Legislative Calendar

- **February 1, 2023**
  - Johnson County Delegation Lunch in Topeka with 6 JoCo Schools

- **February 24, 2023**
  - Last day for non-exempt bills in house of origin.

- **March 23, 2023**
  - Last day for non-exempt bills in either chamber.

- **April 6, 2023**
  - Final conference committee reports. Legislature adjourns.

- **April 7-25, 2023**
  - Legislative break.

- **April 26, 2023**
  - Veto Session Begins
BOE Adopted Priority Positions

- Fund Special Education at Statutory Amounts
- Apply At-Risk Funding to Defined Student Measures
- Increase or Modify Cost of Living Authority (COLA)
- Enhance Student Mental Health
- Eliminate Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private School
School Finance - CCR for H Sub for SB 113

- Includes funding for FY 23, FY 24 and FY 25, including **BASE aid** and retains existing statutory language related to the BASE calculation and the use of the three-year average for the CPI-U Midwest in future years;
- Raises the **COLA** cap from 5% to 7% and making amendments to the COLA weighting calculation;
- Includes an increase of **$7.5 million in special education funding**, totaling $528 million;
- Extends HDAR until July 1, 2027;
- Reauthorizes for two years the **20-mill statewide tax** levy for schools;
- Revises the BASE aid per pupil calculation to allow education funding **based on current or preceding year enrollment** (eliminates second preceding year);
School Finance - CCR for H Sub for SB 113

- Authorizes non-public or part time school students to participate in activities regulated by the KSHSAA.
- Expands the **Tax Credit for Low Income Students** scholarship program by (1) changing the definition of eligible student and (2) increasing the tax credit from 70% to 75% for those contributions made to scholarship granting organizations;
- Authorizes boards of education of school districts to **compensate board members** for the duties and obligations of board members;
- Establishes the **special education task force** for FY 2025 and expanding membership to include a representative of the tiny-k Alliance (Part C, Infant and Toddler Services);
- Authorizes any non-resident student whose parent or guardian is employed by a school district to enroll in and attend such school district and further, require school districts to (1) consider the adverse impact of homelessness on attendance when determining the school district’s capacity to accept nonresident students and (2) prioritize children of a military parent, subject to capacity, to enroll and not be subject to the open seat lottery provided for in the open enrollment statute;
- Requires KSDE to compile a report of those school districts who have used, in the preceding year, curriculum and training materials that include either the three cueing systems model of teaching or visual memory program;
● Modifies the low enrollment and high enrollment weightings for school districts that attach territory of a disorganized school district or accepts students in the current year that attended in the previous year a school building in a school district that has since been closed by the district; and
● Provides the legislature first right of refusal when school districts dispose of real property (buildings).

Status: House adopted 83-37 on 4/28; Senate adopted 23-16 on 4/28; Awaiting action of the Governor
SB 66 – Enacts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (Compact) with the goal of establishing a new and expedited pathway to licensure for teachers in member states and requires licensing bodies to provide verified electronic credentials to persons regulated by the licensing body not later than January 1, 2025.

Status: House adopted 116-5 on 4/5; Senate adopted 37-3 on 4/5; Signed by Governor
**Non Finance Bills**

**HB 2269** – Amending the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act to raise the minimum age to 21 years old for the sale, purchase or possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products.

*Status: House passed 68-53 on 3/2; Senate passed 28-11 on 3/28; Signed by Governor*

**HB 2322** – Revising the definition of "children with disabilities" for purposes of providing special education to replace emotional disturbance with emotional disability; further amended in the Senate to include dyslexia in the definition of children and individuals with disabilities.

*Status: House passed 120-2 on 2/23; Senate passed 40-0 on 3/28; Conference committee appointed; House concurred with Senate amendments in conference; House passed 120-2 on 4/6; Signed by Governor*
HB 2138 – Requires school district boards of education to adopt a policy regarding separate oversight accommodations for students of each biological sex during school district sponsored travel, permits local broadcasters to broadcast a school’s regular or postseason activities under certain criteria, and provides for administrative review by the State Board of Education of resolutions adopted by school district boards to permanently close a school building.

Status: Senate adopted 28-10 on 4/6; House adopted 84-39 on 4/6; Governor vetoed 4/20; House overrode veto 85-39 on 4/26; Senate overrode veto 30-9 on 4/27; Bill becomes law
HB 2238 — Creating the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act and requiring interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by public educational entities or any school or private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public educational entity to be expressly designated based on biological sex.

Status: House passed 82-40; Senate passed 28-11; Vetoed by the Governor on 3/17; House overrode veto 84-40 on 4/5; Senate overrode veto 28-12 on 4/5; Bill becomes law
Sec. 16. On and after July 1, 2023, K.S.A. 72-3123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-3123. (a) Beginning in school year 2024-2025, any child of school age pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3118, and amendments thereto, may attend a school operated by a school district where such child does not reside if such school district has open seats as determined pursuant to this section.

- On or before May 1 of each year, each school board shall determine for each grade level in each building of the district for the next school year the capacity, number expected and openings.
- On or before June 1 of each year, each school district shall publish on the school district website the number of open seats available to non residents in each grade for each building.
- From June 1-30, each school district shall accept applications form nonresident students.
- If the number of nonresident applicants is greater than the number of available seats in any grade or school the district shall use a confidential lottery process to select students. This process must be complete by July 15.
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

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.

RESOURCES

- Kansas State Board of Education
- Kansas Legislators
- Kansas Governor
- Kansas Department of Education
- Kansas Association of School Boards - News Briefs

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