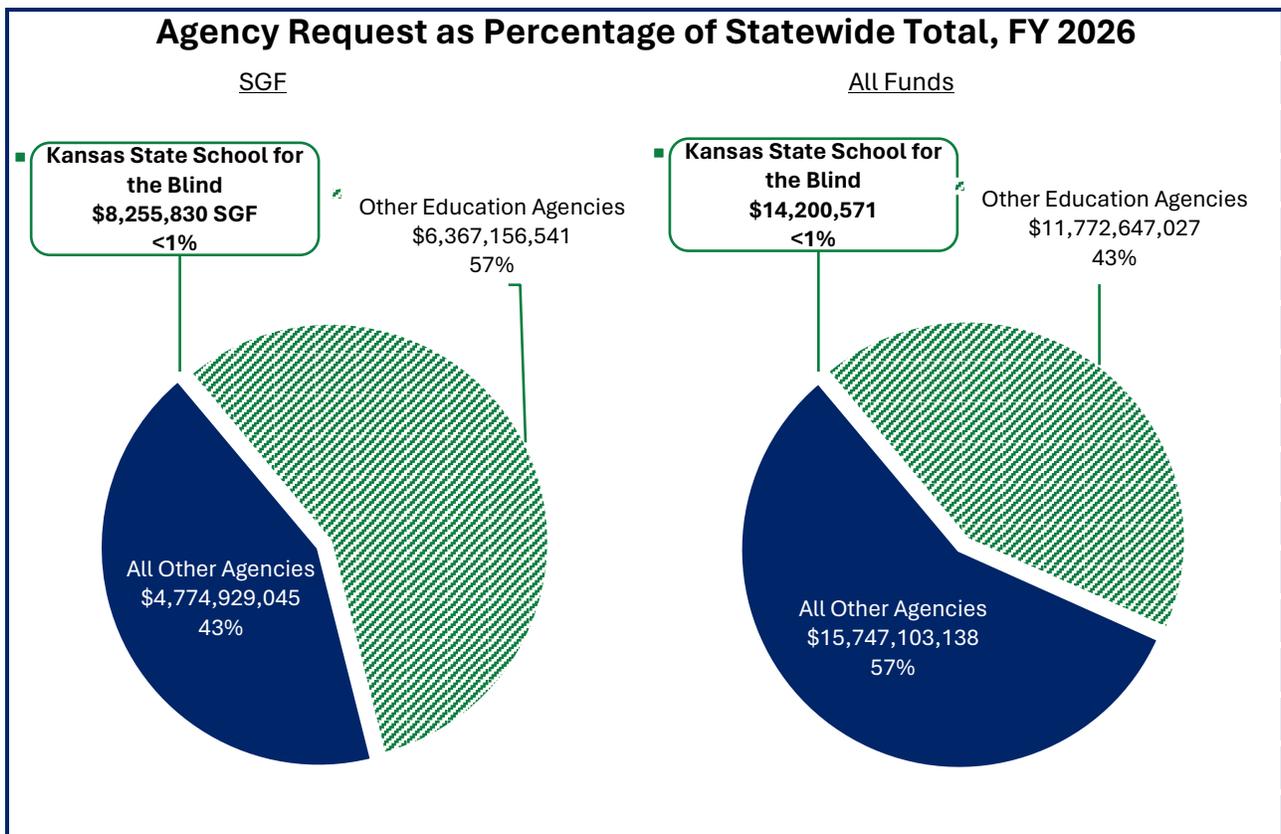
Budget Summary – Agency Request

Executive Summary

The Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) is located in Kansas City, Kansas. KSSB's mission is to serve as a catalyst and leader in the development of exemplary programs and practices in vision services for students up to age 21. It aims to build local capacity throughout the state via partnerships with local schools, parents, and communities to ensure learners with visual impairments are able to assume responsible roles in society and lead fulfilling lives.

KSSB is a state agency and an accredited elementary and high school, under the control and supervision of the State Board of Education, serving as the center of education for Kansas children who are either blind or visually impaired. In addition to on-campus direct services, KSSB has an extensive outreach program that includes providing direct support in public schools. Although a student might never set foot on the KSSB campus, they may receive adapted materials and braille books from the school's Kansas Instructional Resource Center (KIRC), acquire low-vision aids from a partnering optometrist at a low-vision clinic, or be taught in their home district by a certified KSSB teacher.

Expenditures by Fiscal Year and Version			
	SGF	All Funds	Note
FY 2024 Actual	\$ 6,926,257	\$ 12,516,025	Actual expenditures
FY 2025 Actual	8,363,172	13,707,377	Actual expenditures
FY 2026 Approved	8,255,830	14,201,021	2025 SB 125
FY 2026 Agency	8,255,830	14,200,571	Revised estimate, submitted September 2025
FY 2027 Agency	8,556,259	15,413,456	Agency request, submitted September 2025



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Budget and Policy Snapshot

The tables below provide a selection of items that inform the agency budget request. These items include **supplemental and enhancement requests** (NEW), adjustments related to **reappropriated funds** (E), **language-only policy changes** requested for inclusion in legislation, changes in **federal or state policy** that impact agency funding, and other budgetary items.

These tables are not intended to be a comprehensive list of changes in the agency budget request. For more detail on individual fiscal year requests, please refer to the [FY 2026 Analysis](#) and [FY 2027 Analysis](#) sections later in this document.

FY 2026

This agency does not have any significant changes from the FY 2026 approved budget.

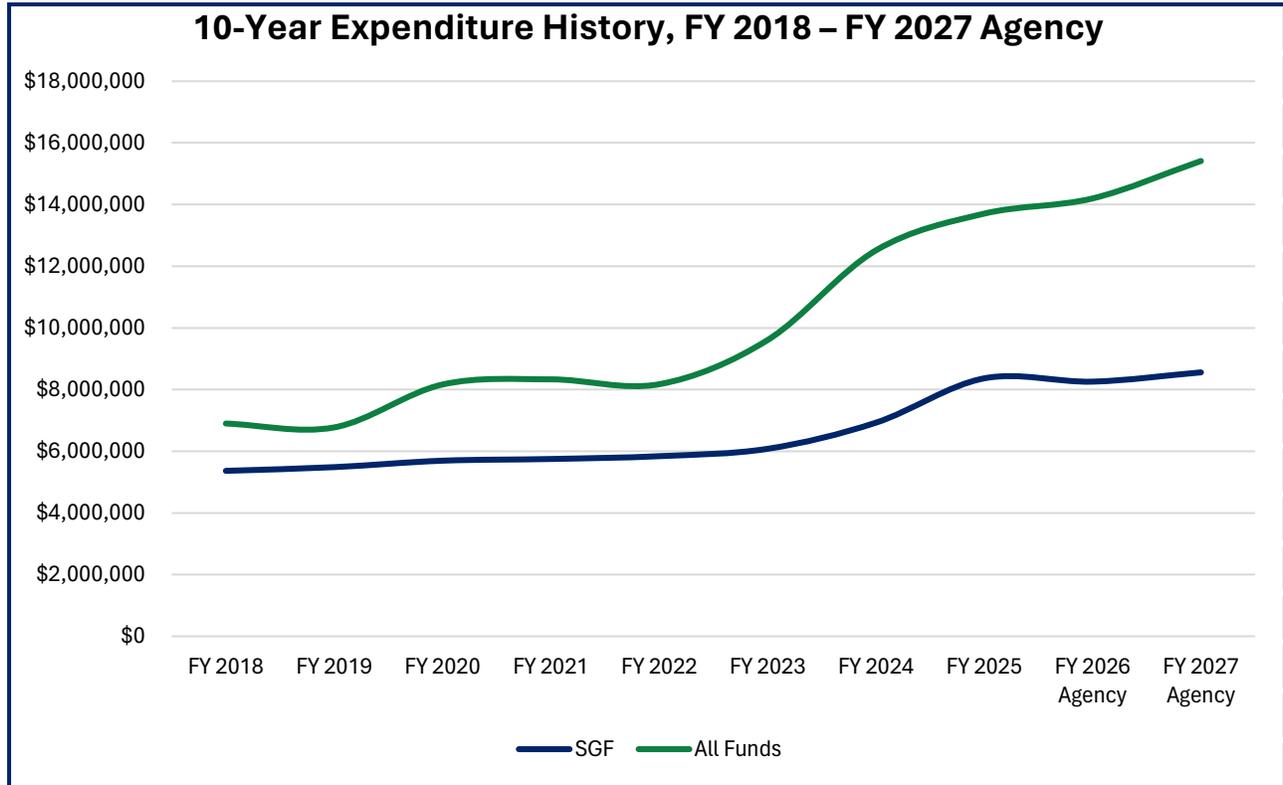
FY 2027

	Item	Amount	Source	Note
NEW	Edlund Dorm/Dining Hall Roof Replacement	\$ 718,750	SIBF	
NEW	Capital Improvement Rehab and Repair Increase	87,272	SIBF	

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Summary of Expenditures



Fiscal Year	SGF		All Funds		FTE	CPI-U* Change (%)
	Amount	Change (%)	Amount	Change (%)		
FY 2018	\$ 5,364,515	(0.7)	\$ 6,901,661	(0.4)	81.50	0.2
FY 2019	5,485,171	2.2	6,776,163	(1.8)	81.50	--
FY 2020	5,693,906	3.8	8,167,230	20.5	81.50	0.8
FY 2021	5,748,918	1.0	8,334,311	2.0	81.50	2.4
FY 2022	5,840,146	1.6	8,176,711	(1.9)	81.50	9.2
FY 2023	6,078,956	4.1	9,607,204	17.5	83.50	5.8
FY 2024	6,926,257	13.9	12,516,025	30.3	89.50	3.0
FY 2025	8,363,172	20.7	13,707,377	9.5	89.50	3.0
FY 2026 Agency	8,255,830	(1.3)	14,200,571	3.6	89.50	2.8
FY 2027 Agency	8,556,259	3.6	15,413,456	8.5	89.50	2.4

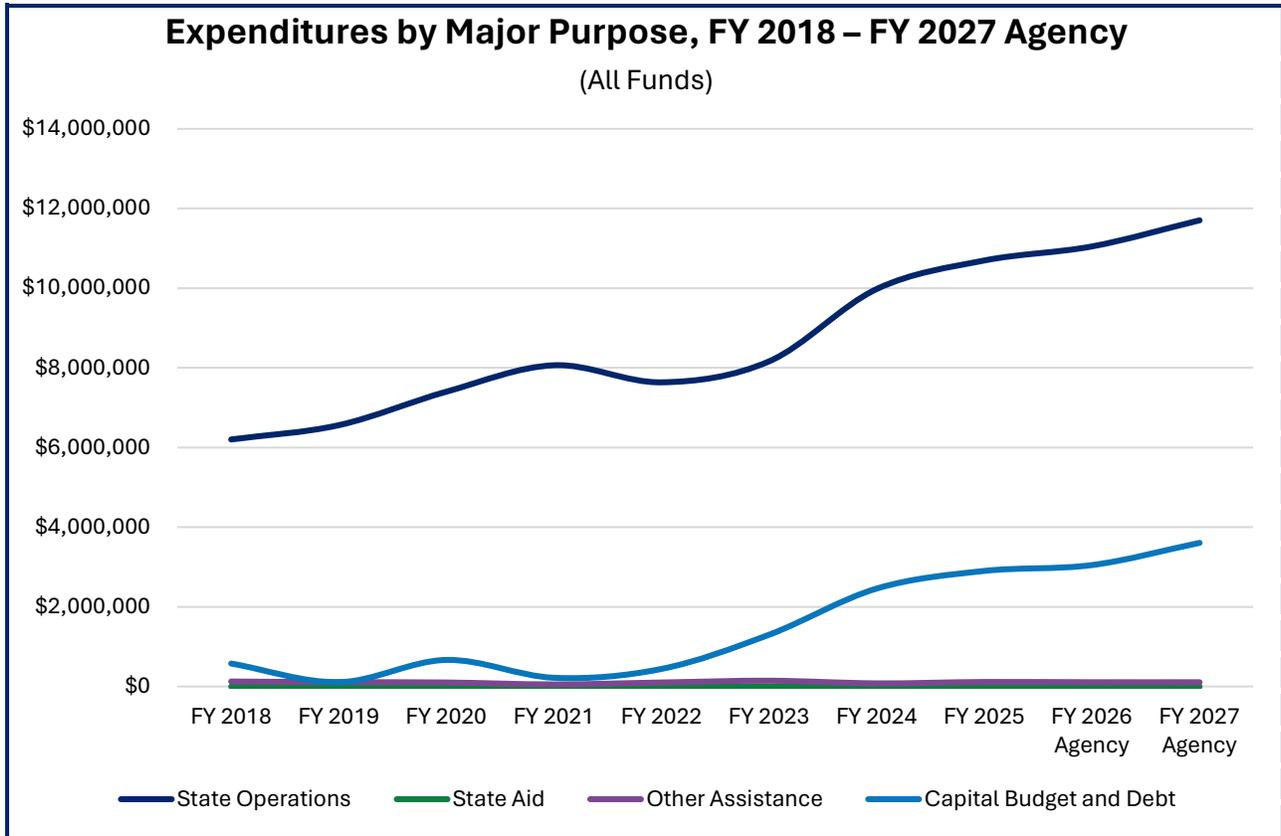
5-Year Change (FY 2023–2027)	\$ 2,477,303	40.8	\$ 5,806,252	60.4	6.00	11.6
10-Year Change (FY 2018–2027)	3,191,744	59.5	8,511,795	123.3	8.00	33.1
3-Year Average** (FY 2023–2025)	7,122,795	N/A	11,943,535	N/A	87.50	N/A

* Note: Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers estimate for FY 2026 and FY 2027 is from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group.

** Note: Reflects the three most recent years of actuals data.

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Expenditures by Category, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency
(All Funds)

	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State Operations						
Salaries and Wages	63.8 %	\$ 6,948,863	\$ 7,661,522	\$ 8,721,186	\$ 9,058,663	\$ 9,364,912
Contractual Services	11.2	1,566,850	1,674,511	1,938,889	1,587,633	1,689,667
Commodities	2.3	289,196	310,013	340,582	323,925	383,190
Capital Outlay	0.5	293,907	348,634	177,370	76,290	263,500
Operating Adjustments	--	-	-	(124,566)	-	-
Subtotal	77.8 %	\$ 9,098,816	\$ 9,994,680	\$ 11,053,461	\$ 11,046,511	\$ 11,701,269
State Aid and Assistance						
Aid to Locals	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assistance	0.7	78,561	112,701	100,000	106,500	106,500
Subtotal	0.7 %	\$ 78,561	\$ 112,701	\$ 100,000	\$ 106,500	\$ 106,500
Capital Budget and Debt						
Capital Improvements	21.5 %	\$ 3,338,648	\$ 3,599,996	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,605,687
Debt Service Principal	--	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	21.5 %	\$ 3,338,648	\$ 3,599,996	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,605,687
Reappropriations	-- %	\$ -				
GRAND TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 12,516,025	\$ 13,707,377	\$ 14,201,021	\$ 14,200,571	\$ 15,413,456

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State Operations

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(State Operations, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Salaries and Wages						
Employee Pay	45.9 %	\$ 5,104,882	\$ 5,755,386	\$ 6,215,862	\$ 6,515,484	\$ 6,651,955
Employee Benefits	17.9	1,843,981	1,906,136	2,594,594	2,543,179	2,712,957
Shrinkage	--	-	-	(89,270)	-	-
Subtotal	63.8 %	\$ 6,948,863	\$ 7,661,522	\$ 8,721,186	\$ 9,058,663	\$ 9,364,912
Contractual Services						
Communication	0.3 %	\$ 43,265	\$ 56,569	\$ 41,650	\$ 45,060	\$ 63,970
Fees (Professional)	0.8	279,410	296,387	280,700	109,000	118,000
Fees (Other Services)	2.3	333,548	334,490	316,350	332,996	347,650
Freight and Express	0.1	5,181	5,551	6,150	5,710	7,300
Printing and Advert.	0.1	3,584	8,107	4,500	13,200	16,200
Rent	0.7	57,455	80,084	71,513	93,960	110,880
Repair and Servicing	2.1	305,754	256,789	276,450	294,100	299,050
Travel and Subsist.	1.8	160,792	222,984	203,650	262,570	288,075
Utilities	1.8	251,336	245,415	251,565	258,465	264,070
Other	1.2	126,525	168,135	486,361	172,572	174,472
Subtotal	11.2 %	\$ 1,566,850	\$ 1,674,511	\$ 1,938,889	\$ 1,587,633	\$ 1,689,667
Commodities						
Clothing	0.1 %	\$ 10,290	\$ 9,132	\$ 14,050	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,500
Constr. Materials	0.1	15,540	11,804	18,800	12,350	13,950
Food	0.7	95,784	93,903	113,100	105,400	113,250
Fuel	--	-	21	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Parts	0.3	50,456	44,600	58,260	48,730	52,275
Supplies (Office)	0.1	26,086	18,557	25,700	17,250	28,870
Supplies (Prof.)	0.5	49,263	75,851	55,875	70,745	89,185
Supplies (Research)	--	-	83	-	-	-
Other	0.4	41,714	56,017	54,697	57,350	71,050
Subtotal	2.3 %	\$ 289,133	\$ 309,968	\$ 340,482	\$ 323,825	\$ 383,080
Capital Outlay						
Books	0.1 %	\$ -	\$ 10,091	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Computer Hardware	0.2	61,020	70,164	45,100	21,500	35,000
Computer Software	0.1	5,907	12,332	17,500	20,000	61,500
Equipment, Furniture	0.1	165,627	224,162	113,770	18,590	132,500
Info. Processing	0.1	45,701	14,898	1,000	11,700	24,000
Telecommunications	0.1	15,652	16,987	-	3,500	5,500
Other	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	0.5 %	\$ 293,907	\$ 348,634	\$ 177,370	\$ 76,290	\$ 263,500
Operating Adjustments	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (124,566)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	77.8 %	\$ 9,098,816	\$ 9,994,680	\$ 11,053,461	\$ 11,046,511	\$ 11,701,269

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Other Assistance

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(Other Assistance, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Other Assistance						
Scholarship Grants	0.7 %	\$ 78,561	\$ 105,201	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
State Special Grants	0.1	-	7,500	-	6,500	6,500
TOTAL	0.7 %	\$ 78,561	\$ 112,701	\$ 100,000	\$ 106,500	\$ 106,500

Capital Budget and Debt

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(Capital Budget and Debt, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Capital Improvements						
Buildings	21.5 %	\$ 2,970,138	\$ 3,545,095	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,605,687
Nonstructural	--	368,510	54,901	-	-	-
Subtotal	21.5 %	\$ 3,338,648	\$ 3,599,996	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,605,687
Debt Service	-- %	- \$				
TOTAL	21.5 %	\$ 3,338,648	\$ 3,599,996	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 3,605,687

Expenditures by Program

Expenditures by Program, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Administration	1.4 %	\$ 188,285	\$ 193,630	\$ 212,558	\$ 204,835	\$ 206,452
COVID-19 Transactions	--	2,774	-	-	-	-
Instructional Services	62.0	6,938,077	7,994,064	8,735,415	8,801,605	9,349,839
Support Services	15.1	2,048,241	2,032,129	2,205,488	2,146,571	2,251,478
Capital Improvements	21.5	3,338,648	3,487,554	3,047,560	3,047,560	3,605,687
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 12,516,025	\$ 13,707,377	\$ 14,201,021	\$ 14,200,571	\$ 15,413,456

FTE Positions by Program, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Administration	1.1 %	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Instructional Services	83.8	72.5	73.5	73.5	75.0	75.0
Support Services	15.1	16.0	15.0	15.0	13.5	13.5
TOTAL	100.0 %	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5

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Expenditures by Fund

Expenditures by Fund, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency							
(Dollars in Thousands)							
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency	
State General Fund	58.1 %	\$ 6,926.3	\$ 8,363.2	\$ 8,255.8	\$ 8,255.8	\$ 8,556.3	
State Institutions Building Fund	21.5	2,728.0	3,487.6	3,047.6	3,047.6	3,605.7	
Fee Funds	15.9	1,412.5	1,197.8	2,188.2	2,260.1	2,544.9	
Federal Funds	3.7	1,296.3	589.0	524.5	521.1	553.3	
All Other Funds	0.8	153.0	69.9	184.9	116.0	153.4	
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 12,516.0	\$ 13,707.4	\$ 14,201.0	\$ 14,200.6	\$ 15,413.5	

Fee Fund Analysis

The General Fee Fund includes several sources of revenue, such as Medicaid reimbursements for services provided to qualifying students, reimbursement for School District Administrative Claims program services, tuition for out-of-state students, Extended School Year fees, reimbursement from respective school districts to cover salaries of instructional assistants who provide one-on-one support services to IEP (individualized education program) students, and other miscellaneous revenue.

General Fee Fund					
FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency					
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency	
Beginning Balance	\$ 388,255	\$ 1,408,922	\$ 2,718,996	\$ 3,010,847	
Revenue					
Educational Fees	\$ 2,247,544	\$ 982,299	\$ 1,029,180	\$ 1,019,180	
Federal Reserve	167,584	1,670,268	1,667,750	1,667,282	
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	-	4,947	5,000	5,000	
Encumbrances	167,469	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Revenue	\$ 2,582,597	\$ 2,657,514	\$ 2,701,930	\$ 2,691,462	
Total Amount Available	\$ 2,970,852	\$ 4,066,436	\$ 5,420,926	\$ 5,702,309	
Expenditures					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 708,946	\$ 877,918	\$ 1,114,115	\$ 1,122,548	
Contractual Services	448,672	182,639	870,882	895,024	
Commodities	130,151	50,932	198,792	267,178	
Capital Outlay	124,161	85,951	76,290	260,150	
Non-Expense	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Subtotal – Expenditures	\$ 1,561,930	\$ 1,347,440	\$ 2,410,079	\$ 2,694,900	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,408,922	\$ 2,718,996	\$ 3,010,847	\$ 3,007,409	

Kansas State School for the Blind Fees, FY 2026				
Fee	Current Fee	Statutory Limit*	Previous Fee	
Out-of-State Student Fee (Day)	\$ 40,000	\$ --	\$ 40,000	
Out-of-State Student Fee (Dorm)	\$ 20,000	\$ --	\$ 20,000	
Student Activity Fee (per student)	\$ 35	\$ --	\$ 35	

* *Note:* By statute, the Kansas State Board of Education sets these fees. There is no limit listed in the statute. The agency also charges a fee for local education agencies (LEAs). This fee is 20 percent of the costs of travel and other costs associated with assisting the LEA. Due to being a percentage of the services provided, the actual fee varies by service.

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FY 2026 Analysis

Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2026						
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, FY 2026						
1. 2025 SB 125	\$ 8,255,830	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 2,897,631	\$ 14,201,021	89.5	
Reappropriations						
No Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--	
Supplemental Requests						
No Supplemental Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--	
Other Changes						
2. Salaries and Wages/Contractual Services Expenditure Switch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--	
3. All Other Adjustments	-	-	(450)	(450)	--	
Subtotal – Other Changes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (450)	\$ (450)	--	
TOTAL	\$ 8,255,830	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 2,897,181	\$ 14,200,571	89.5	

Approved Budget

1. 2025 SB 125

The 2025 Legislature passed, and the Governor enacted, one bill appropriating and adjusting funding for state agencies. Select appropriations for this agency include:

- **1.5 Percent SGF Lapse:** The Legislature approved a 1.5 percent SGF lapse within state operations in FY 2026. For this agency, that was a decrease of \$124,566 SGF.
- **New Campus Gas Service Line:** The Legislature approved an enhancement request of \$270,000 from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF) in FY 2026 to replace a gas line on campus.
- **Abate Hazardous Material:** The Legislature approved an enhancement request of \$180,000 SIBF in FY 2026 to continue abating asbestos in utility tunnels.

Other Changes

2. Salaries and Wages/Contractual Services Expenditure Switch

The agency’s revised estimate includes a decrease in contractual services and an increase in salaries and wages in FY 2026. This is a cost-neutral switch that will have no impact on total expenditures. The agency indicates it has hired a speech-language pathologist and a nurse as regular unclassified employees and decreased their contractual services accordingly.

3. All Other Adjustments

The agency’s revised estimate includes a decrease of \$450, all in federal funding, in FY 2026. This is mainly due to a decrease in the agency’s federal special education funding, which is mostly offset by increases in other federal funding.

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Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2027						
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, FY 2026						
2025 SB 125	\$ 8,255,830	\$ 3,047,560	\$ 2,897,631	\$ 14,201,021	89.5	
1. One-Time Adjustments	-	(450,000)	-	(450,000)	--	
Subtotal – Approved with Adjustments	\$ 8,255,830	\$ 2,597,560	\$ 2,897,631	\$ 13,751,021	89.5	
Enhancement Requests						
2. Edlund Dorm/Dining Hall Roof Replacement	\$ -	\$ 718,750	\$ -	\$ 718,750	--	
3. Capital Improvements R&R Base Increase	-	87,272	-	87,272	--	
Subtotal – Enhancements	\$ -	\$ 806,022	\$ -	\$ 806,022	--	
Other Changes						
4. Salaries and Wages Increase	\$ 300,429	\$ -	\$ 111,139	\$ 411,568	--	
5. Purchase New Car	-	-	100,000	100,000	--	
6. Capital Improvements Increase	-	202,105	-	202,105	--	
7. All Other Adjustments	-	-	142,740	142,740	--	
Subtotal – Other Changes	\$ 300,429	\$ 202,105	\$ 353,879	\$ 856,413	--	
TOTAL	\$ 8,556,259	\$ 3,605,687	\$ 3,251,510	\$ 15,413,456	89.5	

Approved Budget

1. One-Time Adjustments

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 two capital improvement projects that will be completed in FY 2026: the replacement of a gas line on campus and abatement of asbestos in utility tunnels on campus.

Enhancement Requests

2. Edlund Dorm/Dining Hall Roof Replacement

The agency's request includes \$718,750, all from the SIBF, to replace the roof of the Edlund dormitory and adjacent dining hall buildings for FY 2027. The agency states that the roofs are 30 years old and are suffering leaks and related damage.

3. Capital Improvements R&R Base Increase

The agency's request includes an additional \$87,272, all from the SIBF, for capital improvement rehab and repair for FY 2027. This would bring the amount from \$872,718 SIBF to \$959,990 SIBF. The agency indicates that this is to account for inflation within capital improvement projects.

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Other Changes

4. Salaries and Wages Increase

The agency's request includes an additional \$441,568, including \$300,429 SGF, for an increase in salaries and wages for FY 2027. This would bring the total amount for salaries and wages from \$8.7 million to \$9.4 million. The majority of this increase is due to the updated teacher salary schedule for USD 233 (Olathe Public Schools) for school year 2025-2026. Per [KSA 76-11a16](#), each person employed by the agency as a teacher or licensed personnel during a school year must be paid at least as much as a teacher or licensed staff with a similar education and experience who works for USD 233, based on USD 233's pay rates from the previous year.

5. Purchase New Car

The agency's request includes \$100,000, all from fee funds, to purchase a car in FY 2027. The agency currently has 11 cars in their fleet and anticipates that one of these cars will have over 100,000 miles in FY 2027. Additionally, the agency said there are plans to purchase another wheelchair-accessible car to help convey students to appointments and extracurricular activities due to an increase in students in wheelchairs enrolling at the school.

6. Capital Improvements Increase

Absent the capital improvement enhancement requests for FY 2027, the agency's request includes an increase of \$202,105, all from SIBF, for the three standard maintenance and rehabilitation areas for FY 2027. These include the safety and security systems on campus, HVAC system maintenance and repair, and the general rehab and repair on campus. The majority of the increase is for general rehab and repair (\$96,392), for additional window replacement in the main school building and for the HVAC systems maintenance and repair (\$61,850).

7. All Other Adjustments

The agency's request includes an additional \$142,740 all funds for FY 2027. This is mainly due to increases in contractual services and capital outlay. Contractual services increases include building space rental (\$25,000) and the rental of passenger cars in-state (\$69,850), and capital outlay increases include information processing equipment and software (\$68,000).