

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 704 KAR 8:110, Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language (First Reading)

Date: December 2020

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the adoption of the proposed new administrative regulation 704 KAR 8:110, Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language.

KRS 158.6453(18)(a) calls for the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a comprehensive process for reviewing and revising the academic standards in visual and performing arts and practical living skills and career studies for all levels and in foreign language for middle and high schools, beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, and every six (6) years thereafter. The department also must develop review committees for the standards for each of the content areas that include representation from certified specialist public school teachers and postsecondary teachers in those subject areas. (18)(c) further establishes that the department shall provide to middle and high schools guidelines for including a foreign language program.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the adoption of required *Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language*, as incorporated by reference into 704 KAR 8:110.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453(18), 160.290

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070(1) requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to manage and control the common schools and all programs operated in the schools. KRS 156.160 requires the KBE to establish courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools, with the courses of study to comply with the expected goals, outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645, 158.6451 and 158.6453. KRS 158.6453(18) requires the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a process for the review and revision of academic standards with the advice of a review committee. KRS 160.290 authorizes local boards of education to provide for courses and other services for students consistent with the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Academic standards for a world language course or program are not currently in Kentucky law. As part of the standards revision process outlined in KRS 158.6453(2), the KDE began the

development process for the world language standards in January 2020. The standards outline what students are expected to know and do within a course or program to successfully transition to the next level of learning, not how they are taught. The curriculum or methods and instructional resources used to teach the standards is decided at the local level, specifically with each school-based decision making council, pursuant to KRS 160.345.

Summary of Issue:

This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the *Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language* (December 2020), which contains the academic content standards of world language for use in Kentucky's common schools. Public schools offering a world language course or program shall meet the minimum content requirements established in the *Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language*.

Design decisions were informed by reviews of current evidenced-based practices, state and national world language standards, and public comments regarding the *Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language*.

Budget Impact:

State funds were used to develop these standards. The cost for the process has been approximately \$5,000.00 thus far. The cost of staff time related to the facilitation of development and compilation/preparation of these standards has been \$4,800.00 thus far.

Additional staff time will be impacted through the implementation of the standards. The KDE will utilize existing staff in order to administer implementation. Academic program consultants from the Division of Program Standards will be required to aid local education agencies in the implementation of this regulation. It is anticipated that, in the first year of this change, those staff members may have to devote 25% of their job duties to the implementation of this regulation. As such, the KDE anticipates that, while there is no additional budget, the cost in existing staff time for the implementation of this regulation will be \$15,000 in the first year. The KDE anticipates that, after a year of implementation of this regulation, that the staff time required to administer this regulation will decrease substantially as the local education agencies will become accustomed to the use of these standards.

Local school and district budgets may be impacted by the need for standards-aligned professional learning to support effective implementation and build educator knowledge and capacity around the standards. Local school and district budgets also may be impacted by the need for high-quality standards-aligned instructional resources to support effective implementation and instruction.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

The following groups have been consulted and provided favorable support of the world language standards:

- Student Advisory Council – October 27, 2020
- School Curriculum Assessment Accountability Council – November 17, 2020
- State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education – November 19, 2020
- State Advisory Council for Exceptional Children – November 22-24, 2020
- Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) – November 24, 2020
- Fayette County Student Focus Group – November 2020
- Kentucky World Language Association (KWLA) Focus Group – November 2020

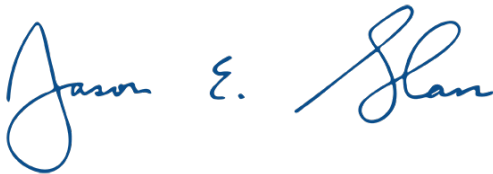
The following advisory groups will be consulted after the December board meeting in order to gain additional feedback prior to the public comment period:

- Principals Advisory Council – December 8, 2020
- Teachers Advisory Council – December 10, 2020

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