



Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Mission

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

The EPSB Goals, Strategies, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan and Annual Report may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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KTIP Spring Interns and Training

EPSB has available slots for spring interns to start KTIP this year. All Confirmations of Employment (COE) for new teachers with 70 or more instructional days, but fewer than 140 instructional days, have to be submitted and approved to begin KTIP immediately. Interns will receive a provisional internship certificate effective on the COE approval date. New hires with fewer than 70 instructional days remaining must be emergency certified.

KTIP Timesheets

To ensure new teachers have the opportunity to complete KTIP during their first-year of employment, budget bill language has once again allowed for reducing out-of-class hours to 40 mentoring hours for 2016-2017. Spring/Full-year time sheets are due by May 1, 2017. The Resource Teacher, Intern, Principal, and District KTIP Coordinator must all review and electronically sign the timesheet in order for payment to be processed. Fall time sheets that were not submitted by January 15, 2017, have been changed to full-year timesheets.



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New National Board Certified Teachers Recognition Event

On Thursday, February 23, 2017, teachers who earned National Board Certification in December 2016 will be honored during a recognition ceremony at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History at 100 West Broadway in Frankfort at approximately 1:00 p.m. (EST). The recognition will continue at the Capitol Building at 700 Capital Avenue at approximately 2:15 p.m. where resolutions to honor their attainment will be read in the chambers of the Kentucky House of Representatives and Senate. Each newly certified National Board Teacher will be invited to bring his or her principal or superintendent to this event as a special guest. Letters of invitation and event details will be mailed in February to all new NBCTs. Questions may be directed to Suzanne Farmer at suzanne.farmer@ky.gov.

Kentucky Network to Transform Teaching

The Kentucky Network to Transform Teaching (KyNT3) has [posted an RFA](#) for Pilot School Districts for the 2017-2018 school year. KyNT3 is funded by a US Department of Education SEED grant through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in local partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Education Association, and Education Professional Standards Board. KyNT3 plans to fund four districts up to \$50,000 to innovate support for professional learning and leadership across the educator continuum to improve teaching for all students. Questions may be directed to Suzanne Farmer at suzanne.farmer@ky.gov.

Assessment: Science Teachers, University Faculty Nominees Needed

Educational Testing Service (ETS) will be facilitating a multi-state standard setting panel for the Science assessment portion of the Content Knowledge Test (CKT). CKT is a new content assessment that focuses on specialized knowledge only used in teaching with assessment tasks that measure how well teachers can apply their content knowledge in order to recognize, understand and respond to the content problems they encounter in their day-to-day teaching practice. Like *Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects*, the CKT assessment will eventually have subtests for: (i) Reading and Language Arts; (ii) Mathematics; (iii) Science; and (iv) Social Studies. The science test will be available for use starting fall 2017.

Kentucky's representation on this panel is very important. Participants will review the assessment, provide independent judgments, and engage in panel-wide discussions as the panel considers the minimum score needed to be considered qualified to teach elementary science education. After the panel meets, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will ultimately decide the passing score requirement to be applied for licensure in our state. The recommendation of the panel will be a significant factor in that decision. EPSB encourages science teachers, faculty members who are currently preparing teacher candidates and/or currently supervising beginning teachers to apply.



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If selected, the teacher must be available to meet on May 8-9, 2017, in Princeton, NJ. ETS will reimburse travel expenses and pay for up to two nights lodging for teachers and teacher educators who serve on the panel.

If you are interested in participating, or would like to nominate a faculty member who works with prospective science teachers, please have the nominee contact Bobbie Biby at bobbie.biby@ky.gov no later than February 20, 2017, with an expression of interest.

Spring LEAD Report

Spring LEAD reporting is currently open and will close on Tuesday, February, 28, 2017. That is the last day for districts to sign off and submit their reports.

Teacher Leader Master's Review

At its December meeting, the Education Professional Standards Board formally accepted recommendations by the Teacher Leader Master's Review Committee (TLMRC). As directed by the Board, the Division of Educator Preparation (DEP) staff is in the process of developing an implementation plan for the revision of the currently approved Teacher Leader Master's programs and for any new Teacher Leader Master's program submissions. The draft plan includes important implementation timelines, details pertaining to template development for program submission and review, and steps involved for compliance issues. DEP staff presented a draft plan to KACTE for comments and suggestions. Prior to full implementation, appropriate EPSB regulations will be updated, approved by the Board, and submitted for LRC review.

Staff Update

After 27 years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in education, Ms. Marcie Lowe decided to retire at the end of December. Marcie served as the Executive Staff Advisor for the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) since 2005. Prior to working at the EPSB, she served as the education administrative program consultant at KDE. She has also served as the Executive Director for the KY Industrial Development Council, an organizational development consultant, and a training and development coordinator at Northern KY Technical College. In 2013, Marcie received the Governor's Ambassador Award. In addition to her work in education, she has served in leadership roles with the Franklin County Relay for Life for over 10 years. While we celebrate with Marcie, she will be missed by this agency and Board.

The EPSB has named Ms. Lauren Graves in the role of the Executive Staff Advisor. Ms. Graves will be transitioning from her current position in the Division of Educator Preparation in the coming weeks.



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We also want to welcome Mr. Luke Gilbert to the EPSB. Mr. Gilbert serves as a staff attorney in our Division of Legal Services.

Ms. Leah (Riley) Sharpe, has transferred from the Division of Certification, where she served as a Certification Consultant, to the Division of Legal Services as our new Clerk of Court.

The Division of Educator Preparation welcomes Mr. Brandon Harrod as the new Administrative Assistant.

Mr. John Fields has become the new Deputy Executive Director, transferring from his position as Director of Certification.

Meetings Across the State

2/2/2017	KASA/CEL	Creating a Culture of Excellence
2/7/2017	Legislature	2017 General Assembly Reconvenes
2/7/2017	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/8/2017	KBE	Board Meeting
2/8/2017	NKCES	Board Meeting
2/8/2017	KASA/CEL	Personnel Essentials Webinar
2/9/2017	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/9/2017	SESC	Board Meeting
2/13/2017	EPSB	Board Meeting
2/13/2017	KASA/CEL	Maximizing Achievement Interactive Web Conference
2/14/2017	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/15/2017	CKEC	Board Meeting
2/15-16/2017	KEDC	Board Meeting
2/16/2017	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/17/2017	CEEDAR	Convening at Thomas More
2/21/2017	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/22/2017	OVEC	Board Meeting
2/22/2017	KVEC	Board Meeting
2/22/2017	WKEC	Board Meeting
2/23/2017		National Board Recognition Day in Frankfort
2/23/2017	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/23/2017	KASA/CEL	The Leadership Challenge
2/24-26/2017	KSBA	Conference
2/28/2017	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting



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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, February 13, 2017, at 10:00 AM (Eastern Time) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

EPSB meeting agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp>.