

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky Tech Policy Adoptions and Amendments

Date: October 2020

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review and approve the interim update to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB), Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) and Kentucky Tech System of Area Technology Centers (ATCs).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the board approve the interim update to policies for the KSB, KSD and ATCs. These policies provide for the effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. Respectively, KRS 156.802 provides that the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall have the responsibility for all administrative functions of the state in relation to the management, control, and operation of state-operated secondary area vocational education and technology centers and that the ATCs shall be operated in compliance with program standards established by the KBE. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB, KSD and ATCs. Policies for the KSB, KSD and ATCs are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session, as well as changes to applicable regulations during the past year. These policies provide consistency between the schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

Summary of Issue:

Checklists reflecting which policies are being adopted or amended are attached, along with each policy's updated language. These interim policy updates are being recommended to comply with

a new regulation by the United States Department of Education implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Budget Impact:

Possible fiscal impact includes providing notice and training to all personnel.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

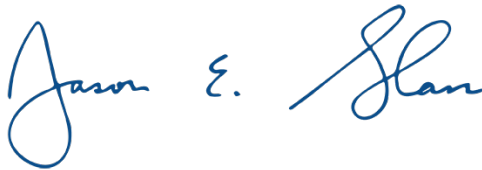
The KSB and KSD staff reviewed the proposed amendments, agreed and provided no additional recommendations. Likewise, leadership within the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education and the KDE Office of Legal Services reviewed and approved the recommendations for the Kentucky Tech policies.

Also, the updated policies were included on the agenda of the September 29, 2020 meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the September 29, 2020 LSAC meeting will be shared with the KBE prior to the October meeting.

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