

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

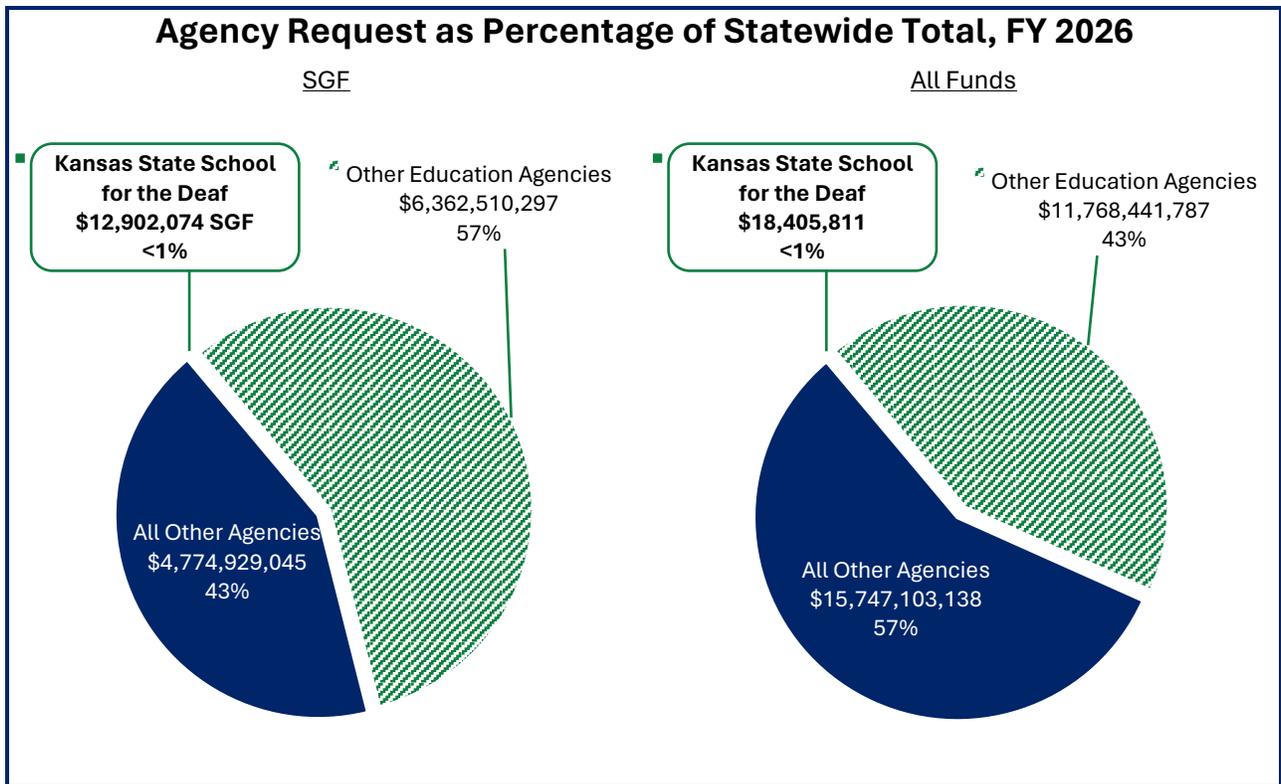
Budget Summary – Agency Request

Executive Summary

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.

Expenditures by Fiscal Year and Version				
	SGF	All Funds	Note	
FY 2024 Actual	\$ 11,030,475	\$ 16,471,506	Actual expenditures	
FY 2025 Actual	12,111,850	16,047,979	Actual expenditures	
FY 2026 Approved	12,578,862	17,971,508	2025 SB 125	
FY 2026 Agency	12,902,074	18,405,811	Revised estimate, submitted September 2025	
FY 2027 Agency	13,771,084	21,138,385	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** (↔), **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

Item	Amount	Source	Note
↔ SGF Reappropriation	\$ 1,150	SGF	Includes agency lapses.
NEW Restore SGF 1.5 Percent Lapse – LAP	94,880	SGF	
NEW Additional School Days & Pay Increase	228,350	SGF	See footnote 1

FY 2027

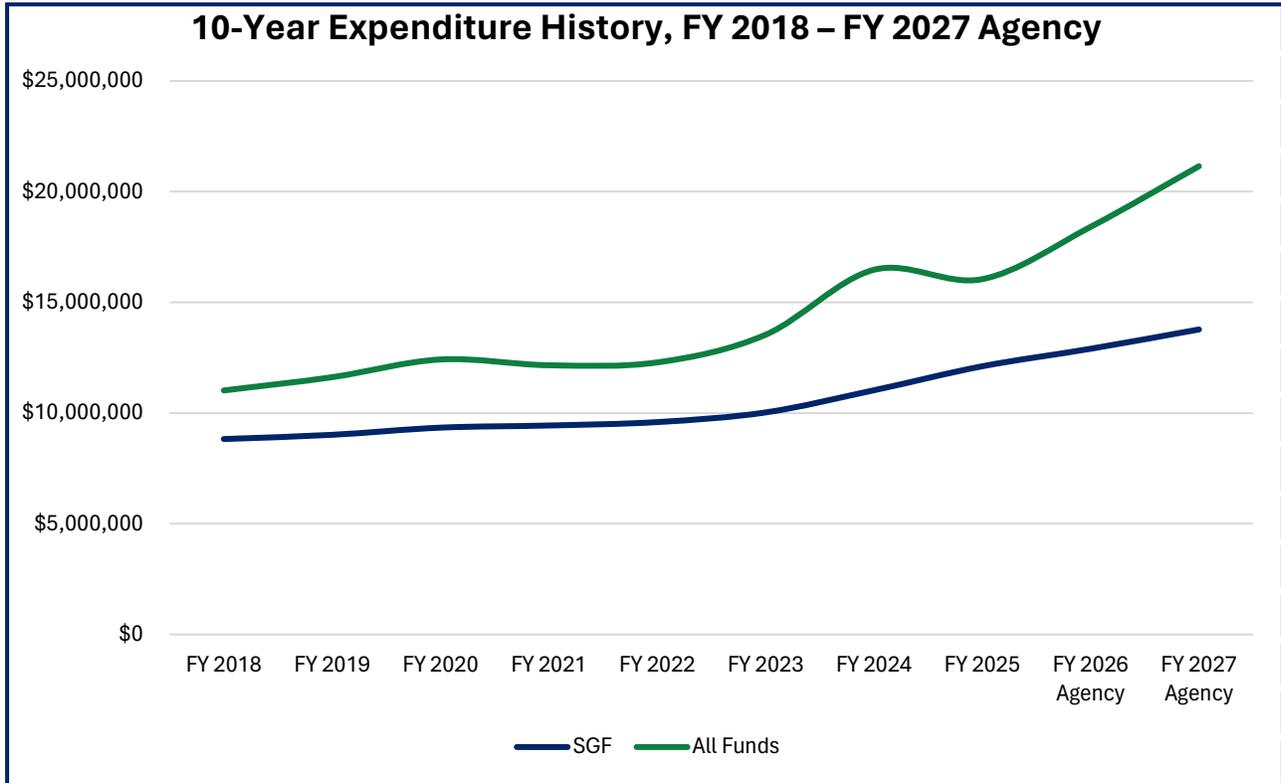
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NEW ASL Proficiency Incentives & Contracts	143,350	SGF	
NEW Demolition of Powerhouse Structure	1,800,000	SIBF	
NEW Emery Elementary/Dorm Remodel	1,200,000	SIBF	
NEW Capital Improvement R&R Base Increase	129,571	SIBF	

¹ Note: After the agency submitted their budget, there was a change in this request, due to continued contract negotiations. The agency increased the request to a total of **\$430,900 SGF** in FY 2026 and **\$490,272 SGF** for FY 2027. This would cover both the additional 6 days of instruction and an increase of \$375,000 SGF, or \$6,000 per teacher in salary for the school year in FY 2026 and an additional 2.5 percent salary increase for the entire salary schedule as well as the 6 additional days of instructions and the \$6,000 per teacher increase for FY 2027.

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Summary of Expenditures



Fiscal Year	SGF		All Funds		FTE	CPI-U*
	Amount	Change (%)	Amount	Change (%)		
FY 2018	\$ 8,831,268	0.2	\$ 11,029,147	3.7	143.50	0.2
FY 2019	9,021,541	2.2	11,627,509	5.4	143.50	--
FY 2020	9,344,986	3.6	12,426,078	6.9	143.50	0.8
FY 2021	9,441,333	1.0	12,164,998	(2.1)	143.50	2.4
FY 2022	9,595,194	1.6	12,293,662	1.1	143.50	9.2
FY 2023	10,030,457	4.5	13,540,483	10.1	145.40	5.8
FY 2024	11,030,475	10.0	16,471,506	21.6	145.40	3.0
FY 2025	12,111,850	9.8	16,047,979	(2.6)	140.65	3.0
FY 2026 Agency	12,902,074	6.5	18,405,811	14.7	140.55	2.8
FY 2027 Agency	13,771,084	6.7	21,138,385	14.8	140.55	2.4

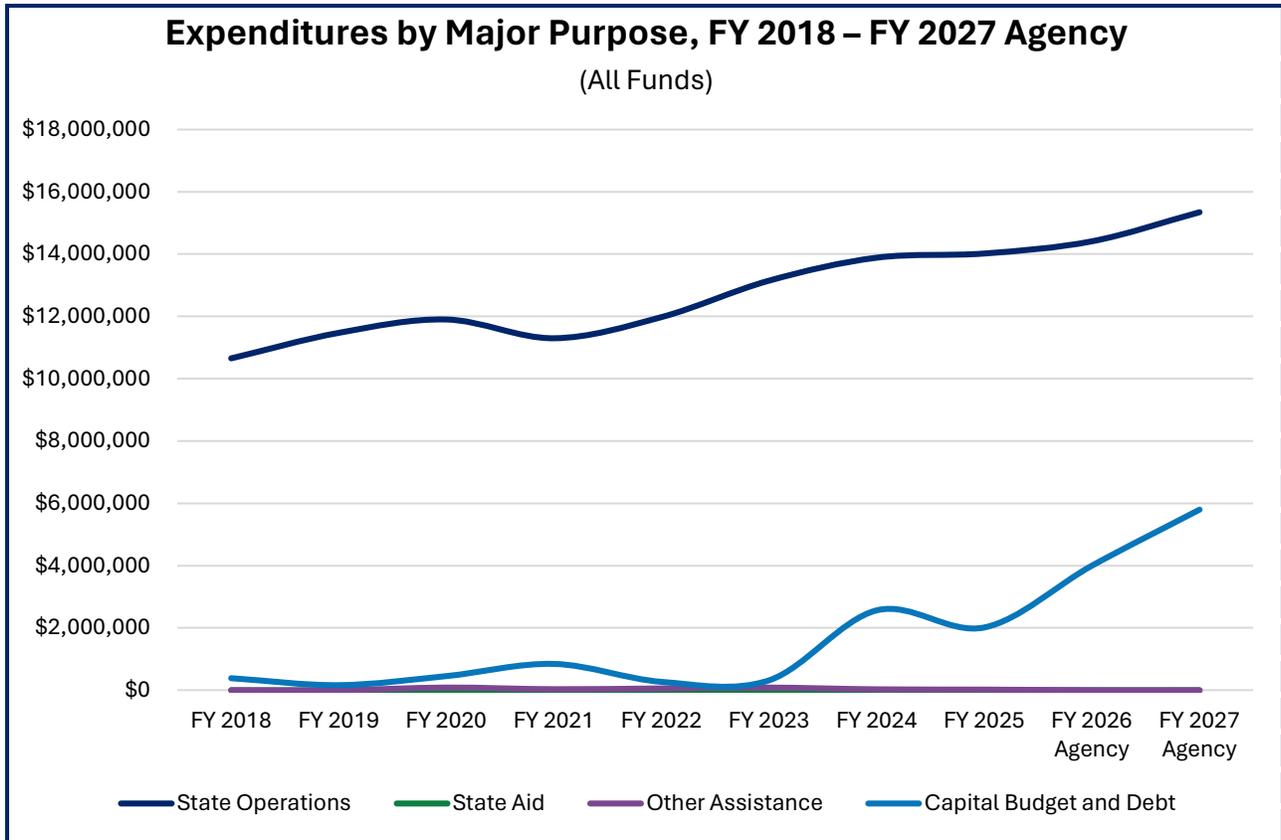
5-Year Change (FY 2023–2027)	\$ 3,740,627	37.3	\$ 7,597,902	56.1	(4.85)	11.6
10-Year Change (FY 2018–2027)	4,939,816	55.9	10,109,238	91.7	(2.95)	33.1
3-Year Average** (FY 2023–2025)	11,057,594	N/A	15,353,323	N/A	143.82	N/A

* Note : Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers estimate for FY 2026–2027 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	66.4 %	\$ 10,392,039	\$ 9,895,953	\$ 11,955,108	\$ 12,221,299	\$ 12,832,587
Contractual Services	9.0	1,516,289	1,492,258	1,716,490	1,663,085	1,842,638
Commodities	2.2	398,418	437,960	407,498	411,500	439,710
Capital Outlay	0.6	257,183	754,307	85,186	114,109	229,639
Operating Adjustments	--	-	-	(189,760)	-	-
Subtotal	78.3 %	\$ 12,563,929	\$ 12,580,478	\$ 13,974,522	\$ 14,409,993	\$ 15,344,574
State Aid and Assistance						
Aid to Locals	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assistance	--	27,048	19,020	-	-	-
Subtotal	-- %	\$ 27,048	\$ 19,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Budget and Debt						
Capital Improvements	21.7 %	\$ 3,880,529	\$ 3,448,481	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 5,793,811
Debt Service Principal	--	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	21.7 %	\$ 3,880,529	\$ 3,448,481	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 5,793,811
Reappropriations	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 16,471,506	\$ 16,047,979	\$ 17,971,490	\$ 18,405,811	\$ 21,138,385

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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	51.7 %	\$ 7,625,795	\$ 6,966,272	\$ 9,820,967	\$ 9,523,205	\$ 10,187,946
Employee Benefits	18.8	2,766,244	2,929,681	3,880,943	3,457,663	3,555,104
Shrinkage	(4.1)	-	-	(1,746,802)	(759,569)	(910,463)
Subtotal	66.4 %	\$ 10,392,039	\$ 9,895,953	\$ 11,955,108	\$ 12,221,299	\$ 12,832,587
Contractual Services						
Communication	0.2 %	\$ 53,410	\$ 52,495	\$ 35,561	\$ 37,008	\$ 36,710
Fees (Professional)	2.0	296,148	273,999	342,503	369,380	470,380
Fees (Other Services)	1.2	239,893	143,990	234,650	213,227	211,367
Freight and Express	0.1	5,469	5,295	5,379	6,034	5,970
Printing and Advertising	0.1	12,876	8,166	10,700	10,900	11,500
Rent and Leases	0.2	25,560	74,820	45,408	45,535	52,235
Repair and Servicing	1.3	255,504	255,348	320,400	248,284	258,613
Travel and Subsistence	1.5	139,850	213,997	183,177	280,685	289,241
Utilities	2.0	436,925	397,036	355,324	365,000	421,000
Other	0.5	50,654	67,112	183,388	87,032	85,622
Subtotal	9.0 %	\$ 1,516,289	\$ 1,492,258	\$ 1,716,490	\$ 1,663,085	\$ 1,842,638
Commodities						
Clothing	0.1 %	\$ 14,958	\$ 8,216	\$ 4,075	\$ 4,075	\$ 5,775
Equipment and Parts	0.4	64,361	75,761	76,537	75,480	79,880
Food	1.1	176,889	167,628	195,350	193,850	193,800
Fuel	0.1	21	22	-	30	30
Motor Vehicle Parts	0.1	18,670	28,650	20,129	20,800	30,600
Supplies (Office)	0.1	31,611	37,786	19,390	20,975	24,065
Supplies (Professional)	0.2	36,712	62,746	37,030	41,130	49,350
Supplies (Research)	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	0.3	55,196	57,151	54,987	55,160	56,210
Subtotal	2.2 %	\$ 398,418	\$ 437,960	\$ 407,498	\$ 411,500	\$ 439,710
Capital Outlay						
Books	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer Hardware	0.4	75,471	85,821	19,100	69,286	108,000
Computer Software	--	19,079	20,622	23,750	-	45,139
Equipment, Furniture	0.2	62,679	646,581	40,636	44,823	71,500
Information Processing	--	98,531	1,159	200	-	5,000
Telecommunications	--	1,423	124	1,500	-	-
Other	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	0.6 %	\$ 257,183	\$ 754,307	\$ 85,186	\$ 114,109	\$ 229,639
Operating Adjustments	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (189,760)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	78.3 %	\$ 12,563,929	\$ 12,580,478	\$ 13,974,522	\$ 14,409,993	\$ 15,344,574

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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						
Claims	-- % \$	- \$	13,595 \$	- \$	- \$	-
Scholarship Grants	--	-	499	-	-	-
State Aid Payments	--	-	(73)	-	-	-
State Special Grants	--	27,048	4,999	-	-	-
TOTAL	-- % \$	27,048 \$	19,020 \$	- \$	- \$	-

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	21.7 % \$	3,780,529 \$	2,760,522 \$	3,995,818 \$	3,995,818 \$	3,993,811
Nonstructural	--	100,000	687,959	-	-	1,800,000
Subtotal	21.7 % \$	3,880,529 \$	3,448,481 \$	3,995,818 \$	3,995,818 \$	5,793,811
Debt Service	-- % \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
TOTAL	21.7 % \$	3,880,529 \$	3,448,481 \$	3,995,818 \$	3,995,818 \$	5,793,811

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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 %	\$ 341,557	\$ 376,480	\$ 233,316	\$ 256,427	\$ 268,109
Instructional Services	59.0	9,344,559	8,980,828	10,301,426	10,859,942	11,663,130
Support Services	17.9	2,904,861	3,242,190	3,439,780	3,293,624	3,413,335
Capital Improvements	21.7	3,880,529	3,448,481	3,995,818	3,995,818	5,793,811
Reappropriations	--	-	-	1,150	-	-
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 16,471,506	\$ 16,047,979	\$ 17,971,490	\$ 18,405,811	\$ 21,138,385

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	0.7 %	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Instructional Services	81.5	108.4	104.2	104.2	114.6	114.6
Support Services	17.8	33.8	35.5	35.5	25.0	25.0
Capital Improvements	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	100.0 %	145.4	140.7	140.7	140.6	140.6

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Expenditures by Fund

Expenditures by Fund, 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
State General Fund	70.1 %	\$ 11,030,475	\$ 12,111,850	\$ 12,578,844	\$ 12,902,074	\$ 13,771,084
SIBF	21.7	2,769,388	3,449,606	3,995,818	3,995,818	5,793,811
General Fee Fund	1.0	560,643	26,712	748,841	183,377	466,078
Other Fee Funds	1.5	30,305	120,944	156,633	272,449	280,596
Federal Funds	2.3	1,927,127	336,530	268,702	419,068	330,246
All Other Funds	3.4	153,568	2,337	222,652	633,025	496,570
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 16,471,506	\$ 16,047,979	\$ 17,971,490	\$ 18,405,811	\$ 21,138,385

Fee Fund Analysis

The General Fee Fund revenue includes several sources of revenue, including reimbursements from unified school districts (USDs) for paraprofessionals, tuition from out-of-state students, weekend student supervision fees, and rent from the Helen Keller National Center and other campus facilities. Funds fluctuate based on the number of students who qualify for paraprofessional assistance.

General Fee Fund				
FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency				
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Beginning Balance	\$ 845,830	\$ 745,171	\$ 1,313,865	\$ 1,715,893
Revenue				
Gifts and Donations	\$ -	\$ 92,075	\$ 92,000	\$ -
Recovery of Current FY Expenditures	448,143	499,187	488,000	594,595
Reimbursement from Other State Agencies	864	73	-	-
Federal Funds Transfer	1,687	4,071	5,405	5,405
Encumbrances	9,290	-	-	-
Subtotal – Revenue	\$ 459,984	\$ 595,406	\$ 585,405	\$ 600,000
Total Amount Available	\$ 1,305,814	\$ 1,340,577	\$ 1,899,270	\$ 2,315,893
Expenditures				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 208,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Contractual Services	292,213	26,696	168,745	116,249
Commodities	40,059	16	14,632	93,600
Capital Outlay	19,821	-	-	156,229
Subtotal – Expenditures	\$ 560,643	\$ 26,712	\$ 183,377	\$ 466,078
Ending Balance	\$ 745,171	\$ 1,313,865	\$ 1,715,893	\$ 1,849,815

Kansas State School for the Deaf 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
Extended School Year	750	-	750
Student Enrollment Fee	37	-	37
Lost ID Badge	25	-	25
Language Assessment Program (per district)	2,000	-	2,000

* 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 Position
Approved, FY 2026					
1. 2025 SB 125, without Reappropriations	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,970,340	140.7
Reappropriations					
2. State General Fund	\$ 1,168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,168	--
3. SGF Reappropriations 1.5 Percent Lapse	(18)	-	-	(18)	--
Subtotal – Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 12,578,844	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,971,490	140.7
Supplemental Requests					
4. Restore 1.5 Percent SGF Lapse – LAP	\$ 94,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,880	--
5. Additional School Days & Pay Increase	228,350	-	-	228,350	--
Subtotal – Supplementals	\$ 323,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,230	--
Other Changes					
6. All Other Adjustments	-	-	111,091	111,091	(0.1)
TOTAL – Agency Revised Estimate	\$ 12,902,074	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,507,919	\$ 18,405,811	140.6

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:

- **Classroom Resource Teachers:** The Legislature approved creating the Classroom Resource Teacher Fund and added \$300,000 SGF, which is the full amount in the fund, in FY 2026. This funding is for three additional classroom resource teachers for the school. This funding is considered on-going, not one-time funding.
- **Capital Improvements:** The Legislature approved enhancements requests for capital improvements of \$710,00 from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF) in FY 2026. These enhancements include replacing a roof on the Taylor Gym (\$350,000 SIBF), repairing utility service tunnels (\$200,000 SIBF), abating hazardous material (\$90,000 SIBF), and installing a new campus gas service line (\$70,000 SIBF).
- **SGF 1.5 Percent Lapse²:** The Legislature approved a 1.5 percent SGF lapse within state operations in FY 2026. For this agency, that was a decrease of \$189,760 SGF. This funding was lapsed from two funds: the Operating Expenditures Fund (\$94,880 SGF) and the Language Assessment Program Fund (\$94,880 SGF).

Reappropriations

2. SGF Reappropriation

The agency reappropriated \$1,168 in unspent SGF funds from FY 2025 to FY 2026, all in the Operating Expenditures Fund. The agency indicates that this funding will be used for state operations in FY 2026.

² [2025 SB 125](#), Sec. 159. The approved budget lapse was certified in May 2025.

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3. SGF Reappropriations 1.5 Percent Lapse

The 2025 Legislature provided that the SGF reappropriated from FY 2025 to FY 2026 was subject to the 1.5 percent lapse, with various exceptions. The 1.5 percent reduction applies to KSSD. Therefore, of the \$1,168 SGF reappropriated from FY 2025 to FY 2026, \$18 is lapsed.

Supplemental Requests

4. Restore 1.5 Percent SGF Lapse – LAP

The agency's revised request includes a supplemental request of \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures in FY 2026. This is half of the amount that was lapsed as required by 2025 SB 125.

[KSA 75-5397e](#) established the LAP to assess, monitor, and track the language developmental milestones of children who are D/HH from birth through age 8. The agency indicates that the reduction in funding directly impacts children's academic readiness and long-term success. Restoration of the funding would allow the agency to continue providing statewide assessments, training, and access to both ASL and English assistance.

5. Additional School Days and Pay Increase

The agency's revised request includes a supplemental request of \$228,350 SGF for teacher and support staff salaries and wages for an additional six days of instruction during the 2025-2026 school year. This would increase the total number of school days from 181 to 187, which is the same number of school days as USD 233 (Olathe Public Schools). This includes funding for the following:

- Licensed Teachers (\$172,450 SGF);
- Paraprofessionals and Dorm Teachers (\$28,200 SGF);
- Kitchen Staff (\$8,800 SGF);
- Nursing Staff (\$5,400); and
- Long-Term Substitutes, Language Facilitators, and Job Coach (\$13,500 SGF).

The agency indicates that it would need this funding for all staff to keep the school open for an additional six days during the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff Note: After the agency submitted its budget, there was a change in this request, due to continued contract negotiations. The agency increased the request to a total of **\$430,900 SGF** in FY 2026. This would cover both the additional six days of instruction and an increase of \$375,000 SGF, or \$6,000 per teacher, in salaries for the school year. This increase in salary is above the traditional pay parity amount (\$281,056 SGF), which is already included in the agency's base budget.

Other Changes

6. All Other Adjustments

The agency's revised request includes a net increase of \$111,091 all funds for all other adjustments. The agency anticipates increases in private donations and gifts (\$445,995) and in fees collected from school districts to conduct language assessments for deaf students ages 3–8 (108,329), which is offset by a decrease in expenditures from the General Fee Fund to cover these services. The decrease of 0.1 FTE position is due to normal fluctuations of staffing at the school and will return to the 140.7 FTE positions in FY 2027.

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FY 2027 Analysis

Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2027					
	SGF	SIBF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
Approved, FY 2026					
2025 SB 125, without Reappropriations	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,995,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,970,340	140.7
1. One-Time Adjustments	-	(710,000)	-	(710,000)	--
Subtotal – Approved with Adjustments	\$ 12,577,694	\$ 3,285,818	\$ 1,396,828	\$ 17,260,340	140.7
Enhancement Requests					
2. Restore 1.5 Percent SGF Lapse – LAP	\$ 94,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,880	--
3. Additional School Days & Pay Increase	228,350	-	-	228,350	--
4. ASL Proficiency Incentives & Contracts	143,350	-	-	143,350	--
5. Demolition of Powerhouse Structure	-	1,800,000	-	1,800,000	--
6. Emery Elementary/Dorm Remodel	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	--
7. Capital Improvements R&R Base Increase	-	129,571	-	129,571	--
Subtotal – Enhancements	\$ 466,580	\$ 3,129,571	\$ -	\$ 3,596,151	--
Other Changes					
8. Capital Improvements Change	\$ -	\$ (621,578)	\$ -	\$ (621,578)	--
9. Computer Resources	210,089	-	-	210,089	--
10. Contractual Services	177,526	-	-	177,526	--
11. Salaries and Wages	122,664	-	177,995	300,659	--
12. All Other Adjustments	216,531	-	(1,333)	215,198	--
Subtotal – Other Changes	\$ 726,810	\$ (621,578)	\$ 176,662	\$ 281,894	--
TOTAL – Agency Request	\$ 13,771,084	\$ 5,793,811	\$ 1,573,490	\$ 21,138,385	140.7

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 four capital improvement projects that will be completed in FY 2026: the replacement of the Taylor Gym roof, repair to utility service tunnels, abatement of asbestos, and the installment of a new campus gas service line. All of the funding for these projects is from the SIBF.

Enhancement Requests

2. Restore 1.5 Percent SGF Lapse – LAP

The agency’s revised request includes a supplemental request of \$94,880 SGF to restore the Language Assessment Program (LAP) portion of the 1.5 percent SGF lapse within operating expenditures for FY 2027. This is the same amount that is being requested in FY 2026.

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- Licensed Teachers (\$174,805 SGF);
- Paraprofessionals and Dorm Teachers (\$28,200 SGF);
- Kitchen Staff (\$8,800 SGF);
- Nursing Staff (\$5,400); and
- Long-term Substitutes, Language Facilitators, and Job Coach (\$13,500 SGF).

The agency indicates that it would need the funding for all staff in order to keep the school open for the additional six days during the 2026-2027 school year. This funding is the same amount as requested in FY 2026.

Staff Note: After the agency submitted its budget, there was a change in this request, due to continued contract negotiations. The agency increased the request to a total of **\$490,272 SGF** for FY 2027.

The agency indicates that their request for FY 2027 is for a total of \$560,468 SGF. That amount would cover both the additional six days of instruction, an increase of \$375,000 SGF, or \$6,000 per teacher, in salaries for the school year, and a 2.5 percent increase for the entire salary schedule.

As in FY 2026, this increase in salary is above the traditional pay parity amount, which is already included in the agency's base budget. Usually, there is a placeholder amount put in until the contract is finalized for the USD 233 amount, then the amount is adjusted accordingly. The placeholder amount for FY 2027 was \$295,000 SGF. The agency indicates that the actual amount needed for the traditional pay parity of 181 days is \$224,804 SGF for FY 2027, or a decrease of \$70,196. That decrease is factored into the total amount requested (in bold) above.

4. ASL Proficiency Incentives and Contracts

The agency's request includes \$143,350 SGF for FY 2027 to support ASL proficiency pay stipends and supplemental pay for staff who take on additional responsibilities outside the classroom. This request includes funding as follows:

- ASL Proficiency Incentives / Supplemental Contracts (\$93,750 SGF);
- Extended School Year Supplemental Contracts (\$40,900 SGF); and
- Summer Curriculum Planning Workshop Supplemental Contract (\$8,700 SGF).

5. Demolition of Powerhouse Structure

The agency's request includes \$1.8 million, all from the SIBF, to demolish a powerhouse structure on the school's campus for FY 2027. The agency indicates this is the last stage of the capital improvements project to decommission all electrical, steam, and related utilities from this building. The removal of this building will allow for alignment of an entrance to the school and more on-campus parking, and eliminate ongoing maintenance, security, and liability expenses related to the structure.

6. Emery Elementary/Dorm Remodel

The agency's request includes \$1.2 million, all from the SIBF, for the Emery Elementary/Dorm remodel for FY 2027. This includes \$600,000 SIBF to remodel the atrium within the building and

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\$600,000 SIBF for the first of two phases to replace the roof of the dorm/elementary school. The agency indicates that the full roof replacement will take \$900,000 SIBF. It is scheduled to take place over the summer of 2027, so the request has been broken up over the two fiscal years (FY 2027 and FY 2028).

7. Capital Improvements R&R Base Increase

The agency's request includes an additional \$129,571, all from the SIBF, for capital improvement rehab and repair for FY 2027. This would bring the amount from \$1,073,326 SIBF to \$1,202,897 SIBF. The agency indicates this is to account for inflation within capital improvement projects.

Other Changes

8. Capital Improvements Changes

Absent the capital improvements enhancement requests for FY 2027, the agency's request includes a decrease of \$621,578, all from the 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 decrease is in the HVAC systems maintenance program (\$568,500 SIBF), due to the decommissioning of the centralized steam-heating system. There is also a decrease in general rehab and repair (\$92,815 SIBF), which is offset by an increase in the safety and security systems of \$39,736 SIBF.

9. Computer Resources

The agency's request includes an increase of \$210,089 SGF for computer resources for FY 2027. Most of the increase is for computer hardware and support equipment (\$188,900). This includes replacement of equipment due to end-of-lifecycle for some equipment and to add smartboards in the classrooms. A smartboard costs between \$1,000 to \$2,000 each.

10. Contractual Services

The agency's request includes an additional \$177,526 SGF for contractual services for FY 2027. The majority of the increases are in professional services, including additional funding for consultations with attorneys and lawyers (\$38,747), architects and engineers (\$38,000), and other professional services (\$33,420). Also increasing are utilities (\$65,675) and equipment repair and service (\$42,281). These increases are offset by a decrease in other contractual services of \$97,766 SGF.

11. Salaries and Wages

The agency's request includes an additional \$300,659, including \$122,664 SGF, in salaries and wages for FY 2027. This is mainly due to anticipated step changes for teachers for FY 2027. Outside of the SGF, most of the funding increase will come from the Language Assessment Fee Fund.

12. All Other Adjustments

The agency's request also includes \$215,198, including \$216,531 SGF, for all other adjustments. This includes increases in tuition for employee and students (\$55,000) and shop and plant maintenance equipment (\$50,000).