

Legislative Update

April 11, 2025



Legislative calendar

- January 13, 2025
 - Legislative session opened.
- February 7, 2025
 - Last day for non-exempt committee bill introductions.
- February 18, 2025
 - Johnson County delegation lunch in Topeka.
- February 20, 2025
 - Turnaround Day last day to consider non-exempt bills in house of origin.
- March 21, 2025
 - Last day to consider non-exempt bill not in the chamber of origin.
- March 28, 2025
 - First adjournment of the Legislature.
- April 10, 2025
 - Veto session begins.
- April 11, 2025
 - Legislative session adjourned



Blue Valley BOE adopted priority positions

- Fund special education
- Oppose Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private Schools
- Establish Fair and Equitable School Finance Formula
- Enhance student mental health
- Support Recruitment, Retention, and Alternative Teacher Certification



Bills Passed this session that affect BV

- **HB 2102** Permitting the advance enrollment of military students whose parent or person acting as parent will be stationed in this state prior to physical residency.
- **SB 44** Concerning antisemitism; declaring antisemitism to be against public policy defining antisemitism and antisemitic for purposes of state law.
- SB 45 Excluding students who transfer to homeschools or nonaccredited private schools or enroll in a school credit deficient from the alternative calculation of graduatic rates.
- **SB 114** Authorizing nonpublic and virtual school students to participate in ancillary public school activities and making it unlawful for the KSHSAA and school districts to discriminate against such students based on enrollment status.
- **HB 2022** Requiring that any special election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April or on the same day as a general or primary election.

Bills Passed this session that affect BV

- HB 2069 Allow school psychologists to obtain equivalent licenses to provide school psychological services in any member state.
- HB 2134 Amending the Kansas open records act regarding charges for records in the state
 executive branch and other public agencies other than the state legislative and judicial branches,
 prohibiting charges for electronic copies of records and for determining whether a record exists and
 limiting charges for employee time required to make records available.
- **SB 35 (HB 2396)** Discontinuing the state property tax levies for the Kansas educational building fund and the state institutions building fund and providing for financing therefor from the state general fund.
- Senate Sub HB 2382 (SB275) Requiring school districts to include a fetal development
 presentation as part of the curriculum for any course that addresses human growth, human
 development or human sexuality. Allows the State Board to determine pay received by board
 members.

School Finance Bills

SB 125 includes HB 2007

- CPI to the Base
- \$5 million out of the increase to the Base for Safe and Secure Schools Grants
- Additional \$10 million to Special Education
- Deleted Professional Development, Mentor Teachers and Teachers of Excellence funding
- Included CTE Transportation funding
- Add \$10 million in FY 2025 to the AG's office for two-year firearm detection software program for public schools. After two years, districts may continue program with district funds.
- Add language encouraging expenditures from existing funds to be used to expand current efforts to train both elementary and middle school teachers in the area of Science of Reading including assisting students to reach grade-level literacy for FY 2026.
- Several requirements of KSDE out of existing funds.



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SB 125 includes HB 2007

- Add language allowing foreign exchange students who reside in the district to be permitted to enroll and not be subject to open-seat lottery for FY 2026.
- Add language requiring a percentage be included with District Level Excess Costs calculations.
- 1.5% lapse of KSDE operating funds Included for FY 2026, FY 2027

• Senate Sub for HB 2125

o Approval of the continuation of the 20-mill statewide levy for the School Finance Fund.



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