

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards

Date: December 6-7, 2022

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 proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards, to meet the requirements of KRS 158.6453. This statute calls for the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to implement a process for reviewing and revising all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. As the KDE completes the standards review process by content area, the standards are removed from 704 KAR 3:303 to its own separate regulation under Chapter 8.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:303. The amendment removes the embedded Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Science from the document incorporated by reference to 704 KAR 8:120. Upon completion of this revision process for the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts as provided in KRS 158.6453, the regulation will be repealed. Providing separate regulations for each content area increases efficiency and readability.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.160, 156.070, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 160.290, 704 KAR 8:120, 704 KAR 3:305

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.160 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (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 156.070 requires the KBE to manage and control the common schools and all programs operated in the schools. KRS 160.290 authorizes local boards of education to provide for courses and other services for students consistent with the administrative regulations of the KBE.

KRS 158.6453 calls for the KDE to implement the procedures provided in statute of the review and revision for academic standards and aligned assessments. The current science standards were adopted in 2013 and are incorporated by reference into this administrative regulation.

Summary of Issue:

As the result of the revision of science standards being promulgated in a new administrative regulation, 704 KAR 8:120, this regulation will strike out all former reference to the previous science standards.

Budget Impact:

Minimal staff time was impacted in the revision of the document incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 3:303.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

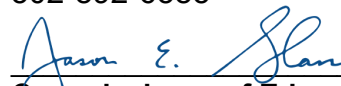
The regulation will go before the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its November 22, 2022 meeting.

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