

Blue Valley Schools

Board of Education

Legislative Update

May 10, 2021


REIMAGINING *learning* | CHANGING *the world*

Legislative Calendar

- **May 3, 2021**
 - Veto Session Started
- **May 8, 2021**
 - Adjourned
- **May 26, 2021**
 - Sine Die



BOE Adopted Priority Positions

- Fund Special Education at Statutory Amounts & Expand Definition of At-Risk
 - Enhance Student Mental Health
 - Eliminate Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private Schools
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School Funding Bill

- [HB 2134](#)
 - Bipartison Effort
 - Passed the Senate 35-4
 - Passed the House 107-9
 - Sent to the Governor

School Funding Bill

- [HB 2134](#)
 - Governor's recommended (constitutional) funding in 2021, 2022, 2023
 - [SB 32](#) - Dual enrollment
 - [HB 2068](#), Tax Credit Scholarship, includes free & reduced lunch eligible, grades K-8
 - [SB 93](#)/HB 2067 - Budget certification providing districts have needed funding to educate students
 - [SB 173](#) - High-density at-risk; adds "dyslexia and dyslexia characteristics"
 - [SB 51](#) - Foster care education report card
 - [SB 63](#) - ACT, Work keys assessments for accredited private and home schools

School Funding Bill

HB 2134

- Remote learning language:
 - Allow remote learning for 40 hours, as determined by local board
 - In a state of disaster, districts may apply to KSDE for a waiver allowing up to 240 hours remote
 - If remote learning goes beyond 240 hours, the student will be funded at the virtual student rate of \$5,000
- KSDE discretionary ESSER funding to be used as follows:
 - \$5M - school safety grants
 - \$3.9M - Mental health pilot
 - \$100,000 - Communities in Schools
 - \$80,000 - Grant to Center for Reading Development and Support at Pittsburg State, to develop higher ed training curricula
 - Recommending additional school employee compensation of up to \$500, not limited to teachers, for those working in the 20-21 and 21-22 school years (not mandatory)

School Funding Bill

HB 2313

- Statewide School Finance tax levy
 - Re-authorize the 20-mill property tax levy for 2021-22 & 2022-23
- Other tax items not necessarily related to schools
- Passed the Senate 35-0
- Passed the House 108-3
- Sent to Governor

Civics Test, Financial Literacy

HB 2039

- Requires students beginning in the 2022-2023 school year to pass a civics test comprised of 60 questions from the naturalization test as a condition of graduation
- Requires students beginning in the 2024-2025 school year to pass a financial literacy course as a condition of graduation
- Passed the Senate 25-13 and the House 72-51; Sent to the governor
- Governor Vetoed
- Senate overrode the veto
- House did not act so the **veto was sustained**

Conceal Carry

- [HB 2058](#)
 - Lower the conceal carry license age to 18
 - Reciprocity with out of state conceal carry licenses
 - Passed House 80-43
 - Passed Senate 30-8
 - Governor Vetoed
 - Senate Override veto 31-8 and House Override veto 84-39
 - Veto was not sustained and HB 2058 will become law

Guns are not allowed in K-12 buildings per Kansas state statute.

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During each legislative session, updates are made to this page and include information regarding the latest legislative discussions taking place in Topeka. Contact information for Johnson County Legislators is available on the Legislative Officials link. We encourage you to review the Blue Valley School District's Legislative Positions as well. Thank you for your interest in learning more about issues facing the Blue Valley School District during the legislative session.

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