

# Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf

Senate Bill 128: Supplemental School Year Program

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- Emergency legislation was signed into law on March 24, 2021.
- SB 128 creates the Supplemental School Year Program.
- The bill allows any K-12 student enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year to request to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year to retake or supplement courses the student already has taken.
- Students had until May 1 to submit a request to participate in the supplemental year to their local board of education.
- Local boards of education have until June 1 to decide whether to accept all requests or no requests for the supplemental school year.

# KSB/KSD Requests

- A supplemental school year request form was sent to KSB and KSD parents through electronic communication and was posted on both schools' websites.
- 13 total requests received (7 from KSB and 6 from KSD)
  - 7 requests for middle and high school students
  - 6 requests for elementary school students

# Implementation Plan

- The schools will follow the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its implementing regulations to ensure each student is provided a free, appropriate public education (FAPE).
- Admissions and Release Committees (ARCs) will meet to determine the individualized programming needs for each student.
- The Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) staff consulted with school principals to ensure both schools are prepared to provide the supplemental school year to students.
  - Adequate staffing available to meet the requests
  - Dorms are prepared