

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) provides support to schools and districts with an emphasis on highly effective teaching and learning to include responsibility for assisting educators with the implementation of the *Kentucky Academic Standards* (KAS) and a standards-aligned curriculum development and review process. The office facilitates professional learning focused on standards implementation and evidence-based instructional practices related to scaling highly effective teaching, learning and assessment practices. Additionally, the OTL oversees several grants that support improved instructional practices and content knowledge as well as quality professional learning. By providing positive consultative support, collaborating with principals, and improving the application process, the office educates districts on utilizing the Title II, Part A federal grant in ways that best support teacher and principal growth, effectiveness and retention. The OTL further supports schools and districts by providing guidance on comprehensive school counseling, individual learning plans, advanced programs and minimum high school graduation requirements.

DIVISION OF PROGRAM STANDARDS

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- Facilitates and supports the development/revision and implementation of rigorous K-12 academic standards in reading and writing, mathematics, science, social studies, health, physical education, visual and performing arts, and world languages.
- Provides guidance and professional learning for the implementation of the KAS.
- Supports schools and districts in creating and implementing a standards-aligned curriculum development and review process for 21st century education design via the *Model Curriculum Framework*.
- Collaborates with KDE staff and stakeholders to contribute content area expertise in the alignment of high-quality content area programs and assessments to the KAS.
- Assists in continuous improvement and best practices of academic programs in communication, visual and performing arts, global competency/world languages, and federal J-1 visiting educators.
- Manages and oversees the implementation of the Read to Achieve (RTA) and Mathematics Achievement Fund (MAF) grants, as well as several additional grants that support improved instructional practices and content knowledge, including Striving Readers, Professional Learning mini-grants and Visual and Performing Arts mini-grants.
- Provides schools and districts with quality service, support and on-site monitoring regarding the use of Title II, Part A funds.
- Assists schools and districts in providing effective comprehensive school counseling services that improve student achievement and support the needs of the whole child.

- Supports schools and districts in implementing and utilizing the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) system to best benefit students and schools.
- Aids in the implementation of advanced programs and accelerated learning opportunities for students.
- Provides tools for understanding the minimum high school graduation requirements as well as guidance on how the requirements interact with multiple facets of Kentucky education.

