

Interpreter Reimbursement 2024-2025

From the Special Education Reimbursement Guide; State Categorical Aid for school year 2024-25 Interpreter/Educational Interpreter (IN)

LEAs may consider interpreters as professionals, regardless of their certification/assessment level. However, to be reimbursed at the professional level, a sign language interpreter for students who are deaf/hard of hearing must be registered with the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

- A Professional Development Plan is available from KCDHH to allow interpreters to be reimbursed as professionals while developing their skills to the needed levels.

Professional Interpreters must also have the following:

- A contract that reflects the interpreter is paid as a professional,
- Be supervised by a professional qualified to teach students who are deaf/hard of hearing,
- Meet staff development requirements as established by the LEA.

Plan for 24-25 School Year

To ease the transition to KCDHH managing all school interpreter qualifications, KSDE will allow reimbursement for interpreters who have already been qualified through the prior rules through the end of the 24-25 school year (6/30/25).

- Any interpreter not already qualified in the PCA system must be qualified by registration with KCDHH
- All interpreters currently in the non-KSDE license table in PCA with qualification expiration dates after 6/30/25 will be changed to end dates of 6/30/25.

As statute does not allow KSDE to determine the qualifications of interpreters, there will be no exceptions.

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch75/075_043_0055b.html

K.S.A. 75-4355b(a) All interpreters for the deaf, hard of hearing and individuals that have speech and language impairments [...] or in compliance with any state or federal law or rules and regulations, shall be registered with the Kansas commission for the deaf and hard of hearing ...

The registration form for KCDHH:

<https://www.kcdhh.ks.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/20/638326162452270000>

Para change:

Beginning in the 25-26 school year, interpreter paraeducators will no longer be allowed for reimbursement.