

School Finance

November 2021



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Payment Calculations

Basic Formula

The payment was based on the current data available for Fiscal Years 2021-22, 2020-21, and 2019-20 weighted average daily attendance (WADA). Calculation documentation can be found linked on the payment transmittal.

Classroom Trust Fund

The payment was calculated as allowed by 163.021.1(4), RSMo., using the higher of FY 2020-21 or FY 2019-20 average daily attendance (ADA) data.

Proposition C

The payment was calculated as allowed by 163.021.1(4), RSMo., using the higher of FY 2020-21 or FY 2019-20 weighted average daily attendance (WADA) data.

Transportation

The FY 2021-22 state transportation aid calculation is available through the School Finance website. Select Monthly Financial Reports, input County-District number, and the Payment Transmittal is then displayed. Click on the revenue name "Transportation" on the Payment Transmittal to access the transportation aid calculation.

This is the second live state transportation calculation made for the current year. The calculation is based on 2020-21 school year data submitted by the district on the state transportation aid documents included in Part IV of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (Application for State Transportation Aid, School Bus and Facility Depreciation Schedules).

The percent of reduction to the calculated entitlement computed for the November 2021 calculation follows below. This reduction percentage represents the amount the entitlement exceeded the appropriation and will fluctuate from month to month as revisions are made to individual school district data. The percent of reduction and the A and B factors are also reflected on each district's Summary Transportation Report.



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Annual Audit Report is Due December 31, 2021.

Transportation Continued:

The percentage reduction and the A and B factors are as follows:

Month	Reduction Factor	A Factor	B Factor
November 2021	59.235519%	4.630232	-1.281453



Small Schools Grant

The payment was calculated as allowed by 163.021.1(4), RSMo., using the higher of FY 2020-21 or FY 2019-20 average daily attendance (ADA) data and tax levy data.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Estimates

Payment	SAT/Amount Per/% Increase	Appropriation	Denominator
Basic Formula ³	\$6,375.00	\$3,561,737,794	
Classroom Trust Fund ¹	\$430.36	\$350,254,932	813,870
Prop C ²	\$1,045.10	\$958,400,000	917,042
Small Schools Grant \$10M ¹	\$255.54	\$10,000,000	
Small Schools Grant \$5M ⁴	\$145.04	\$5,000,000	
Transportation ⁵	21.29%	\$113,947,713	

¹ADA / ² WADA / ³ FWADA / ⁴ Tax-Rate WADA

⁵ Percentage increase in appropriation will affect each LEA differently. See transportation calculation for actual reimbursement amounts.

Remember that these amounts will only be achieved if revenue is available to fund at the level appropriated. If dedicated revenues exceed the appropriation level, a supplement appropriation may be necessary.

Estimating Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

If a district has had an increase in enrollment or other factor that will make the FY 2022 regular term ADA higher than the preceding two years, the district may wish to estimate their ADA for payment purposes.

To help determine if it would be advantageous for your district to estimate ADA for the FY22 year, please see the Estimated ADA page located under School Finance in the web application system. A tool to help with estimating ADA can be found on the School Finance website under [Calculation Tools](#).

Prior Year Correction

Adjusting FY2021 Payments

Each year the prior year’s Classroom Trust Fund, Basic Formula, Small Schools Grant, Prop C, and Transportation payments are recalculated to reflect the best actual data applicable for that payment year. Districts will receive a positive or negative recalculation based on the current data. Any adjustment to data will impact each district in the state since DESE is redistributing the 2020-21 fixed dollars. The Formula WADA increased from the June payment by 376.9041. The change is as follows:

June 2021	6,375
November 2021	6,374.713269662

This change appears abnormal compared to prior recalculations where the change between the June Formula WADA and the Prior Year Correction Formula WADA has increased on average by over 3,000.

Prior year correction payment amounts can be viewed by going to the payment transmittal for November 2020 and clicking on the dollar amount of the district’s Basic Formula, Classroom Trust Fund, Transportation, Small Schools Grant, Prop C, and Transportation payments.

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ASBR Data will be used in the Report Card, which will go live soon. Please ensure all data in the ASBR is correct by this time.

Audit Reports

Submitting Annual Audit Reports

The following guidelines are provided for the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Submissions:

- Audits, copies of signed board minutes approving the audit, and management letters must be submitted to DESE via the Tiered Monitoring System. The documents should be in Adobe searchable pdf format, version 11.0 or lower. The file description should easily identify the document, such as audit, management letter, or signed board minutes.
- The audit report must be uploaded in the global document repository (uploads) link under “Options” on the right side of the screen. The audit should be uploaded under “Audit Documents (required fiscal audit)” and the board minutes, management letter and any corrective action plans should be uploaded to “Audit Documents (supporting docs)”. School Year should be 2021-2022. The file upload box will also require adding the contact information for the auditor before the audit report can be uploaded.
- The deadline for submitting audits is December 31, 2021.
- Copies of signed board minutes and management letters may be submitted after the December 31 deadline. These documents should include all required signatures, which is a change from current practice.
- The school, not the auditor, is responsible for ensuring that the audit, board minutes, and management letter are submitted to DESE in compliance with the provisions of the audit rule. With the change of audit submission via the Tiered Monitoring System, the auditor should not have access to this system and, therefore, not be able to upload the audit documents.

To minimize the need for subsequent audit corrections, schools are strongly encouraged to complete the following checklist prior to submitting the audit:

- The pages of the audit have been compared to the Table of Contents and no pages are missing or out of order. Audits with missing pages may be rejected as incomplete.
- The audit includes the auditor’s signature and the date of the audit report. Audit reports that are not signed and dated may be considered a draft, not a final report. Draft reports will not be accepted in satisfaction of the audit requirement.
- The ending debt balances in the audit report (reported in the financial statements and/or Notes to the Financial Statements) agree to the balances reported in Part IV, Long and Short Term Debt, of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBR). Any differences should be reconciled.
- The audit includes the updated version of the Schedule of Selected Statistics, which is found on the School Audits webpage.
- The data reported on the Schedule of Selected Statistics agrees to the corresponding data on the ASBR and MOSIS/Core Data. If changes to the ASBR and/or MOSIS/Core Data are needed because of the review, please revise and resubmit corrections as soon as possible and notify your auditor of any changes.
- Submit/upload corrective action plans for federal and state findings in a separate document from the audit report.
- The audit submission includes the district’s Single Audit, if applicable. There is no provision in the rule allowing the Single Audit portion of the audit to be submitted at a later date.

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Information regarding Attendance Hour reporting for the 2022 School Year can be found on the [Attendance Reporting Guidance](#) document located under Finance Topics & Procedures on the School Finance Webpage.



Publication of the Audit

Per 165.121, RSMo, within thirty days of the receipt of the audit report the school board shall cause a summary of the report to be prepared which shall include, together with any other matter the board deems appropriate, the following:

- 1) A summary statement of fund balances and receipts and disbursements by major classifications of each fund and all funds;
- 2) A summary statement of the scope of the audit examination; and
- 3) The auditor's opinion on the financial statements included in the audit report.

Immediately upon the completion of the summary, the school board shall cause it to be published once in a newspaper within the county in which all or a part of the district is located which has general circulation within the district or, if there is none, then the board shall cause the summary to be posted in at least five public places within the district. The publication shall contain information as to where the audit report is available for inspection and examination. The report shall be kept available for such purposes thereafter.

Audit Reports Continued:

Submitting the Single Audit to the Federal Audit Clearing Hours

Districts/charter schools that have a Single Audit are required to submit a data collection form and reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) at the U. S. Bureau of Census within the earlier of 30 days from the receipt of the audit report or nine months after the end of the audit period (March 31 of the subsequent fiscal year). The reporting package consists of the complete audit (financial statements and auditor's reports) and, as necessary, a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan for current year audit findings. Reports should be submitted to the FAC.

Districts/charter schools that expend less than \$750,000 in total federal funds are not required to send a copy of the audit report to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

A copy of the reporting package should also be sent to pass-through entities, including the Department, if the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs includes audit findings or a summary schedule of prior audit findings relating to federal awards provided by the pass-through entity.

The Department of Education (USED) has recently updated guidance to more precisely identify grant program expenditures. The Department of Education (USED) requests that grantees include on the Schedule of Expenditures of the Federal Awards (SEFA) page of Form SF-SAC, if applicable: (1) whether the program is novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) relief assistance (see list below of COVID-19 programs); and (2) the subprogram ALN alpha.

OMB's instructions to auditees in the FY 2020 Compliance Supplement instructed auditees to include COVID-19 in Column c (see 2020 Compliance Supplement Appendix VII beginning on page 8-VII-2 at https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-Compliance-Supplement_FINAL_08.06.20.pdf).

Questions regarding implementation of this guidance should be emailed to Patrick Smith, Audit Liaison Officer, of the Office of Acquisitions and Grants Administration (OAGA) at patrick.smith@ed.gov.

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Preliminary FY 2021-22 transfer amounts have been posted on the School Finance Website under the [Data & Reports webpage](#).

Other Important Reminders and Topics of Interest

September 2021 Membership

September Membership reports are available on the web. Log on to the [DESE Web Applications](#) Page and then select Core Data Collection. Once in the Core Data Collection system, select the 2021-2022 year and select the Report Menu option from the upper-right dropdown box. Select Summary reports. Two September Membership reports are listed for review. One report, the September Membership Comparison Report (SAR070R), compares September membership as reported by the district for the year selected and the prior year. The other report, September Membership Report (SAR080R), displays only the data for the year selected.

The September 2022 membership data by county will be made available to each county to be used in various county payments to school districts during FY 2022-23. The accuracy of the payments is dependent on the accuracy of the membership data.

Please review the membership data. If reporting errors are found, update the MOSIS October Student Core file and recertify the file. The corrected data will then flow to the Core Data Screen 16. Remember, if a change is made to September membership, a corresponding change to enrollment may be necessary.

Mid-Year Fund Balance Reporting

The mid-year fund balance reporting will occur as a part of the February Core Data cycle as a manual entry on Core Data Screen 35. Each district will be required to report the following information as of December 31, 2021:

- Incidental and Teachers Funds Unrestricted Ending Fund Balance as of December 31.
- Tax Anticipation borrowing in the Incidental or Teachers Funds between July 1 and December 31.
- Transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects or Debt Service Funds between July 1 and December 31.

Questions regarding this reporting should be directed to School Finance at (573) 751-0357.

Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP) – Debt Reporting

Section 37.850, RSMo, requires school districts to report all bonded indebtedness and requires charter schools to report all debt, including new debt within seven days of issuing the bond or incurring the debt. This information shall be supplied to Office of Administration (OA) for display on the [State's Accountability Portal](#).

A user link for the portal is available on the main page. In order to submit information, an entity will need to visit the portal website and obtain a secure user name and password. The user name and password can be created by selecting “create account” on the right hand side of the screen. Once credentials are granted, a user may enter the site to enter or update bond or debt information.

Most of the required fields on the reporting tool are self-explanatory; however, there have been questions regarding a couple of the fields. The description of the revenue stream is generally revenue generated from a levy that was established, Classroom Trust Fund revenue, or local revenue. This list is not an all-inclusive list but provides a general idea as to what would seem to be an appropriate response. The description of the project would be a description as to what the project was, for example, a building project.

If you have questions regarding accessing the portal website, please contact OA at (573) 751-2971 or MAPBonds@oa.mo.gov. For questions regarding what debt should be entered on the portal, please do not hesitate to contact School Finance at 573-751-0357.

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Transportation Supplement Grant has been extended and can now be used for funds obligated through September 30, 2022.

The [Grant Guidance Document](#) can be found on the [DESE COVID Relief Information page](#).

School Governance & Transportation

Election Dates and Filing Information Update

The [2022 Missouri Election Calendar](#) provided by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is available. Please note that window for candidates to file has changed. The first day for candidate filing for school board member is December 7, 2021. The district must provide an opportunity for candidates to file at 8:00 A.M. on December 7, 2021, and until 5:00 P.M. on December 28, 2021. If the office will be closed certain days during the holiday season, it would be helpful to publish the dates the office will be closed. Please study the calendar carefully.

State Transportation Aid Calculation

See payment section above.

Drug and Alcohol Clearing House

The following information is from the DOT website:

The [Clearinghouse](#) is a secure online database that will give employers, the FMCSA, State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs), and State law enforcement personnel real-time information about commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders' drug and alcohol program violations. An act of Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish the Clearinghouse.

The [Clearinghouse](#) will enable employers to identify drivers who commit a drug and alcohol program violation while working for one employer, but who fail to subsequently inform another employer (as required by current regulations).

- The Clearinghouse will also require the following:
- Employers will be required to query the Clearinghouse for current and prospective employees' drug and alcohol violations before permitting those employees to operate a CMV on public roads.
- Employers will be required to annually query the Clearinghouse for each driver they currently employ.

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Information regarding [Calendar Requirements](#) and [Inclement Weather Make-up](#) can be found on the School Finance, [Finance Topics & Procedures](#) webpage.

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