

SMSD 403(b) and 457 Investment Offerings

As you know the Shawnee Mission School District offers 4 providers for purposes of investing your 403(b) and 457 contributions.

- MetLife
- VALIC
- Lincoln Financial
- Security Benefit

Each provider offers a variety of investment options from which can select and invest your retirement dollars. One of the asset classes that traditionally was considered a low risk or no risk investment are the guaranteed type products offered by many of the providers for our 403(b) and 457 plans.

Some of these options are supported by the general account of the insurance company. While these funds provide stability in a portfolio and may have performed better than other investments over the past year, they are not without risk. These funds, unlike the other investment choices, carry a risk tied to the financial survival of the insurance company. In the event the insurance company becomes insolvent, these funds could be at risk. Though we are not recommending that you change your investment selection at this time, we wanted all participants to understand this situation.

For that reason, we have constructed the attached table and asked each provider to outline their products and the associated risks. The last column indicates if the product is covered by a state guaranty in the event of insolvency. The guaranty is based on the state of residence of the participant and generally provides coverage up to \$100,000. You can find more information regarding the guaranty at the respective websites.

Kansas Residents: www.kslifega.org

Missouri Residents: www.mo-iga.org

Shawnee Mission School District Stable/Guaranteed Product Evaluation

Provider	Stable/Guaranteed Product	403(b)	457	Subject to creditors at insolvency	Covered by State Guaranty Association
Lincoln	Lincoln Stable Value – General Account (removing 5/1/09)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
	Lincoln Stable Value – Separate Account (adding 5/1/09)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Security Benefit	Variflex Variable Annuity (Fixed Account Only)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	Advisor 403(b)(7)	Yes	Yes	No	No
	NEA Valuebuilder 403(b)(7)	Yes	Yes	No	No
AIG Valic	Fixed Account Plus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Short Term Fixed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Multi Year Investment Option	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MetLife	Did not respond to inquiry				