



Kentucky Department of EDUCATION

Kentucky Board of Education Goals for 2021-2022

The Kentucky Board of Education is committed to the pursuit of educational equity which is defined as the promotion of access, opportunity and advancement of all individuals, especially those in historically underserved communities, in order to identify and eliminate conditions that prevent the ability of all students to reach their full potential. We pledge to develop authentic partnerships with other Kentucky agencies and education stakeholders in order to strengthen our efforts and maximize impact. To that end, we establish the following goals:

1. Champion the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education's efforts to reimagine learning in Kentucky as we co-create a vision with communities, foster local innovation, and advance policy recommendations aligned with this work.
2. Amplify our voice in support of minority students, their families, and minority educators by not only listening to their concerns and aspirations, but also pledging to leverage those concerns and aspirations to guide our actions. Continue to support and promote the Kentucky Department of Education's efforts to foster a culture of anti-racism and further equity within our public schools. We celebrate the following milestones:
 - a. Hiring of Kentucky's first state-level Chief Equity Officer.
 - b. Release of [July 2020 Resolution](#) Affirming KBE's Commitment to Racial Equity in Kentucky Public Schools.
3. In cooperation with the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), advance policies and regulation reviews that strengthen the future teacher pipeline and increase the qualities and competencies of Kentucky's educator workforce emphasizing the critical need for increased representation of teachers of color. We celebrate the following milestones:
 - a. Relaunch of the [Kentucky Academy for Equity in Teaching](#) initiative which seeks to provide all students with equitable access to effective, experienced and diverse educators that will help ensure all graduates are prepared to be successful members of a global society.
 - b. [Enrollment](#) in the Teaching and Learning Career Pathway is more diverse than the current general student population.
 - c. Expansion of alternative pathways to earn a Kentucky teaching certificate including the addition of a [new Option 7 program](#).
4. Promote the creation and implementation of a statewide profile of a learner/graduate, identifying the knowledge, skills and dispositions all Kentucky learners need to become



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successful citizens. Utilize and strengthen key partnerships, including those with the Commonwealth Education Continuum and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, to inform this work.

5. Galvanize support of strong, developmentally appropriate early childhood education as a path to equity by taking steps toward fully funded full-day kindergarten and universal public preschool.