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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 3/25/13 through 3/31/13

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	**0.15%**	0.15%
3 Months	**0.06%**	0.08%
6 Months	**0.11%**	0.11%
1 Year	**0.15%**	0.17%
18 Months	**0.20%**	0.20%
2 Years	**0.25%**	0.26%

Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210

Teacher continuing contract law

State statute governs the process a board must follow to give written notice of termination or nonrenewal of employment contracts. It is important that boards are aware that this year May 17, 2013 is the last day they can serve such written notice. The last date this year a teacher can give written notice to the board to discontinue their contract is May 31, 2013. This law will apply to teachers and administrators.

Below are excerpts from the law:

K.S.A. 72-5437. Continuation of teachers' contracts; notice of termination or nonrenewal; change of terms

"All contracts of employment of teachers… shall be deemed to continue for the next succeeding school year unless written notice of termination or nonrenewal is served… by a board upon any teacher **on or before the third Friday in May**." You might recall that the date used to be May 1.

"A teacher shall give written notice to the board that the teacher does not desire continuation of a contract on or before the 14th calendar day following the third Friday in May…" Before the law was revised a few years ago, this date was May 15.

"Terms of a contract may be changed at any time by mutual consent of both a teacher and a board."

To read the full text of a statute, look here: http://kslegislature.org/li/statute/

- In the **Section Number** box, type in the statute number (i.e. 72-5437) and click on **Open**.

To summarize, the Board has to vote in public to nonrenew or terminate a contract. If the contract is to be continued, no action is necessary.

Reminder: $1,000 Bonus for National Board Certified Teachers

K.S.A. 72-1398 - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Initiative

A teacher employed by a Kansas school district who has attained National Board Certification will be paid an incentive bonus of $1,000 by the school district where they are employed. The bonus is paid each school year for up to ten years, as long as the teacher remains employed by a Kansas school district and retains a valid master teacher's certificate. **The $1,000 incentive bonus is paid by the employing school district** to those teachers who qualify.

During the 2009 legislative session, the appropriation was removed for the National Board Certification program. Therefore, districts no longer receive state aid reimbursement from the Kansas Department of Education for these teacher incentive bonus payments.

SAM (formerly CCR) Information

As you recall, all LEAs were required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system in order to file quarterly reports for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The information in SAM (which replaced CCR) is now being used to meet the Federal Transparency Act in which KSDE must file reports for any LEAs receiving over $25,000.

SAM will send notifications to your LEA via email 60, 30, and 15 days prior to expiration of the record. The system allows LEAs to have an active account for one year. SAM should be updated by your LEA prior to the expiration date. For additional information and to access your account, you can visit the SAM website at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/.

Listed below is information we pulled from the SAM website:

What is SAM?

The System for Award Management (SAM) is a Federal Government owned and operated free website that consolidates the capabilities in CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. Future phases of SAM will add the capabilities of other systems used in Federal procurement and awards processes.

Former CCR registrants include USDs, Interlocals, Service Centers (LEAs). If you had an active record in CCR, you will have a record in SAM.

To update or renew your Entity records in SAM, you will need to create a SAM User Account and link it to your migrated Entity records by going to **Register/Update Entity**. Below are helpful links to assist you through the process.

- ***Top FAQs*** – From SAM website https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/, click on **HELP**.
- ***Quick Start Guides -***
  - ***Updating/Renewing Registrations:*** https://www.sam.gov/sam/transcript/Quick_Guide_for_Updating_or_Renewing_CCR-SAM_Registrations.pdf
  - ***Migrating Roles:*** https://www.sam.gov/sam/transcript/Quick_Guide_for_Migrating_Roles.pdf

Again, **all** LEAs should remain active in this federal registry and renew in SAM prior to the expiration date of your SAM (CCR) record. We will keep you informed of any changes on this subject.

For assistance, call the ***Federal Service Desk: (866) 606-8220** Hours**:** 7am - 7pm Website: www.fsd.gov

**As a reminder, some people have experienced a waiting time to get a live person, so please have patience when calling the Federal Help Desk.*

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