KANSAS STATE DEAF-BLIND FUND
FY 2006 - 2007

Students who are deaf-blind have unique educational needs due to the depletion of their primary learning senses. The nature of the deaf-blindness is such that specialized supplementary aids and supports are needed for students with deaf-blindness, including those with severe multiple disabilities, to benefit from their educational programs. The absence of students' combined sensory losses (vision and hearing) and the presence of additional disabilities often require specialized assistive technology, adaptive equipment, consultation, and evaluation for students with deaf-blindness to participate in general education and / or community settings.

Individual requests for Kansas Deaf-Blind Funds are reviewed carefully. Approval for funding is granted when costs exceed the amount that districts are able to provide through local and state categorical funds. Applications are approved for priority candidates from July 1 to December 31. After December 31, all applications are approved on a first come, first serve basis. At this time, the Kansas Deaf-Blind Fund is available to students with severe multiple disabilities who are not certified on the Kansas State Deaf-Blind Census if monies if are available.

State totals for fiscal year 2006-2007 allocation resulted in 75 students in 19 local education agencies who received funding. A total of 79 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The fund was used for the following purposes:

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	$104,890.39
ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT	3,671.32
CONSULTANT	645.00
EVALUATION	0.00
OTHER	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$109, 206.71**

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EXPENDITURES BY DISTRICT

DISTRICTS / PROGRAMS	AMOUNT
Butler County Special Education Coop. - El Dorado USD 490	4,999.69
Derby USD 260	926.00
Hays USD 489	2,750.10
Haysville USD 261	920.77
Kansas City USD 500	2,086.80
Kansas State School for the Deaf	4,553.48
Lawrence USD 497	3,731.57
Marion County	598.31
Newton USD 373	481.29
North Central Kansas	1,983.95
Olathe USD 223	32,946.02
Rice County	2,852.44
Russell County	762.45
Shawnee Mission Public Schools USD 512	3,543.59
Southeast Kansas Education Service Center #609	9,502.89
TARC	4,055.21
Topeka USD 501	18,469.72
Wichita USD 259	13,397.43
GRAND TOTAL	**$109,206.71**