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Issue Paper

DATE:

May 30, 2023

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Receive the Annual Policy Update and Revision Drafts

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.5 – School Board Policies

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Kentucky School Board Association has completed an annual update of our policies after the legislation session to align our policies with revised statutes. Administrators in the district also reviewed and revised several policies that are included in the annual update.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Annual Policy Update and Revision Drafts upon the first reading.

CONTACT PERSON:

Henry Webb

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator



Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

KSBA Policy Service

2023 Policy Update (#46) Checklist

District: Kenton County Schools

To enable KSBA to track and store your District's policies in our policy database, please indicate below what action you have taken on the new/revised policies enclosed for your review. We will forward printed or reproducible copies of the policies when we receive this form and update your online manual if you belong to that service.

Policy Number	Adopt as Written	Adopt with Modification*	Adoption Date	Order Number	Keep Current Policy	Rescind Policy
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*Please attach a copy of the modified policy. DO NOT RETYPE A DRAFT - simply indicate the district-initiated changes by writing in colored ink, circling, highlighting, etc.

Board Chair's Signature

Date

Superintendent's Signature

Date

**Please return this completed form to KSBA at your earliest opportunity.
Please contact your KSBA Consultant IF you need KSBA to completely reprint all policy pages or to order additional new manuals, instead of just getting copies of the updated policies.**

LEGAL: HB 319 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO REQUIRE THAT WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT THE JOB POSTING TO THE STATEWIDE JOB POSTING SYSTEM.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.11

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All appointments, promotions, and transfers of certified personnel for positions authorized by the Board shall be made by the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following the actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent. Certified employees may be appointed by the Superintendent for any school year at any time after February 1 preceding the beginning of the school year.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who are certified for the positions they will hold and who possess qualifications established by law, regulation and Board policy, except in the case where no individual applies who is properly certified and/or who meets established qualifications set by Board policy.

All teachers shall meet applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and federal regulation.³

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants, employees, and student teachers assigned within the District shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.¹

Each application form provided by the employer to an applicant for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

Initial employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual does not have a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender as defined in KRS 17.165 or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

"Administrative finding of child abuse or neglect" means a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is:

Hiring**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING (CONTINUED)**

1. Not appealed through an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B;
2. Upheld at an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and not appealed to a Circuit Court; or
3. Upheld by a Circuit Court in an appeal of the results of an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.¹

Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

Link to DPP-156 Central Registry Check and more information on the required CA/N check:

<http://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter30/33/Pages/3013RequestfromthePublicforCANCChecksandCentralRegistryChecks.aspx>

REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT

An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal.

JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain in the Central Office a job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall submit the job posting to the statewide job posting system fifteen (15) days before the position is to be filled.

All vacancies, as they occur, shall be listed in the central office directory and updated on the Kenton County webpage.

No vacancy shall be filled until it has been posted for fifteen (15) calendar days, unless a waiver has been granted by the Kentucky Department of Education in order to prevent disruption of the instructional program. Waivers shall be requested within fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the beginning of the school year and, as they occur, during the school year. In those instances where a vacancy occurs during the school year, the position may be filled on a one (1) year contract basis.

The Superintendent shall conduct a search to locate minority candidates to be considered for a vacant position.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Each application shall be reviewed and each applicant so notified upon initial application. Applications shall be kept on file for three (3) years.

Hiring**RELATIONSHIPS**

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board.

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed. No Principal's relative shall be employed in the Principal's school.

Relatives of current District employees may be employed. They shall not be assigned to positions wherein they are directly responsible to or would directly supervise a relative.

CONTRACT

Except for noncontracted substitute teachers, all certified personnel shall enter into written contracts with the District.

JOB DESCRIPTION

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

INTENT

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, employees may be requested to indicate their availability for employment for the next school year.

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year all full-time and part-time certified employees shall be notified in writing by the last day of school if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

Certified employees assigned extra duties such as coaching, but are not otherwise employed by the District on a full-time basis, shall be notified in writing by the last day of that assigned duty if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment in that or a similar capacity for the following school year.

EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Hiring of certified personnel who have previously retired under TRS shall be in compliance with applicable legal requirements.²

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.380

²KRS 161.605; 702 KAR 1:150

³P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

20 U.S.C. § 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)

45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

KRS Chapter 13B

KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165

KRS 156.106; KRS 160.345; KRS 160.390

KRS 161.042; KRS 161.611; KRS 161.750

KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435

16 KAR 9:080; 702 KAR 3:320; 704 KAR 7:130

OAG 18-017; OAG 73-333; OAG 91-10; OAG 91-149; OAG 91-206

OAG 92-1; OAG 92-59; OAG 92-78; OAG 92-131; OAG 97-6

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

PERSONNEL

03.11
(CONTINUED)

Hiring

RELATED POLICIES:

01.11; 02.4244; 03.132

LEGAL: PER SMITH V. BENNETT, 644 S.W.3D 516 (KY. APP. 2021) WHEN A TEACHER HAS ATTAINED CONTINUING SERVICE CONTRACT STATUS IN ONE DISTRICT AND BECOMES EMPLOYED IN ANOTHER DISTRICT, THE TEACHER SHALL RETAIN THAT STATUS. HOWEVER, A DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE A ONE (1) YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF SERVICE IN THAT DISTRICT BEFORE GRANTING THAT STATUS. THE CONTINUING SERVICE CONTRACT STATUS OF A TEACHER SHALL NOT BE TERMINATED WHEN THE TEACHER LEAVES EMPLOYMENT, ALL PROVISIONS OF KRS 161.720 TO 161.810 TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, AND THE CONTINUING SERVICE CONTRACT STATUS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEXT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SEVEN (7) MONTHS FROM THE TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIRST SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS TERMINATED.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: TEACHERS OBTAINING TENURE IN DISTRICT

PERSONNEL

03.115

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Transfer of Tenure

The continuing service contract status of a teacher shall not be terminated when the teacher leaves employment, all provisions of KRS 161.720 to KRS 161.810 to the contrary notwithstanding, and the continuing service contract status shall be transferred to the next school district, for a period of up to seven (7) months from the time employment in the first school district has terminated.

All teachers employed who have attained continuing service contract status from another Kentucky district shall serve a one (1)-year probation period before being considered for continuing service contract status in the school District.

REFERENCE:

KRS 161.740-~~(1)~~-(e)

KRS 161.720 to KRS 161.810

Smith v. Bennett, 644 S.W.3d 516 (Ky. App. 2021)

LEGAL: HB 331 AMENDS KRS 158.162 TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN A PORTABLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EVERY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AT SCHOOL-SANCTIONED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS, AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF AEDS DURING EMERGENCIES. IT ALSO REQUIRES ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACHES BE TRAINED ON THE USE OF PORTABLE AEDS AND MAINTAIN A CPR CERTIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY ON HEART HEALTH.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF PURCHASING, MAINTAINING AEDS, COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING PLANS, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS

PERSONNEL

03.1161

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Coaches and Assistant Coaches

TRAINING

Any middle or high school coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) shall successfully complete all training required by the District, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and state law and regulation. This shall include safety and first aid training and providing the school documentation of successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) ~~C.P.R.~~ course that includes the use of an automated ~~ie~~ external defibrillator and first aid training, conducted by an instructor or program approved by a college or university, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction with certification updated as required by the approving agency.² All interscholastic athletic coaches shall maintain a CPR certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health.³

Nonfaculty coaches and nonfaculty assistants shall complete District training that includes information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with which they will be working, the District's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow-up training shall be provided annually.¹

QUALIFICATION

Paraprofessionals selected for non-teaching, coaching positions shall meet all the requirements as specified in state law and regulation and the bylaws of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). Under KRS 156.070 and related regulations, non-teaching personnel may be selected to serve as coaches.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.185

²702 KAR 7:065

³KRS 158.162

KRS 156.070; KRS 160.445

KRS 161.180

RELATED POLICIES:

03.2141; 09.211; 09.311

LEGAL: SB 7 (EFFECTIVE NOW) AMENDS KRS 336.134 TO PROHIBIT DISTRICTS FROM DEDUCTING MONEY FROM EMPLOYEE PAYROLL FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES. DISTRICTS SHALL NO LONGER DEDUCT ANY AMOUNT FOR: "ANY DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS, OR OTHER CHARGES TO BE HELD FOR, TRANSFERRED TO, OR PAID OVER TO A LABOR ORGANIZATION; OR ... POLITICAL ACTIVITIES."

ALSO NOTE THAT SB 7 AMENDS KRS 161.158 TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING:

"THE DISTRICT BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM DEDUCTING MEMBERSHIP DUES OF AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION, OR LABOR ORGANIZATION ~~[WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE EMPLOYEE. EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE EMPLOYEE MAY BE REVOKED IN WRITING BY THE EMPLOYEE AT ANY TIME].~~"

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: TIME SPENT REMOVING PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

PERSONNEL

03.1211

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Salary Deductions

MANDATORY DEDUCTIONS

Mandatory payroll deductions made by the Board include:

1. State and federal income taxes;
2. Occupational tax, when applicable;
3. The Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky;
4. Any deductions required as a result of judicial process, e.g., salary attachments, etc.;
5. Medicare (FICA) - applicable to personnel newly hired after 3/31/86; and
6. Federal student loan garnishments.

OPTIONAL DEDUCTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 161.158, the following optional payroll deductions are authorized by the Board for those employees who choose to participate:

1. Board approved health/life insurance program;
2. Board approved Tax Sheltered Annuity program;
3. Other state approved deferred compensation plan;
4. Board approved voluntary benefits specified under the Board approved cafeteria plan Policy 03.1213.
5. Team Kenton Foundation;
6. KSBA Education Foundation Scholarship program; and
7. State-designated Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) plans;
- ~~1. Board approved membership dues for professional teachers' organizations (for the purposes of this policy, a professional teacher organization is one in which all teachers are eligible for membership);~~
- ~~2. Board approved membership dues in professional administrators' or supervisors' organizations (for the purposes of this policy, a professional administrators' or supervisors' organization is defined as a professional organization in which all administrators and supervisors are eligible for membership).~~

~~Deductions for membership dues of an employee organization, association, or union shall only be made upon the express written consent of the employee. This consent may be revoked by the employee at any time by written notice to the employer.~~

PERSONNEL

03.1211
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- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Salary Deductions

ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS

~~No other deductions shall be made unless authorized by the Board.~~ Administrative procedures may limit the number of participants required before additional programs are approved.

REFERENCES:

KRS 160.291; KRS 161.158; KRS 336.134
702 KAR 1:035; OAG 72-802

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.1231

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Personal Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time certified employees shall be entitled to three (3) days of personal leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized personal leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2) ~~1/2~~ day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized personal leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

APPROVAL

The employee's immediate supervisor must approve the leave date, but no reasons shall be required for the leave.

Approval shall be contingent upon limitations on the number of employees permitted to take personal leave on a given day, as established by the contractual agreement with the local education association. Those employees making earliest application shall be given preference.

STATEMENT ~~AFFIDAVIT~~

Employees taking personal leave must file a personal statement ~~affidavit~~ on their return to work stating that the leave was personal in nature.

ACCUMULATION

Personal leave days not taken during the school year shall accumulate to a maximum of three (3) days. On July 1, or when the employee assumes their duties in the new fiscal year, accumulated personal leave days from the preceding fiscal year shall be transferred and credited to the employee's accumulated sick leave account.

REFERENCE:

KRS 161.154

RELATED POLICY:

03.1232

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.1232

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Sick Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time certified employees shall be entitled to a minimum of ten (10) days of sick leave with pay each school year. Full-time personnel employed for 220 days or more each year shall be entitled to twelve (12) days of sick leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized sick leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2)~~1/2~~ day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized sick leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

ACCUMULATION

Sick leave days not taken during the school year in which they were granted shall accumulate without limitation to the credit of the certified employee to whom they were granted. At the beginning of each school year, teachers shall be provided with an accounting of their accumulated sick leave on request.

Sick leave days accumulated prior to an employee taking an unpaid leave of absence shall be credited to the employee upon return.

DEFINITION

Sickness shall mean personal illness, including illness or temporary disabilities arising from pregnancy.

FAMILY ILLNESS/MOURNING

Sick leave can also be taken for illness in the immediate family or for the purpose of mourning a member of the employee's immediate family. Immediate family shall mean only husband, wife, sons, daughters, stepchildren, foster children, grandchildren, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, brothers and sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents, and spouse's grandparents, step-parents or any other persons who are living as members of the teacher's household.

TRANSFER OF SICK LEAVE

Teachers coming to the District from another Kentucky school district or from the Kentucky Department of Education shall transfer accumulated sick leave to the District.

SICK LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, certified employees who have accrued more than fifteen (15) days of sick leave may request to transfer sick leave days to another employee who is authorized to receive the donation. The number of days donated shall not reduce the employee's sick leave balance to less than fifteen (15) days.

Certified employees are eligible to receive donated days if they meet the criteria established in statute.

Any sick leave not used shall be returned on a proportionate/pro-rated basis to employees who donated days.

Sick Leave**STATEMENT AFFIDAVIT**

Upon return to work a certified employee claiming sick leave must file a personal statement affidavit or a certificate of a physician stating that the employee was ill or that the employee was absent for the purpose of attending to a member of the immediate family who was ill.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.155₃₅ ~~See 2~~ KRS 161.152₃₅ OAG 79-148₃₅ OAG 93-39
Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993

RELATED POLICIES:

03.12322₃₅ 03.1233₃₅ 03.124₃₅ 03.175 (Retirement Compensation)

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK (INCLUDING EMERGENCY LEAVE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE) AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.1236

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Emergency Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time certified employees shall be entitled to three (3) days of emergency leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized emergency leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2)~~1/2~~ day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized emergency leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

Emergency leave shall be granted for the following reasons:

BEREAVEMENT

Death of a relative or close personal friend.

DISASTERS

Emergency situations resulting from natural disasters. In most instances, this does not include travel between home and work station.

COURT/LEGAL MATTERS

Appearances as a witness, to produce documents or to consult with an attorney when the employee's presence is required by subpoena and when such legal matters cannot be conducted outside normal work hours. If a person is found guilty of an illegal act, he or she shall not be paid for the leave. Emergency leave shall not be used for actions in which the employee is a party and the subpoena is obtained by or on behalf of the employee. This also does not include jury duty. (See Policy 03.1237.)

OTHER

Such other reasons of an emergency or extraordinary nature as approved by the Superintendent.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Emergency leave must be requested through the Superintendent or designee who will determine if the leave requested meets the Board's criteria.

STATEMENT~~AFFIDAVIT~~

Persons taking emergency leave must file a personal statement ~~affidavit~~ upon their return to work stating the specific reasons for their absence.

USE OF SICK LEAVE

In addition to emergency leave granted herein, employees may use up to three (3) sick leave days per school year for emergency leave pursuant to KRS 161.152 and consistent with the above provisions.

ACCUMULATION

Emergency leave days not taken during the school year shall not accumulate.

PERSONNEL

03.1236
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Emergency Leave

REFERENCES:

KRS 161.152₃₅; KRS 161.155₃₅; ~~OAG 76-427~~,
OAG 72-348₃₅; OAG 74-770₃₅; OAG 76-427

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1232₃₅; 03.1237

LEGAL: HB 547 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 WHICH PERMITS A SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ON DUTY TO ENGAGE IN RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.13241

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Employee Religious Expression

"ON DUTY"

Per KRS 158.193, "on duty" means those times when an employee is:

1. Required by the District to be on campus or at another designated location and required to perform the scope of the employee's duties; or
2. Otherwise acting as a designated representative of the District.

The District shall not punish or prohibit an employee from, or punish an employee for, engaging in private religious expression otherwise protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution absent a showing that the employee has engaged in actual coercion.

EMPLOYEE MAY

While an employee is on duty, the employee may, at a minimum:

1. Engage in religious expression and discussions and share religious materials with other employees at the same time and in the same manner that employees are permitted to engage in nonreligious expression and discussions outside the scope of duties;
2. Engage in private religious expression at a time when it is otherwise permissible for an employee to engage in private expressive conduct or act outside the scope of duties;
3. Meet with other District employees for prayer or religious study during times that the employee is allowed to act outside the scope of duties, including but not limited to employee breaks, time before school, and during lunch;
4. Work as a sponsor of a student religious club or organization and assist students in planning meetings, activities, and events to the same extent that employee sponsors of nonreligious clubs or organizations are permitted to do so;
5. Wear religious clothing, symbols, or jewelry, provided that such items otherwise comply with any dress code implemented by the District;
6. Decorate their desk and other personal spaces with personal items that reflect their religious beliefs to the same extent that other employees are permitted to decorate their desk and other personal spaces with personal items; and
7. During noninstructional time, engage in religious expression and share religious materials to the same extent that other employees may engage in private expression permitted under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Employee Religious Expression

AUTHORITY

This shall not be construed to authorize the state or any other governmental organization to:

1. Require any person to participate in prayer or any other religious activity; or
2. Violate the constitutional rights of any person.

This shall not be construed to limit the District's authority to:

1. Maintain order and discipline on school property in a content-neutral and viewpoint-neutral manner;
2. Protect the safety of students, employees, and visitors; and
3. Adopt and enforce policies and procedures regarding student speech at school that respect the rights of students.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.193

Kennedy v. Bremerton School District 142 S.Ct. 2407 (2022)

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1325; 03.2325; 09.32; 09.34; 09.426

LEGAL: HB 319 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 160 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ADOPT A POLICY TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES COMPLETE AN EXIT SURVEY WHEN THEY VOLUNTARILY LEAVE THE DISTRICT.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POTENTIAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE SURVEY

PERSONNEL

03.17

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Termination/Nonrenewal/Separation by Employee

Termination and nonrenewal of contracts shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following the actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes. No personnel action shall be effective prior to receipt of written notice of the action by the affected employee from the Superintendent.

CODE OF ETHICS

Employees who violate provisions of the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

TERMINATION

No contract shall be terminated except upon notification of the Board by the Superintendent. Prior to notification of the Board, the Superintendent shall furnish the teacher with a written statement specifying in detail the charge against the teacher.¹

Termination of contracts of certified personnel shall be made in compliance with the requirements of KRS 161.790 and with provisions of the contractual agreement with the local education association.

ALTERNATIVES TO TERMINATION

As an alternative to termination, the Superintendent, upon notifying the Board and providing written notification to the teacher, may impose sanctions in accordance with KRS 161.790.

NONRENEWAL

Nonrenewal of limited contracts of certified personnel shall be made in compliance with the requirements of KRS 161.750.

SEPARATION BY EMPLOYEE

Certified employees seeking to resign or terminate contracts in force shall do so in compliance with KRS 161.780.

A certified employee who voluntarily leaves the District shall complete an exit survey that includes, but is not limited to the position vacated, the employee's years of service in the position and in the District, if the employee is taking a similar position in another district, and the reason(s) provided for leaving the District. This information shall be reported to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) by the District in a system developed by KDE without providing personally identifiable information.

REPORTING

The Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of KRS 161.120.

Termination/Nonrenewal/Separation by Employee

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.790

[KRS 160.382](#)

KRS 161.120; KRS 161.750; KRS 161.780

OAG 83-362; OAG 92-135

16 KAR 1:020 (Code of Ethics); 701 KAR 5:090

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

RELATED POLICY:

03.172

LEGAL: HB 32 AMENDS KRS 161.011 TO PERMIT HIRING OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IF OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA IS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT AND PERMITS CERTAIN GOVERNMENT ISSUED CERTIFICATIONS OR LICENSES TO SUBSTITUTE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POTENTIAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM

DRAFT 5/30/23

PERSONNEL

03.21

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All appointments, promotions, and transfers of classified personnel for positions authorized by the Board shall be made by the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following the actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent.

RECRUITMENT/SELECTION

The recruitment and recommendation of candidates for school-based classified positions shall be the responsibility of each principal. The appropriate central office administrator or supervisor shall be responsible for recruiting and recommending candidates for District-wide positions.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants and employees shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations and the District.^{1 & 2} Bus drivers and applicants requiring a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) must undergo additional background and substance use checks per Board Policy 06.221.

Each application form provided by the employer to an applicant for a classified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

Initial employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual does not have a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender as defined in KRS 17.165 or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

"Administrative finding of child abuse or neglect" means a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is:

Hiring

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING (CONTINUED)

1. Not appealed through an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B;
2. Upheld at an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and not appealed to a Circuit Court; or
3. Upheld by a Circuit Court in an appeal of the results of an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.¹

Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

Link to DPP-156 Central Registry Check and more information on the required CA/N check:

<http://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter30/33/Pages/3013RequestfromthePublicforCANCHECKSANDCentralRegistryChecks.aspx>

Criminal records checks on persons employed in Head Start programs shall be conducted in conformity with 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90.

REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT

An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal.

JOB PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT (JPA)

~~Applicants for the positions listed below will be required to undergo and pass job placement assessment (JPA) protocol. The cost of the JPA shall be borne by the District. Positions requiring JPA: transportation department employees, cafeteria employees, maintenance employees, custodial employees and special education instructional assistants.~~

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

No person shall be initially hired unless s/he holds at least a high school diploma or high school certificate of completion or High School Equivalency Diploma or is provided an opportunity by the District upon employment to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma at no cost to the employee ~~or unless s/he shows progress, as defined by Administrative Regulations of the State Board for Adult, and Technical Education, toward obtaining a High School Equivalency Diploma.~~ Licenses or credentials issued by a government entity that require specialized skill or training may also substitute for this requirement. Employees shall hold the qualifications for the position as established by the Commissioner of Education.³ Applicants possessing regular or emergency teaching certification shall be given preference in the employment process.

Existing and new paraprofessionals who provide instructional service or support in programs supported by Title I funds shall satisfy educational requirements specified by federal law.⁴

Hiring

JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain in the Central Office a job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a listing of all District job openings shall be listed in the Central Office directory and updated on the Kenton County webpage. Postings of vacancies may be made with other agencies, as appropriate.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Each application shall be reviewed and each applicant so notified. Applications for candidates not employed shall be retained for three (3) years.

HIRING RELATIONSHIPS

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board.

A relative may be employed as a substitute for a certified or classified employee if the relative is not:

1. A regular full-time or part-time employee of the District;
2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed except as provided by KRS 160.380.¹

Relatives of current District employees may be employed. They shall not be assigned to positions wherein they are directly responsible to, or would directly supervise, a relative. Exception is the section on substitute personnel above.

EMERGENCY HIRING

During emergency situations, job openings may be filled without listing in the job register or posting in District buildings.

JOB DESCRIPTION

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

CONTRACT

All regular full-time and part-time classified employees shall enter into annual written contracts with the District.

INTENT

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, employees may be requested to indicate their availability for employment for the next school year.

Hiring

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year, all full-time and part-time classified employees, including substitutes, shall be notified in writing by the last day of school if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

Classified employees assigned extra duties such as coaching, but are not otherwise employed by the District on a full-time basis, shall be notified in writing by the last day of that assigned duty if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment in that or a similar capacity for the following school year.

EMPLOYEES SEEKING A JOB CHANGE

Other than the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files, District employees are prohibited from assisting a school employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has probable cause to believe, that such school employee, contractor, or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law and such school employee, contractor, or agent does not meet the exceptions outlined in 20 U.S.C. § 7926.

EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Hiring of classified personnel who have previously retired under KPPA/CERS shall be in compliance with applicable legal requirements.

When the District hires full-time classified employees previously retired under KPPA, those employees shall participate in the District's health insurance program.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.380

²702 KAR 5:080

³KRS 161.011

⁴P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

20 U.S.C. § 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)

34 C.F.R. § 200.58; 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

49 C.F.R. § 382.701; 49 C.F.R. § 382.703

KRS Chapter 13B

KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 156.070

KRS 160.345; KRS 160.390; KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435

OAG 18-017; OAG 91-10; OAG 91-149; OAG 91-206; OAG 92-1; OAG 92-59

OAG 92-78; OAG 92-131; OAG 97-6

Kentucky Local District Classification Plan; 13 KAR 3:030; 702 KAR 3:320

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

01.11; 02.4244; 03.232; 03.27; 03.5; 06.221

LEGAL: HB 13 AMENDS KRS 281A.175 RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS. IT CHANGES THE REQUIRED PHYSICAL EXAM FROM EVERY YEAR TO EVERY TWO (2) YEARS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: LESS FREQUENT EXAMS COULD BE A COST SAVINGS

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PERSONNEL

03.211

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Medical Examination

~~Through appropriate personnel documents, such as handbooks and/or job applications, employees shall be notified as to who will pay for medical examinations required for initial employment.~~

Bus Drivers

As a condition of employment, each school bus driver, including substitute drivers, shall pass a medical examination on initial employment and every two (2) years~~each year~~ thereafter in accordance with KRS 281A.175, 702 KAR 5:030, and 702 KAR 5:080. ~~Also, each school bus driver, including substitute drivers on initial employment shall pass a job placement assessment (JPA) protocol.~~

Before being allowed to drive a bus, the driver must be free of any medical condition which could endanger the health or safety of students in the performance of duties.

OTHER NEWLY EMPLOYED CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

As a condition of initial employment, all classified employees (except bus drivers), including substitute employees, shall pass a medical examination as indicated in 702 KAR 1:160. The examination shall be provided by a licensed physician, physician assistant (PA), or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse designated by the Board. If the employee elects to be examined by a private practitioner, the cost of examination shall be borne by the employee.¹

~~JOB PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT (JPA)~~

~~Classified employees hired for the following positions shall undergo and pass a job placement assessment (JPA) protocol: transportation department employees, cafeteria employees, maintenance employees, custodial employees and special education instructional assistants. The JPA must be performed by a health care provider designated by the Board and the cost shall be borne by the District.~~

REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Unless a new employee is hired after the beginning of the school year, examinations shall be conducted prior to August 1 of the school year in which the person is employed.

Medical examinations performed within a ninety (90)-day period prior to initial employment will be accepted.

The medical examination shall be reported on the form required by Kentucky Administrative Regulation or an electronic medical record that includes all of the data equivalent to that on the Medical Examination of School Employees form. A copy of the form or electronic medical record and a statement indicating the employee's medical status must be filed with the Superintendent prior to assuming assigned duties.

Medical Examination

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING/TESTING

Each medical examination shall include a risk assessment for TBtuberculosis as required by Kentucky Administrative Regulation. Individuals identified by that assessment as being at high risk for TB shall be required to undergo a tuberculin skin test or a blood test for Mycobacterium tuberculosis (BAMT) as required by 702 KAR 1:160. A person who tests positive for TB shall be required to comply with the directives of the Board, local board of health and the Kentucky Department for Public Health, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, for further evaluation and treatment of the TBtuberculosis infection.^{1, 2 & 3}

REQUIRED EXAMINATION FOR PRESENT PERSONNEL

When, in the opinion of the Superintendent, there is evidence that an employee is no longer able to perform satisfactorily the assigned duties because of health problems or when the employee poses a health threat to students or other employees, the Superintendent may, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Medical Leave Act, require the employee to provide evidence of fitness in the form of an examination and report by a physician of the Superintendent's choosing. The Board shall bear the cost of this examination.³

When an employee ~~cannot pass the JPA or~~ has not been cleared by his or her physician to return to work without restrictions, that employee cannot automatically be transferred to another job classification. Each case will be considered independently to determine whether or not modifications to the job classification are appropriate and in the best interest of student safety and the effective operations of the district.

SCHOOL TO REPORT

Local school authorities shall report immediately all known or suspected cases of communicable disease to the local health department. Diseases to be reported shall not include those considered confidential, such as HIV/AIDS, as set forth in Kentucky Administrative Regulation.²

MEDICAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Signed consent of the employee designating personnel to be informed shall be required before the Superintendent advises personnel of the employee's medical condition.

The Superintendent shall determine which employees are to have access to medical information. This determination shall be made on a need-to-know basis.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.145; 702 KAR 5:080

²702 KAR 1:160, 902 KAR 2:020; KRS 214.181; KRS 214.625

702 KAR 5:030; KRS 281A.175

OAG 91-1

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

Americans with Disabilities Act

Family Medical Leave Act of 1993

RELATED POLICIES:

³03.2234_{as} 03.24

LEGAL: HB 331 AMENDS KRS 158.162 TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN A PORTABLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EVERY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AT SCHOOL-SANCTIONED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS, AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF AEDS DURING EMERGENCIES. IT ALSO REQUIRES ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACHES BE TRAINED ON THE USE OF PORTABLE AEDS AND MAINTAIN A CPR CERTIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY ON HEART HEALTH.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF PURCHASING, MAINTAINING AEDS, COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING PLANS, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS

PERSONNEL

03.2141

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Nonteaching Coaches and Assistant Coaches

Any middle or high school coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) shall successfully complete all training required by the District, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and state law and regulation. This shall include safety and first aid training and providing the school documentation of successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) ~~C.P.R.~~ course that includes the use of an automated ~~ie~~ external defibrillator and first aid training, conducted by an instructor or program approved by a college or university, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction with certification updated as required by the approving agency.² All interscholastic athletic coaches shall maintain a CPR certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health.³

Nonfaculty coaches and nonfaculty assistants shall complete District training that includes information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with which they will be working, the District's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow-up training shall be provided annually.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.185

²702 KAR 7:065

³KRS 158.162

KRS 156.070

KRS 160.445

KRS 161.180

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1161

09.311

LEGAL: SB 7 (EFFECTIVE NOW) AMENDS KRS 336.134 TO PROHIBIT DISTRICTS FROM DEDUCTING MONEY FROM EMPLOYEE PAYROLL FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES. DISTRICTS SHALL NO LONGER DEDUCT ANY AMOUNT FOR: "ANY DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS, OR OTHER CHARGES TO BE HELD FOR, TRANSFERRED TO, OR PAID OVER TO A LABOR ORGANIZATION; OR ... POLITICAL ACTIVITIES."

ALSO NOTE THAT SB 7 AMENDS KRS 161.158 TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING:

"THE DISTRICT BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM DEDUCTING MEMBERSHIP DUES OF AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION, OR LABOR ORGANIZATION ~~[WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE EMPLOYEE. EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE EMPLOYEE MAY BE REVOKED IN WRITING BY THE EMPLOYEE AT ANY TIME].~~"

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: TIME SPENT REMOVING PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

PERSONNEL

03.2211

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Salary Deductions

MANDATORY DEDUCTIONS

Mandatory payroll deductions made by the Board include:

1. State and federal income taxes;
2. Occupational tax, when applicable;
3. Social Security, when applicable;
4. County Employees' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, when applicable;
5. Any deductions required as a result of judicial process, e.g., salary attachments, etc.;
6. Medicare (FICA) - applicable to personnel newly hired after 3/31/86; and
7. Federal student loan garnishments.

OPTIONAL DEDUCTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 161.158, the following optional payroll deductions are authorized by the Board for those employees who choose to participate:

1. Board approved health/life insurance program;
2. Board approved Tax Sheltered Annuity program;
3. Other state approved deferred compensation plan;
4. Board approved voluntary benefits specified under the Board approved cafeteria plan Policy 03.2212;
5. Team Kenton Foundation;
6. KSBA Education Foundation Scholarship program; [and](#)
7. State-designated Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) plans.

~~3. Board approved membership dues for job-related organizations.~~

~~Deductions for membership dues of an employee organization, association, or union shall only be made upon the express written consent of the employee. This consent may be revoked by the employee at any time by written notice to the employer.~~

Salary Deductions

ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS

~~No other deductions shall be made unless authorized by the Board.~~ Administrative procedures may limit the number of participants required before additional programs are approved.

REFERENCES:

KRS 78.610; KRS 161.158
KRS 336.134
702 KAR 1:035; OAG 72-802

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.2231

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Personal Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time classified employees shall be entitled to three (3) days of personal leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized personal leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2) day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized personal leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

APPROVAL

The employee's immediate supervisor must approve the leave date, but no reasons shall be required for the leave.

Approval shall be contingent upon the availability of qualified substitute employees. Those employees making earliest application shall be given preference.

AFFIDAVIT STATEMENT

Employees taking personal leave must file a personal affidavit statement on their return to work stating that the leave was personal in nature.

ACCUMULATION

Personal leave days not taken during the school year shall accumulate to a maximum of three (3) days. On July 1, or when the employee assumes their duties in the new fiscal year, accumulated personal leave days from the preceding fiscal year shall be transferred and credited to the employee's accumulated sick leave account.

REFERENCES:

KRS 161.154

OAG 77-115

RELATED POLICY:

03.2232

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.2232

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Sick Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time classified employees shall be entitled to a minimum of ten (10) days of sick leave with pay each school year. Full-time personnel employed for 220 days or more each year shall be entitled to twelve (12) days of sick leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized sick leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2) ~~1/2~~ day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized sick leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

ACCUMULATION

Sick leave days not taken during the school year in which they were granted shall accumulate without limitation to the credit of the classified employee to whom they were granted. At the beginning of each school year, classified employees shall be provided with an accounting of their accumulated sick leave on request.

Sick leave days accumulated prior to an employee taking an unpaid leave of absence shall be credited to the employee upon return.

DEFINITION

Sickness shall mean personal illness, including illness or temporary disabilities arising from pregnancy.

FAMILY ILLNESS/MOURNING

Sick leave can also be taken for illness in the immediate family or for the purpose of mourning a member of the employee's immediate family. Immediate family shall mean only husband, wife, sons, daughters, stepchildren, foster children, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, brothers and sisters, grandparents, parents, step-parents or any other persons who are living as members of the teacher's household.

TRANSFER OF SICK LEAVE

Classified employees coming to the District from another Kentucky school district or from the Kentucky Department of Education shall transfer accumulated sick leave to the District.

SICK LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, classified employees who have accrued more than fifteen (15) days of sick leave may request to transfer sick leave days to another employee who is authorized to receive the donation. The number of days donated shall not reduce the employee's sick leave balance to less than fifteen (15) days.

Classified employees are eligible to receive donated days if they meet the criteria established in procedures.

Any sick leave not used shall be returned on a proportionate/pro-rated basis to employees who donated days.

Sick Leave

STATEMENT AFFIDAVIT

Upon return to work a classified employee claiming sick leave must file a personal statementaffidavit or a certificate of a physician stating that the employee was ill or that the employee was absent for the purpose of attending to a member of the immediate family who was ill.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.155
OAG 79-148
OAG 93-39
Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993

RELATED POLICIES:

03.22322
03.224
03.273 (Retirement Compensation)

LEGAL: HB 319 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN AFFIDAVIT BE SUBMITTED FOR SICK (INCLUDING EMERGENCY LEAVE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE) AND PERSONAL LEAVE AND REPLACES AFFIDAVIT WITH STATEMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.2236

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Emergency Leave

NUMBER OF DAYS

Full-time classified employees shall be entitled to three (3) days of emergency leave with pay each school year.

Persons employed for less than a full year contract shall receive a prorata part of the authorized emergency leave days calculated to the nearest one-half (1/2) ~~1/2~~ day.

Persons employed on a full year contract but scheduled for less than a full work day shall receive the authorized emergency leave days equivalent to their normal working day.

Emergency leave shall be granted for the following reasons:

BEREAVEMENT

Death of a relative or close personal friend.

DISASTERS

Emergency situations resulting from natural disasters. In most instances, this does not include travel between home and work station.

LEGAL MATTERS

Appearances as a witness or to produce documents or consult with an attorney when the employee's presence is required by subpoena and when such legal matters cannot be conducted outside normal work hours. If a person is found guilty of an illegal act, he or she shall not be paid for the leave. This is not to include appearances in actions in which the employee is a party and the subpoena is obtained by or on behalf of the employee. This also does not include jury duty. (See Policy 03.2237.)

OTHER

Such other reasons of an emergency or extraordinary nature as approved by the Superintendent.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Emergency leave must be requested through the Superintendent or designee who will determine if the leave requested meets the Board's criteria.

STATEMENT ~~AFFIDAVIT~~

Persons taking emergency leave must file a personal statement ~~affidavit~~ upon their return to work stating the specific reasons for their absence.

USE OF SICK LEAVE

In addition, emergency granted herein, employees may use up to three (3) sick leave days per school year for emergency leave pursuant to KRS 161.152 and consistent with the above provisions.

ACCUMULATION

Emergency leave days not taken during the school year shall not accumulate.

PERSONNEL

03.2236
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Emergency Leave

REFERENCES:

KRS 161.152; KRS 161.155~~(3)~~
OAG 72-348; OAG 74-770; OAG 76-427; ~~OAG 72-348~~

RELATED POLICIES:

03.2232₂₅; 03.2237

LEGAL: HB 547 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 WHICH PERMITS A SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ON DUTY TO ENGAGE IN RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.23241

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Employee Religious Expression

"ON DUTY"

Per KRS 158.193, "on duty" means those times when an employee is:

1. Required by the District to be on campus or at another designated location and required to perform the scope of the employee's duties; or
2. Otherwise acting as a designated representative of the District.

The District shall not punish or prohibit an employee from, or punish an employee for, engaging in private religious expression otherwise protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution absent a showing that the employee has engaged in actual coercion.

EMPLOYEE MAY

While an employee is on duty, the employee may, at a minimum:

1. Engage in religious expression and discussions and share religious materials with other employees at the same time and in the same manner that employees are permitted to engage in nonreligious expression and discussions outside the scope of duties;
2. Engage in private religious expression at a time when it is otherwise permissible for an employee to engage in private expressive conduct or act outside the scope of duties;
3. Meet with other District employees for prayer or religious study during times that the employee is allowed to act outside the scope of duties, including but not limited to employee breaks, time before school, and during lunch;
4. Work as a sponsor of a student religious club or organization and assist students in planning meetings, activities, and events to the same extent that employee sponsors of nonreligious clubs or organizations are permitted to do so;
5. Wear religious clothing, symbols, or jewelry, provided that such items otherwise comply with any dress code implemented by the District;
6. Decorate their desk and other personal spaces with personal items that reflect their religious beliefs to the same extent that other employees are permitted to decorate their desk and other personal spaces with personal items; and
7. During noninstructional time, engage in religious expression and share religious materials to the same extent that other employees may engage in private expression permitted under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Employee Religious Expression

AUTHORITY

This shall not be construed to authorize the state or any other governmental organization to:

1. Require any person to participate in prayer or any other religious activity; or
2. Violate the constitutional rights of any person.

This shall not be construed to limit the District's authority to:

1. Maintain order and discipline on school property in a content-neutral and viewpoint-neutral manner;
2. Protect the safety of students, employees, and visitors; and
3. Adopt and enforce policies and procedures regarding student speech at school that respect the rights of students.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.193

Kennedy v. Bremerton School District 142 S.Ct. 2407 (2022)

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1325; 03.2325; 09.32; 09.34; 09.426

LEGAL: HB 319 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 160 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ADOPT A POLICY TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES COMPLETE AN EXIT SURVEY WHEN THEY VOLUNTARILY LEAVE THE DISTRICT.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POTENTIAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE SURVEY

PERSONNEL

03.272

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Separation by Employee

A classified employee who voluntarily leaves the District shall complete an exit survey that includes, but is not limited to the position vacated, the employee's years of service in the position and in the District, if the employee is taking a similar position in another district, and the reason(s) provided for leaving the District. This information shall be reported to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) by the District in a system developed by KDE without providing personally identifiable information.

REFERENCE:

KRS 160.382

RELATED POLICY:

03.27

LEGAL: SB 169 AMENDS KRS 65.028 BY PERMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH BOARD APPROVAL.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POTENTIAL SAVINGS IN SHARING COST OF PROJECTS

LEGAL: HB 522 AMENDS KRS 45A.385 INCREASING THE AGGREGATE CONTRACT AMOUNT MAXIMUM FOR SMALL PURCHASE TO \$40,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: LARGER AMOUNT FOR SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

04.32

Model Procurement Code Purchasing

AUTHORITY

Purchasing procedures shall conform to the Model Procurement Code, KRS 45A.345 - KRS 45A.460.¹ All contracts or purchases shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation, both of which may include the use of a reverse auction, except as otherwise provided by law.²

All purchases of Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) components shall adhere to KETS architectural standards and procedures.

The District may purchase supplies and/or equipment outside an established price contract of the federal government (GSA), the State Division of Purchases, a cooperative agency bid approved by the Board, or a District bid if:

1. The supplies and/or equipment meet the specifications of contracts awarded by the Division of Purchases, a federal agency (GSA), a cooperative agency, or a District bid;
2. The supplies and/or equipment are available for purchase at a lower price;
3. The purchase does not exceed \$2,500⁴ & ⁸; and
4. The District's finance or purchasing officer has certified compliance with the first and second requirements.

Prior to purchase of education technology components defined in the master technology plan, the Department of Education must certify that the items to be purchased meet or exceed the specifications of components of the original equipment of manufacturers currently holding Kentucky price contracts.⁴

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Board may utilize a public-private partnership delivery method. Public-private partnerships shall comply with KRS 65.028 and other applicable state laws and regulations.

FEDERAL AWARDS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No employee, officer, or agent of the District may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.⁸

The officers, employees, and agents of the District may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. In determining whether an activity constitutes an impermissible acceptance of a gratuity or item of monetary value, the definition of "gratuity" (covering anything of more than fifty dollars [\$50] value) set forth in KRS 45A.445 shall apply. Violation of these standards may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited, to suspension, dismissal, or removal.

Model Procurement Code Purchasing**ETHICAL STANDARDS**

To avoid conflicts that may arise during the decision-making process for procurement of services and products for the District, employees shall adhere to the ethical standards set out in KRS 45A.455.

PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENT BIDDERS

For all contracts funded in whole or in part by the District, the Board shall apply the reciprocal preference for resident bidders required by law. Geographical preferences relating to school nutrition service purchases may be utilized only as permitted by applicable federal law.³

EXEMPTIONS

Federal regulatory requirements do not provide a bidding exception for purchase of perishables using school nutrition service funds. Such purchases must follow applicable federal regulations.⁷

PRICE REDUCTIONS

Price reductions may be accepted on supplies and/or equipment being offered by the vendor with whom a price agreement has been made if the supplies and/or equipment meet all terms and conditions specified in the price agreement except for price and if the price reduction is offered to all participants in the price agreement. Price reductions may be accepted even if the reduced price requires the purchase of a specified quantity of units different from the quantity stated in the original price agreement.

SMALL PURCHASES

District small purchase procedures may be used for any contract in which the aggregate amount does not exceed \$~~40,000.00~~~~30,000.00~~.⁵

BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Superintendent shall require an adult who is permitted access to school grounds on a regularly scheduled and continuing basis pursuant to a written agreement for the purpose of providing services directly to a student or students as part of a school-sponsored program or activity to submit, at no expense to the District, to a national and state criminal history background check by the Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to provide a clear CA/N check in keeping with KRS 160.380.⁶

Link to DPP-156 Central Registry Check and more information on the required CA/N check:

<http://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter30/33/Pages/3013RequestfromthePublicforCANChecksandCentralRegistryChecks.aspx>

Model Procurement Code Purchasing

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 45A.343
²KRS 45A.345; KRS 160.290; KRS 45A.380
³KRS 160.303; 200 KAR 5:400; KRS 45A.494
⁴KRS 156.076
⁵KRS 45A.385
⁶KRS 160.380
⁷2 C.F.R. 200.318
⁸KRS 45A.360
KRS 45A.420; KRS 45A.445; KRS 45A.455
KRS 45A.460; KRS 45A.620
KRS 65.027; [KRS 65.028](#); KRS 160.151; KRS 164A.575; KRS 176.080
[200 KAR 5:355](#)
OAG 79-501; OAG 82-170; OAG 82-407 KRS 45A.352; KRS 45A.370
Kentucky Educational Technology Systems (KETS)

RELATED POLICIES:

05.6; 06.4; 07.13

LEGAL: HB 331 AMENDS KRS 158.162 TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL TO HAVE A WRITTEN CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN. IT ALSO REQUIRES THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN A PORTABLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EVERY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AT SCHOOL-SANCTIONED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS, AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF AEDS DURING EMERGENCIES. IT ALSO CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO REPORT THE NUMBER OF AEDS AT EACH SCHOOL TO THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF PURCHASING, MAINTAINING AEDS, COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING PLANS, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS

DRAFT 5/30/23

SCHOOL FACILITIES

05.4

Safety

BOARD TO ADOPT PLAN

The Board shall adopt a plan for immediate and long-term strategies to address school safety and discipline, which shall be reviewed annually and revised, as needed. This plan shall utilize information gathered from the District assessment of school safety and student discipline required by law and shall include the Board's Code of Conduct and Expected Behavior and a description of instructional placement options for threatening or violent students. The committee that develops the plan for Board consideration shall include at least one (1) representative from each school in the District, as well as representatives from the community as required by law.

The plan shall identify measures to be taken in protecting students, staff, visitors, and property. Areas addressed by the plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Employment practices and employee management;
2. School facility design, maintenance and usage;
3. Safety and security procedures, orientation and training in use and management of equipment and facilities;
4. Supervision of students;
5. Compliance with state and federal safety requirements;
6. Regularly scheduled reports to the Board concerning implementation of the plan and its effects on District students, personnel and operations;
7. Emergency/crisis intervention; and
8. Community involvement.

DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATOR

The Superintendent shall appoint an individual to serve as the District's School Safety Coordinator (SSC) and primary point of contact for public school safety and security functions.¹ The SSC shall:

1. Complete the school safety coordinator training program developed by the Center for School Safety within six (6) months of his or her date of appointment;
2. Designate a school safety and security threat assessment team at each school in the District consisting of two (2) or more staff members to identify and respond to students exhibiting behavior that indicates a potential threat to school safety or security. Members of a threat assessment team may include school administrators, school counselors, school resource officers, school-based mental health services providers, teachers, and other school personnel;
3. Provide training to school Principals on procedures for completion of the school security risk assessment;

Safety**DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATOR (CONTINUED)**

4. Review all school security risk assessments completed within the District and prescribe recommendations as needed in consultation with the state school security marshal;
5. Advise the Superintendent ~~by July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter~~ of completion of required security risk assessments;
6. Formulate recommended policies and procedures, which shall be excluded from the application of KRS 61.870 to KRS 61.884, for an all-hazards approach including conducting emergency response drills for hostage, active shooter, and building lockdown situations in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies to include but not be limited to fire, police, and emergency medical services for review and adoption as part of the school emergency plan required by KRS 158.162. The recommended policies shall encourage the involvement of students, as appropriate, in the development of the school's emergency plan; and
7. Ensure each school campus is toured at least once per school year, in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies, to review policies and procedures and provide recommendations related to school safety and security.

The SSC, and any school employees participating in the activities of a School Safety and Security Threat Assessment Team, acting in good faith upon reasonable cause in the identification of students, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed from:

- a. Identifying the student and implementing a response pursuant to policies and procedures adopted as required above; or
- b. Participating in any judicial proceeding that results from the identification.

SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT

No later than November 1 of each year, the Superintendent shall report to the Center for School Safety the number and placement of School Resource Officers (SROs) in the District. The report shall include the source of funding and method of employment for each position.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

The District shall maintain AEDs in designated locations throughout the District. An AED shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use in accordance with KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669.

The District shall notify the local emergency medical services system and the local emergency communications or vehicle dispatch center of the existence, location, and type of each AED.

AEDs shall be kept on school property and will not accompany EMS personnel to a hospital emergency room.

Safety**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Board shall require ~~The school council or, if none exists, the Principal to shall~~ adopt an emergency plan for the school that shall include:

1. ~~p~~Procedures to be followed in cases of medical emergency, fire, severe weather, earthquake, or a building lockdown as defined in KRS 158.164;
2. A written cardiac emergency response plan; and
3. ~~A copy of the emergency plan, including a~~ diagram of the facility~~facilities~~ that clearly identifies the location of each AED.

The emergency plan shall be ~~provided~~given to appropriate first responders, ~~including local fire, police, and emergency medical personnel and all school staff.~~

Following the end of each school year, the school nurse, the school council, or if none exists, the Principal, and first responders shall review the emergency plan and revise it as needed and shall be recorded in the District Utilized Platform/Process.

The school emergency plan shall address staff responsibilities for safely evacuating students needing special assistance during safety drills and actual emergency situations, including students with disabilities and those with 504 plans. The Principal shall discuss the emergency plan with all school staff prior to the first instructional day annually and ~~shall~~ document the date and time of any discussion.

The cardiac emergency response plan shall be rehearsed by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all:

1. Licensed athletic trainers, school nurses, and athletic directors; and
2. Interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team active during that athletic season.

Whenever possible, first responders shall be invited to observe emergency response drills.

In addition, the school council or, if none exists, the Principal shall:

1. Establish and post primary and secondary evacuation routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation;
2. Identify the best available severe weather safe zones, in consultation with local and state safety officials and informed by guiding principles set forth by the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and post the location of the safe zones in each room;
3. Develop school procedures to follow during an earthquake;~~and~~
4. Develop and adhere to practices to control access to the school. ~~As soon as practicable but no later than July 1, 2022, p~~Practices shall include but not be limited to:
 - Controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day;
 - Controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system;

Safety**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CONTINUED)**

- Controlling access to individual classrooms;
 - Requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside;
 - Requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time, except in instances when only one (1) student and one (1) adult are in the classroom or when approved in writing by the State School Security Marshal;
 - Requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown;
 - Requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and
 - Providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment.
5. Maintain a portable AED in a public, readily accessible, well-marked location in every middle and high school building and, as funds (provided by the Kentucky General Assembly) become available, at school-sanctioned middle and high school athletic practices and competitions and:
- a) Adopt procedures for the use of the portable AED during an emergency;
 - b) Adopt policies for compliance with KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669 on training, maintenance, notification, and communication with the local emergency medical services system;
 - c) Ensure that a minimum of three (3) employees in the school and all interscholastic athletic coaches be trained on the use of a portable AED in accordance with KRS 311.667; and
 - d) Ensure that all interscholastic athletic coaches maintain a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health; and
6. Require development of an event-specific emergency action plan for each school-sanctioned nonathletic event held off-campus to be used during a medical emergency, which may include the provision of a portable AED. The plan shall:
- a) Include a delineation of the roles of staff and emergency personnel, methods of communication, any assigned emergency equipment including a portable AED, a cardiac emergency response plan, and access to and plan for emergency transport; and
 - b) Be in writing and distributed to any member of school personnel attending the school-sanctioned event in an official capacity.

No later than November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent/designee shall send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools are in compliance with school emergency planning requirements.

By August 1 of each year, the Superintendent shall report to the Kentucky Department of Education on the number of portable AEDs at each school within the District.²

Safety**PRECAUTIONS**

Precautions will be taken for the safety of the students, employees, and visitors.

REPORTING HAZARDS

Each employee observing a potential safety or security hazard shall report such hazard in writing to his/her immediate supervisor who shall cause the situation to be remedied or reported to the proper authority for remedy.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The District shall establish a process for a two-way communication system for employees to notify the Principal, supervisor or other administrator of an existing emergency. The process may include, but is not limited to, use of intercoms, telephones, and two-way radios.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.4412

²[KRS 158.1621](#)

KRS 61.870 to KRS 61.884

KRS 158.148; KRS 158.162; KRS 158.164; KRS 158.4410; KRS 158.445

KRS 160.290; KRS 160.445

[KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669](#); KRS 311.667; KRS 411.148

702 KAR 1:180

RELATED POLICIES:

02.31; 03.14; 03.24; 05.2; 05.21; 05.41; 05.411; 05.42; 05.45; 05.47; 05.5
09.22; 09.221; 09.4 (entire section); 10.5

LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 704 KAR 3:305 IMPACT THE INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN AND THE EARLY GRADUATION PROGRAM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.113

Graduation Requirements

In support of student development goals set out in KRS 158.6451 and the Kentucky Academic Standards, students must complete a minimum of twenty-two (22) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology, and all other state and local requirements in order to graduate from a Kenton County High School with a Traditional Diploma.

CIVICS EXAM REQUIREMENT

Students wishing to receive a regular diploma must pass a civics test made up of one hundred (100) questions selected from the civics test administered to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens and prepared or approved by the Board. A minimum score of sixty percent (60%) is required to pass the test and students may take the test as many times as needed to pass. Students that have passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall be exempt from this civics test. This shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan.⁵⁴

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN (ILP)

The development of the~~Students shall complete an~~ Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for each student shall be established within the first ninety (90) days of the sixth (6th) grade year and shall be~~that~~ focused~~s~~ on career exploration and related postsecondary education and training needs.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD

In addition to the content requirements established by the Kentucky Academic Standards, and the credits required by the minimum requirements for high school graduation in 704 KAR 3:305, the Board may impose other requirements for graduation from high school. However, the Board shall not adopt any graduation requirements that include achieving a minimum score on a statewide assessment.

Graduation Requirements

For Students Entering Grade Nine (9) on or after the First Day of the 2019-2020 Academic Year

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

English/Language Arts	Four (4) Credits total (English I and II plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits total (Two (2) plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Mathematics	Four (4) Credits total (Algebra I and Geometry plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Science	Three (3) Credits total (Two (2) credits incorporating lab based scientific investigation experiences plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Health	One half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Six (6) Credits total (Two (2) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency

Graduation Requirements**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE (9) ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

English/Language Arts	Four (4) Credits total (English I and II plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Mathematics	Four (4) Credits total (Algebra I and Geometry plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Science	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) credits incorporating lab-based scientific investigation experiences plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Health	One-half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One-half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Six (6) Credits total (Two (2) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency
Financial Literacy	One (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy requirements pursuant to KRS 158.1411.

Graduation Requirements

The Board requires enrollment for four (4) full school calendar years for all high school students. (For exceptions, see sections for Graduate Early and [Policy 08.11311 Early Graduation Program Certificate](#).)

ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students eligible for an Alternative High School Diploma will participate in graduation ceremonies during the same school year in which they complete their program or reach twenty-one (21) years of age.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES

No student shall be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies until all graduation requirements have been fulfilled, as determined by the Principal.

KENTON COUNTY BASIC DIPLOMA

A student must meet or exceed all credits in the prescribed domains and meet or exceed all SBDM requirements to be granted a traditional Diploma from one of the high schools in Kenton County. While it is anticipated that all students will meet this standard, the Board recognizes there may be extenuating circumstances that prevent some students from successfully completing all the standards. In an effort to meet the needs of the total student population, students meeting the following criteria may apply for a Kenton County Basic High School Diploma that meets the State minimum requirements as set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and described above.

1. Receive their Principal's recommendation for participation in the program;
2. Review all SWS/Alternative School options;
3. Enrolled in a Kenton County high school for two (2) semesters. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to waive the two (2) semester enrollment requirement on a case-by-case basis.

KENTON COUNTY STATE MINIMUM STANDARDS DIPLOMA

A Kenton County State Minimum Standards Diploma, that meets the minimum state high school graduation credit requirements as set forth in 704 KAR 003:305, may be awarded to a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135. Individual students with extenuating circumstances and who meet the minimum state graduation requirements and local guidelines may qualify for such a diploma.

A student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age and who is a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135, shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Upon request and approval of the Board, District high schools may offer different diploma programs.

The Board, Superintendent, Principal, or teacher may award special recognition to students. In addition, the Board may award a diploma to a student posthumously indicating graduation with the class with which the student was expected to graduate.

Graduation Requirements

OTHER PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)

Consistent with the District's graduation practices for all students, an alternative high school diploma shall be awarded to students with disabilities in compliance with applicable legal requirements. In addition, former students may submit to the Superintendent a request that the District provide them with an alternative high school diploma to replace the certificate of attainment they received at time of graduation from the District.³

A student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age and who is a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135, shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

The Board may substitute an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, occupational, technical, or higher-level course for a required course if the alternative course provides rigorous content.

GRADUATE EARLY (CREDIT-BASED)

Students who meet the District's requirements shall be eligible to apply to graduate early. The student shall notify the Principal of their intent to request Board approval to graduate early. The Board has the right to deny any request to graduate early. The requirements to apply to graduate early are:

1. Student shall submit a Letter of Intent stating the valid reason for their request.
2. Must have completed all District high school graduation credit requirements.
3. Must provide proof of enrollment in a post-secondary program or enlistment in the military.

~~EARLY GRADUATION CERTIFICATE (PATHWAY)~~ (MOVING TO NEW POLICY 08.11311)

~~Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be eligible for early graduation in relation to receipt of a graduation diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate. Students wishing to follow an early graduation pathway shall notify the Principal of their intent prior to the beginning of grade nine (9) or as soon thereafter as the intent is known, but within the first thirty (30) school days of the academic year in which they wish to graduate. A Letter of Intent (08.113-AP.21) to apply shall be entered into the student information system by October 1 of the year the student declares intent for early graduation.⁴ The student must graduate in three (3) years or less. Students exceeding three (3) years to not qualify for the incentives identified with Early Graduation.~~

~~Students working toward receipt of an Early Graduation Certificate shall be supported by development and monitoring of an ILP to support their efforts.~~

~~To graduate early and earn an Early Graduation Certificate, a student shall successfully complete the requirements for early high school graduation as established in administrative regulation by the Kentucky Board of Education.~~

~~A student who has indicated an intent to graduate early may participate in the student's state administration of the college readiness exam prior to the junior year, if needed. Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be awarded a diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate.~~

Graduation Requirements**MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDIT**

With Board approval, high school credit may be awarded for courses taken at the middle school level if the following criteria are met:

- Teachers with secondary certification with the appropriate content specialization teach proposed middle school courses.
- The student demonstrates mastery of middle school level content as specified in the Kentucky Academic Standards and criteria are in place to make reasonable determination that the middle school students are capable of success in the high school course.
- The content of the course offered at the middle school level is the same as that defined in the Kentucky Academic Standards for the high school course.

In keeping with statutory requirements, the District shall accept for credit toward graduation and completion of high school course requirements an advanced placement or a high school equivalent course taken by a student in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 if that student attains performance levels expected of high school students in the District as determined by achieving a score of "3" or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination or a grade of "C" or better in a high school equivalent.²

DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS

In keeping with statute and regulation, the Board shall award an authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who did not complete high school prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 40.010; KRS 158.140; 704 KAR 7:140

²KRS 158.622

³KRS 156.160; 20 U.S.C. § 1414

⁴~~KRS 158.142; 704 KAR 3:305~~

⁵~~KRS 158.141~~

KRS 156.027; KRS 158.135

KRS 158.1411; [KRS 158.1413](#); [KRS 158.142](#); KRS 158.143; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.281

KRS 158.302; KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 158.860

13 KAR 2:020; 702 KAR 7:125; 703 KAR 4:060

704 KAR 3:303; [704 KAR 3:305](#); 704 KAR 3:306; [704 KAR 3:535](#); 704 KAR 7:090

704 KAR Chapter 8

OAG 78-348; OAG 82-386

Kentucky Academic Standards

RELATED POLICIES:

08.1131; [08.11311](#); 08.14; 08.22; 08.222; 08.4

09.126 (re: requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

RELATED PROCEDURE:

09.12 AP.25

Alternative Credit Options

KENTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COURSES AT A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR THROUGH VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM/HIGH SCHOOL

The grade point average (GPA) for any Kenton County High School Student accumulates from the first semester of the student's first year in high school through the final semester of the student's graduation year. Any student who completes a high school course while in grades 5-8 will be required to accept the high school credit and the grade will be averaged in the cumulative high school GPA (Grade Point Average), and the student receives a grade of A, B, C, or passing if it is standards-based. Students within grades 5-8 who are taking a high school course for credit and receive a D or F grade, the student shall repeat the course before credit will be given and the student is permitted to progress to the next class in the content area. Students in Kenton County High Schools are required to complete a minimum of twenty-two (22) high school credits. Credits for courses completed from outside sources are subject to the Principal's approval.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR REQUIRED CREDIT

The Kenton County School Board in collaboration with the high school principal will determine the method students will use to meet the required course for graduation when it is not offered in the traditional student/teacher classroom. An application (08.1131 AP.2) must be completed and approved for courses that are not reflected on the student's high school schedule or are not arranged with school administration. Credits can be earned through high school virtual learning courses monitored and supervised by a certified teacher during the school day, or dual credit college courses for students enrolled in a college or university, or performance-based credits approved by the high school SBDM Council. In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, students may earn credit through the following means.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSES

High school students may also earn units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing virtual learning courses offered through agencies approved by the Board. Students requesting virtual/online courses shall submit a completed application (08.1131 AP.2) to the Principal/designee. Virtual/online courses must be approved by the SBDM. Virtual learning is a type of Performance-Based Instruction because courses are self-paced. Credit from a virtual learning course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

1. The course is not offered at the high school;
2. Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict that would keep the student from meeting graduation requirements;
3. The course will serve as a supplement to extend homebound instruction;
4. The student has been expelled from the regular school setting by the Board of Education or placed by the District administrative hearing officer for a discipline violation, but educational services are to be continued;
5. Credit recovery; or

Alternative Credit Options**VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSES (CONTINUED)**

6. The Principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents/guardians, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.

The District shall recognize only those virtual learning courses that meet the international standards for virtual learning teachers, courses, and programs that have been adopted by the Kentucky Department of Education.

As determined by school/council policy, students applying for permission to take a virtual learning course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment. Virtual learning courses may be subject to review by the Superintendent/designee for conformance with Kentucky Academic Standards and District graduation requirements. In addition, the express approval of the Principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls in a virtual learning course. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

Provided virtual learning courses are part of the student's regular school day coursework as approved by the Principal/designee and within budgetary parameters, the tuition fee and other costs for an online course shall be borne by the District for students enrolled full-time, from funds that have been allocated to the school. The Superintendent shall determine, within the budget adopted by the Board, whether additional funding shall be granted, based on supporting data provided by the Principal.

Through its policies and/or supervision plan, the school shall be responsible for providing appropriate supervision and monitoring of students taking virtual learning courses.

FULL-TIME VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM

Students in grades P-12 who are currently enrolled in the District may apply for a full-time Virtual Learning Program. Students who are not currently enrolled in the District will be enrolled upon acceptance into the full-time Virtual Learning Program. Students requesting full-time virtual learning to apply toward graduation shall submit a completed application (08.1131 AP.2) to the Principal/designee. Participation will allow students to receive the benefits of attending a Kenton County School while taking rigorous online classes. If accepted, the student and parent shall sign the Full-Time Virtual Learning Contract (08.1131 AP.22).

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

High school students may earn units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing dual credit courses from an approved college or university through attendance on the college/university campus, through admission to an approved residence program, or through attendance of an approved college course taught at the high school by approved staff.

Each high school SBDM Council shall approve a policy to award quality points in alignment with the number grade equivalent at the high school or as a pass/fail course option.

Alternative Credit Options

DUAL CREDIT COURSES (CONTINUED)

Each high school SBDM Council shall approve a policy that will determine if a dual credit course should be awarded a weighted grade point average comparable to a weighted Advanced Placement Course using KEES guidelines as well as other pertinent information.

Each high school must develop a check in/check out procedure. The dual credit class will be reflected in the student's schedule.

DUAL-CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The District may offer the opportunity for students to earn dual-credits through the Kentucky Dual-Credit Scholarship Program and follows the guidelines outlined in the "*Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Department of Education Dual Credit Policy for Kentucky Public and Participating Postsecondary Institutions and Secondary Schools*," located on the Kentucky Department of Education website.

PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDITS

In addition to Carnegie units, students may earn credit toward high school graduation through the District's standards-based, performance-based credit system that complies with requirements of Kentucky Administrative Regulation. Procedures for developing and amending the system shall address the following:

1. Conditions under which each high school may grant performance-based credits and the related performance descriptors and assessments;
2. Objective grading and reporting procedures;
3. Content standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8;
4. The extent to which state-provided assessments will be used;
5. The ability for students to demonstrate proficiency and earn credit for learning acquired outside of school or in prior learning; and
6. Criteria to ensure that internships, cooperative learning experiences, and other learning in the school and community are:
 - Designed to further student progress towards the Individual Learning Plan;
 - Supervised by qualified instructors; and
 - Aligned with State and District content and performance standards.

~~PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDIT COURSES~~

~~The District shall award standards-based, performance-based credits for high school subjects to be applied toward graduation. Students requesting performance-based credit to apply toward graduation shall submit a completed application (08.1131 AP.2) to the Principal/designee. Performance-based credits must be approved by the SBDM. Credit shall be awarded for:~~

Alternative Credit Options**~~PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDIT COURSES (CONTINUED)~~**

- ~~3. Standards-based course work that constitutes satisfactory demonstration of learning in any high school course approved for performance-based credit, consistent with Kentucky Administrative Regulation;~~
- ~~— Standards-based course work that constitutes satisfactory demonstration of learning in a course for which the student failed to earn credit when the course was taken previously;~~
- ~~4. Standards-based portfolios, culminating assessment, senior year or capstone projects;~~
- ~~4. Standards-based virtual learning or other technology mediated courses;~~
- ~~4. Standards-based dual credit or other equivalency courses; and~~
- ~~4. Standards-based internship, cooperative learning experience, or other supervised experience in the school and the community.~~

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT

Performance-based course descriptions shall be developed by teachers in areas for which they are certified and reflect needs indicated in the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP). The content standards of performance-based courses shall be documented to align with the Kentucky Summative Assessment, Kentucky Academic Standards, and Kentucky Academic Expectations.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Work-based learning experiences provided by the District shall be conducted consistent with provisions of the Kentucky Department of Education's Work-Based Learning Manual. Students requesting work-based credit to apply toward graduation shall submit a completed application (08.1131 AP.2) to the Principal/designee. Work-based credits must be approved by the SBDM.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

Performance-based credits will only be accepted by the Board if previously approved by the high school SBDM Council. It is also the responsibility of the high school SBDM Council to determine the appropriateness of content and courses for performance-based credit. The council shall determine what information must be submitted. Required information may include, but is not limited to the following:

- A description of the proposed course;
- Proposed assessment method(s) (e.g., performance tasks, open-response questions, descriptions of expected products);
- How proficiency will be determined;
- Sample papers, projects, or other products that would represent work deserving of credit;
- Proposed check points to track progress.

The Council may determine whether the teacher must request additional authorization when a previously approved course must be revised (description, assessment, proficiency determination, checkpoints, etc.).

Alternative Credit Options**TRANSPORTATION**

If transportation to and from the college or university is necessary for courses required to meet high school graduation requirements, the school district will be responsible for the student transportation. If transportation to and from the college or university is necessary for courses not required to meet high school graduation requirements, the parent or guardian shall provide written information to high school officials as to how the participating student will be transported, which shall be subject to final approval by the high school principal.

FEES AND TUITION

All fees and tuition for any college level course not required to meet high school graduation requirements will be the responsibility of the student. Fees and tuition for a student who chooses to enroll in online high school course taken after the regularly scheduled school day will be the responsibility of the student. Fees and tuition for a student who opts and is approved by the principal to take an elective online high school course during the regularly scheduled school day will be the responsibility of the student. Fees and tuition for a student enrolled in a college level course required to meet graduation requirements will be the responsibility of the Kenton County School District.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.622

KRS 164.786

[704 KAR 3:303; 704 KAR 3:305; 704 KAR Chapter 8](#)**RELATED POLICIES:**08.113; [08.11311](#); 08.2323; 09.1221; 09.3; 09.435

Early Graduation Program

Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be eligible for the Early Graduation Program (EGP) in relation to receipt of a graduation diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate. Students wishing to participate in the EGP shall notify the Principal in writing at the beginning of grade nine (9) or as soon as the intent is known, but no later than the first thirty (30) school days of the academic year in which the student intends to graduate.

A student shall not be prohibited from completing the EGP if the student meets all requirements. Students who enroll in the EGP and meet all applicable legal requirements shall receive a diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate.

A Letter of Intent to Apply shall be entered into the student information system by October 15 of the year the student intends to graduate.

A student shall complete all requirements applicable to the academic year in which the student intends to graduate as established in administrative regulation by the Kentucky Board of Education.

A student who has indicated an intent to complete the EGP may participate in the state administration of the college entrance exam prior to the junior year, if needed.

For students wishing to participate in the EGP and earn an Early Graduation Certificate and scholarship the Superintendent/designee shall provide:

- a. Criteria for supporting the development and monitoring of the student's ILP;
- b. Goal planning related to the attainment of established District essential workplace ethics programs;
- c. Completion of a professional resume; and
- d. Completion of one (1) postsecondary admissions application that may be used at a Kentucky public two (2) year community and technical college, or a Kentucky four (4) year public or non-profit independent institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Each EGP participant, with the support of the comprehensive school counselor/designee, shall:

- a. Identify all EGP requirements and develop a strategy within the ILP for meeting those requirements, including the District's established workplace ethics program; and
- b. Complete an entrance interview with the Principal/designee to discuss postsecondary goals and career aspirations.

By July 1, 2024, each high school shall determine performance descriptors and evaluation procedures for an EGP performance-based project, portfolio, or capstone required for students who intend to complete the EGP beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year.

Early Graduation Program

EARLY GRADUATION PROGRAM (EGP) (CONTINUED)

Performance descriptors and evaluation procedures shall provide an opportunity for the student to demonstrate attainment of the following critical skills required for post-secondary and career success:

- a. Attainment of essential workplace ethics program components;
- b. Demonstration of an ability to apply the academic standards as a lifelong learner and contributing member of society;
- c. Demonstration of written and verbal communication skills needed for post-secondary success; and
- d. Demonstration of an ability to think critically, synthesize information, and draw conclusions.

By July 1, 2024, the performance-based project, portfolio, or capstone shall be required for completion of the EGP.

Each high school shall maintain and make readily available to the Kentucky Department of Education the EGP participant's performance-based project, portfolio, or capstone for a minimum of five (5) years.

Any student seeking to graduate early who receives services deemed essential by the District shall engage in meaningful consultation with a school-based mental health services provider on the creation of a continuity of services plan prior to graduation.

The District shall ensure the creation of a continuity of services plan for all students identified as a homeless child, a migratory child, or youth engaged in foster care. A transition plan shall be completed for children aging out of foster care.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.142
704 KAR 3:305

RELATED POLICIES:

08.113; 08.1131

LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 704 KAR 3:395 CLARIFY THAT EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM THROUGH GRADE TWELVE. STUDENTS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES UNTIL THEY GRADUATE FROM GRADE TWELVE OR REACH TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF PROVIDING ESS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.133

Extended School/Direct Student Services

PLAN FOR DIAGNOSING

The Superintendent/designee shall develop a plan for diagnosing and addressing student academic deficiencies by providing Extended School Services (ESS) as required by state law.

ESS~~EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES~~

ESS shall be provided to eligible students who are in the first year of the primary school program through grade twelve. Students shall be eligible to receive these services until they graduate from grade twelve or reach twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever comes first. The Board shall provide ESS~~extended school services~~ consistent with students' intervention plans and goals included as part of individual learning plans, requirements of 704 KAR 3:395, and local plans and procedures.

For students eligible to attend ESS, the District shall:

- Identify learning goals and benchmarks for each student that, if achieved, indicate that the student may exit the ESS~~extended school services~~ program;
- Determine conditions under which a student's absence from the program may be considered excused or unexcused; and
- Determine method for transporting students mandated to attend.

The District shall select pupils who need additional instructional time or differentiated opportunity to learn academic and enrichment content aligned with their individual student needs to improve their present level of performance in one (1) or more content areas. Priority for ESS services shall be placed on designing and delivering services to students at risk academically.

The District may provide ESS~~extended school services~~ during the regular school day when a waiver for alternative service delivery has been obtained.

DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES

The District may apply for Title I funding for Direct Student Services if eligible as provided in Every Student Succeeds Act and the state plan required under federal law. Required notices, funding, and provision of Direct Student Services shall be consistent with federal and state requirements.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.070

704 KAR 3:395

20 U.S.C. § 6303b

P. L. 114-95 (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

LEGAL: SB 150 (EFFECTIVE NOW) AMENDS KRS 158.1415 TO REQUIRE A POLICY TO RESPECT PARENTAL RIGHTS REGARDING HUMAN SEXUALITY. IT ALSO REQUIRES PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF THE STUDENT'S PLANNED PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE AND A PROCESS FOR WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.13531

Human Sexuality

Per KRS 158.1415, if a school council or, if none exists, the Principal adopts a curriculum for human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases, instruction shall include but not be limited to the following content:

- a) Abstinence from sexual activity is the desirable goal for all school-age children;
- b) Abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems;
- c) The best way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and other associated health problems is to establish a permanent mutually faithful monogamous relationship;
- d) A school policy to respect parental rights by ensuring that:
 - 1. Children in grade five (5) and below do not receive any instruction through curriculum or programs on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases; or
 - 2. Any child, regardless of grade level, enrolled in the district does not receive any instruction or presentation that has a goal or purpose of students studying or exploring gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and
- e) A school policy to notify a parent in advance and obtain the parent's written consent before the parent's child in grade six (6) or above receives any instruction through curriculum or programs on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Any course, curriculum, or program offered by a public school on the subject of human sexuality provided by school personnel or by third parties authorized by the school shall:

- a) Provide an alternative course, curriculum, or program without any penalty to the student's grade or standing for students whose parents have not provided written consent as required by law;
- b) Be subject to an inspection by parents of participating students that allows parents to review the following materials:
 - 1) Curriculum;
 - 2) Instructional materials;
 - 3) Lesson plans;
 - 4) Assessments or tests;
 - 5) Surveys or questionnaires;
 - 6) Assignments; and
 - 7) Instructional activities;

Human Sexuality

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- c) Be developmentally appropriate; and
- d) Be limited to a curriculum that has been subject to the reasonable review and response by stakeholders in conformity with KRS 160.345.

A public school offering any course, curriculum, or program on the subject of human sexuality shall provide written notification to the parents of a student at least two (2) weeks prior to the student's planned participation in the course, curriculum, or program. The written notification shall:

- a) Inform the parents of the provisions of the course or curriculum;
- b) Provide the date the course, curriculum, or program is scheduled to begin;
- c) Detail the process for a parent to review the materials;
- d) Explain the process for a parent to provide written consent for the student's participation in the course, curriculum, or program; and
- e) Provide the contact information for the teacher or instructor of the course, curriculum, or program and a school administrator designated with oversight.

This shall not prohibit school personnel from:

- a) Discussing human sexuality, including the sexuality of any historic person, group, or public figure, where the discussion provides necessary context in relation to a topic of instruction from a curriculum approved pursuant to KRS 160.345; or
- b) Responding to a question from a student during class regarding human sexuality as it relates to a topic of instruction from a curriculum approved pursuant to KRS 160.345.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.1415; KRS 160.345

RELATED POLICIES:

08.1; 08.23; 08.2322

LEGAL: SB 5 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ADOPT A COMPLAINT RESOLUTION POLICY FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ALLEGING THAT MATERIAL, A PROGRAM, OR AN EVENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS HAS BEEN PROVIDED OR IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THEIR STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: TIME SPENT INVESTIGATING, RESPONDING TO APPEALS, COST OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT REGARDING FINAL OUTCOME

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.23

“Harmful to Minors” Complaint Resolution Process

“HARMFUL TO MINORS”

Per KRS 158.192 “harmful to minors” means materials, programs, or events that:

- a) Contain the exposure, in an obscene manner, of the unclothed or apparently unclothed human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks or the female breast, or visual depictions of sexual acts or simulations of sexual acts, or explicit written descriptions of sexual acts;
- b) Taken as a whole, appeal to the prurient interest in sex; or
- c) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards regarding what is suitable for minors.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

This complaint resolution policy shall be used to address complaints submitted by parents or guardians alleging that material, a program, or an event that is harmful to minors has been provided or is currently available to a student enrolled in the District who is the child of the parent or guardian.

The complaint resolution process shall require that:

- a) Complaints be submitted in writing to the Principal of the school where the student is enrolled;
- b) Complaints provide the name of the complainant, a reasonably detailed description of the material, program, or event that is alleged to be harmful to minors, and how the material, program, or event is believed to be harmful to minors.

The appeal process is outlined in 08.23 AP.21/Complaint Resolution Process.

Complaints regarding other issues shall be submitted pursuant to other appropriate policies including but not limited to: Grievances; Harassment/Discrimination; Title IX Sexual Harassment; Review of Instructional Materials; and Citizen Suggestions and Complaints.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.192

Board of Educ., Island Trees v. Pico, 102 S.Ct. 2799 (1982)

RELATED POLICIES:

03.16; 03.162; 03.1621; 03.26; 03.262; 03.2621

08.2322; 09.4281; 09.42811; 09.428111; 10.2

LEGAL: SB 247 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO ALLOW THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHO HAS CHANGED RESIDENCES WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND IS IN GRADES K-3 THE OPTION TO REQUEST TO REMAIN IN THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL REGARDLESS OF TRANSPORTATION DECISION.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

DRAFT 5/30/23

STUDENTS

09.11

School Attendance Areas

ASSIGNED ZONES

All pupils shall be assigned by geographic attendance zones and will attend the school designated to serve their area of residence. Specific areas served by each attendance zone will be marked on a map in the central administration office. The Board may revise attendance zones from time to time to attain maximum utilization of school facilities.¹

No student may be assigned to or required to attend a charter school by the District.

IF FAMILIES MOVE

If a family moves from one attendance zone to another within the school system, the pupil may be permitted to finish the grade period in the school in which s/he was last enrolled (at no cost or service by the Board). The pupil must enroll the following grade period in the school in the attendance zone of his/her legal residence. **A student moving out of the District during a school grade period may be allowed to finish the grade period with an approved tuition application without payment of tuition. A student moving out of the District prior to the beginning of the final grading period of the school year will be charged the full tuition fee (in accordance with Policy 09.124) with an approved tuition application.**

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND TRANSPORTATION

Per KRS 158.072, "eligible student" is defined as a student enrolled in kindergarten or grade one (1), two (2), or three (3) who qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals or attends a school that participates in the community eligibility provision of the National School Lunch Program.

If the eligible student changes residence and the change in residence results in the student being assigned to a different school within the District, the parent or guardian of the eligible student shall have the option to request the student, and any of the student's siblings enrolled in the same school in any grade, remain enrolled in the original school regardless of the transportation decision made by the Superintendent.

The District shall provide transportation to the original school from the eligible student's new residence unless the Superintendent denies the transportation request if s/he determines the distance and travel time that the student would spend in transport is impracticable. The District shall report the transportation denial and supporting rationale to the Kentucky Department of Education.

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER

Requests for transfer to another District school must be based on physical, psychological, or educational reasons. Family hardship may also be considered in changing school assignment. The Superintendent/designee shall be authorized to change school assignments for the above reasons.

In compliance with and as set forth by federal requirements, the District shall allow students to transfer to another school within the District if:

School Attendance Zones**REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER**

1. The assigned school is designated by the state as being “persistently dangerous”; or
2. The student becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, as determined by state law, while attending school.²

REQUESTS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

Requests for open enroll to another District school must be made during the publicized yearly District open enrollment window. Details of open enrollment guidelines can be found in 09.11 AP.22. Following the Principal review of the open enrollment application, the Superintendent/designee shall conduct a review of the application. The Principal/designee will notify parent of application approval/denial. Requests for open enrollment may be considered at other times of the year in cases of extenuating circumstances as determined by Superintendent/designee.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 159.070; OAG 80-394

²P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015); 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.

[KRS 158.072](#); KRS 160.1592

McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. § 7912(a)

LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 702 KAR 7:125 ADD ANOTHER EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN SCHOOL TO BE COUNTED IN ATTENDANCE.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: STUDENTS COUNTED AS PRESENT UNDER SEEK

STUDENTS

09.122

Attendance Requirements

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

All children in the District who have entered kindergarten or who are between the ages of six (6), as of August 1, and eighteen (18), except those specifically exempted by statute, shall enroll and be in regular attendance in the schools to which they are assigned.¹

Per 704 KAR 5:060, any five (5) year old child not otherwise subject to compulsory attendance laws, but who voluntarily enrolls in the primary school program at the beginning of the school year, may upon parental or guardian's written request be withdrawn from the program at any time within the first two (2) school calendar months. At the end of such trial period a child shall be considered irrevocably entered into the primary school program for purposes of KRS 159.010 and KRS 159.020.

EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

The Board shall exempt the following from compulsory attendance:

1. A graduate from an accredited or approved 4-year high school;
2. A pupil who is enrolled in a private or parochial school;
3. A pupil who is less than seven (7) years old and in regular attendance in a private kindergarten nursery school;
4. A pupil whose physical or mental condition prevents or renders inadvisable, attendance at school or application to study;
5. A pupil who is enrolled and in regular attendance in private, parochial, or church school programs for exceptional children;
6. A pupil who is enrolled and in regular attendance in a state supported program for exceptional children;² or
7. A student enrolled in a District-operated alternative education program who attains a High School Equivalency Diploma.⁷

STATEMENT REQUIRED

The Board, before granting an exemption, shall require a signed statement as required by law unless a student's individual education plan (IEP) specifies that placement of the child with a disability at home or in a hospital is the least restrictive environment for providing services.²

EXCEPTIONS TO PRESENCE AT SCHOOL

Students must be physically present in school to be counted in attendance, except under the following conditions:

1. Students shall be counted in attendance when they are receiving home/hospital, institutional,² or court-ordered instruction in another setting.
2. Participation of a pupil in 4-H activities that are regularly scheduled and under the supervision of a county extension agent or the designated 4-H club leader shall be considered school attendance.³

Attendance Requirements**EXCEPTIONS TO PRESENCE AT SCHOOL (CONTINUED)**

- ~~1.3.~~ Students may participate in cocurricular activities and be counted as being in attendance during the instructional school day, provided the Principal/designee has given prior approval to the scheduling of the activities. Approval shall be granted only when cocurricular activities and trips are instructional in nature, directly related to the instructional program, and scheduled to minimize absences from classroom instruction.⁴ (See policy 09.36)
- ~~2.4.~~ Students having an individual education plan (IEP) that requires less than full-time instructional services shall not be required to be present for a full school day.⁴
- ~~3.5.~~ Students enrolled and participating in a full-time, online, virtual and remote learning program, or participating in an off-site virtual high school class or block may be counted in attendance in keeping with statute and regulation ~~accordance with requirements set out in Kentucky Administration Regulation.~~^{4 & 9}
- ~~4.6.~~ Students participating as part of a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic team, who compete in a regional or state tournament sanctioned by the Kentucky Board of Education or KHSAA, that occurs on a regularly scheduled student attendance day shall be counted and recorded present at school on the date or dates of the competition, for a maximum of two (2) days per student per school year. Students shall be expected to complete any assignments missed on the date or dates of the competition.⁵
- ~~5.7.~~ The pupil is participating in standards-based, performance-based credit that is awarded in accordance with 704 KAR 3:305, and that falls within one (1) or more of the categories of standards-based course work. A pupil may be counted in attendance for performance-based credit for a class or block for the year or semester in which the pupil initially enrolled in the class or block if the pupil demonstrates proficiency in accordance with local policies.^{4 & 6}
- ~~6.8.~~ Students attending basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces shall be considered present for all purposes for up to ten (10) days.³
- ~~7.9.~~ Students participating in any of the page programs of the General Assembly.³

REFERENCES:¹KRS 159.010; OAG 85-55²KRS 159.030³KRS 159.035⁴702 KAR 7:125⁵KRS 158.240⁶KRS 158.070⁷704 KAR 3:305⁸KRS 158.143⁹KRS 158.150

KRS 158.030; KRS 159.020; KRS 159.180; KRS 159.990

704 KAR 3:535; 704 KAR 5:060

OAG 79-68; OAG 79-539; OAG 87-40; OAG 97-26

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Attendance Requirements

RELATED POLICIES:

08.131; 08.1312

09.111; 09.121; 09.123; 09.36

LEGAL: SB 150 (EFFECTIVE NOW) CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ADOPT POLICIES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF STUDENTS.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF LITIGATION DEFENDING THIS LEGISLATION

DRAFT 5/26/23

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09.141

Student Privacy Rights

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIRED

KRS 158.189 requires the Board, after allowing public comment at an open meeting, to adopt this Policy (09.141), necessary to protect the privacy rights for students, that at a minimum, does not allow students to use restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms that are reserved for students of a different biological sex.

A student who asserts to school officials that his or her gender is different from his or her biological sex and whose parent or legal guardian provides written consent to school officials shall be provided with the best available accommodation, but that accommodation shall not include the use of school restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms designated for use by students of the opposite biological sex while students of the opposite biological sex are present or could be present.

Acceptable accommodations may include but are not limited to access to single-stall restrooms or controlled use of faculty bathrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms.

The District shall not require school personnel or students to use pronouns for students that do not conform to a student's biological sex as indicated on the student's original, unedited birth certificate issued at the time of birth pursuant to KRS 156.070.

REFERENCE:

KRS 158.189

LEGAL: HB 331 AMENDS KRS 158.162 TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN A PORTABLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EVERY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AT SCHOOL-SANCTIONED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS, AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF AEDS DURING EMERGENCIES.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF PURCHASING, MAINTAINING AEDS, COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING PLANS, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS

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STUDENTS

09.224

Emergency Medical Treatment

FIRST AID TO BE PROVIDED

First aid shall be provided all pupils in case of an accident or sudden illness until the services of a health care professional become available.

FIRST-AID AREA

Appropriate equipment, supplies, and provisions for the child to recline shall be available in each school. At least one (1) adult employee in each school shall have completed and been certified in a standard first aid course that includes CPR for infants and children.

The District shall have employees trained in accordance with the law to administer or help administer emergency medications.

When enrolled students, for whom documentation under KRS 158.838, including seizure action plans, has been provided to the school, are present during school hours or as participants in school-related activities, a school employee who has been appropriately trained to administer or assist with the self-administration of glucagon, insulin, seizure rescue medications, or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the FDA and administered pursuant to a student's seizure action plan, shall be present.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

The District shall maintain a portable AED in a public, readily accessible, well-marked location in every middle and high school building and, as funds (provided by the Kentucky General Assembly) become available, at school-sanctioned middle and high school athletic practices and competitions. A minimum of three (3) employees in the school and all interscholastic athletic coaches shall be trained on the use of a portable AED.²

INFORMATION NEEDED

A number at which parents can be reached and the name of the family physician shall be maintained at each school for all its pupils.¹ Parents will be notified in the event of an accident.

EMERGENCY CARE PROCEDURES

Schools shall have emergency care procedures comporting with regulation¹ and may utilize the Kentucky Department of Education's Health Services Reference Guide (HSRG) as a resource.

When an emergency arises and the student's parent/guardian or designee cannot be reached in a timely manner, the school will take action necessary to maintain the student's health, such as calling emergency medical personnel or taking the student to a health care facility. In such instances, school personnel shall notify health professionals of any medications that they are aware the student is taking.

REPORTING

Every accident on school property or at school-sponsored events shall be reported immediately to the person in charge, to the Principal, and to the Superintendent or designee.

Emergency Medical Treatment

REFERENCES:

¹702 KAR 1:160

²[KRS 158.162](#)

KRS 156.160; KRS 156.502; KRS 158.836; KRS 158.838

Kentucky Department of Education Health Services Reference Guide (HSRG)

RELATED POLICIES:

[05.4](#); 09.21; 09.22; 09.2241

LEGAL: SB 229 AMENDS KRS 620.030 REMOVING DUPLICATE REPORTING TO AUTHORITIES AND ADDS FACILITATING COOPERATION BETWEEN AGENCIES.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

09.227

Child Abuse

REPORT REQUIRED

Any teacher, school administrator, or other school personnel who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child under age eighteen (18) is dependent, abused or neglected¹, or a victim of human trafficking, or is a victim of female genital mutilation, shall immediately make an oral report to a local law enforcement agency or the Kentucky State Police, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative, the Commonwealth's ~~Attorney~~ or ~~the~~ County Attorney in accordance with KRS 620.030.²

After making ~~the~~ that oral report, the employee shall then immediately notify the Principal of the suspected abuse, ~~who then shall also promptly make a report to the proper authorities for investigation.~~ If the Principal is suspected of child abuse, the employee shall notify the Superintendent/designee ~~who shall also promptly report to the proper authorities for investigation.~~

Upon notification, the Principal or the Superintendent/designee shall facilitate the cooperation of the school with the investigation of the report. Any person who knowingly causes intimidation, retaliation, or obstruction in the investigation of the report shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Only agencies designated by law are authorized to conduct an investigation of a report of alleged child abuse. Therefore, the District shall not first investigate a claim before an employee makes a report to the proper authorities. However, in certain situations, reports involving claims made under state and federal laws, such as Title IX, shall require the District, after making the required report, to conduct an independent investigation of the allegations in order to determine appropriate personnel action.

WRITTEN REPORT

The person reporting shall, if requested, in addition to the report required above, file with the local law enforcement agency or the Kentucky State Police or the Commonwealth's or County's Attorney or the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative within forty-eight (48) hours of the original report a written report containing specific information regarding the child, the child's parents or guardians, and the person allegedly responsible for the abuse or neglect.

WRITTEN RECORDS

Copies of reports kept by the District that are submitted to authorities in compliance with the child abuse law are educational records and subject to inspection by the parents of the alleged victim of child abuse. Whether the records are considered "internal records", and not maintained with the students' "permanent records", is immaterial if such records are directly related to students and are maintained by the school or school District.

Child Abuse**INTERVIEWS**

If the student is an alleged victim of abuse or neglect, school officials shall follow directions provided by the investigating officer or Cabinet for Health and Family Services representative as to whether to contact a parent³ and shall provide the Cabinet access to a child subject to an investigation or assessment without parental consent.⁴

AGENCY CUSTODY

If, as a result of dependency, neglect, or abuse, a child has been placed in the custody of the Cabinet, the Principal, or any Assistant Principal, of the school in which the child is enrolled, and the District's Director of Pupil Personnel shall be notified of the names of persons authorized to contact the child at school, in accordance with school visitation or communication policy, or remove the child from school grounds.

The notification shall be provided to the school by the Cabinet:

- a) By written notice via email or fax on the day that a court order is entered and again on any day that a change is made with regard to persons authorized to contact or remove the child from school. Verbal notification shall occur on the next school day immediately following the day a court order is entered or a change is made if the court order or change occurs after the end of the current school day; and
- b) By email, fax, or hand delivery of a copy of the court order within ten (10) calendar days following the Cabinet's receipt of the court order of a change of custody or change in contact or removal authority.

REQUIRED TRAINING

All current school administrators, certified personnel, office staff, instructional assistants, coaches, and extracurricular sponsors shall complete Board selected training on child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition, and reporting by January 31, 2017, and every two (2) years thereafter. School administrators, certified personnel, office staff, instructional assistants, coaches, and extracurricular sponsors hired after January 31, 2017, shall complete the training within ninety (90) days of being hired, and every two (2) years thereafter.

OTHER

Each school shall prominently display the statewide child abuse hotline number administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline number administered by the United States Department for Health and Human Services.

Child Abuse

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 600.020
²KRS 620.030; KRS 620.040
³OAG 85-134; OAG 92-138
⁴KRS 620.072
KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 17.545; KRS 17.580
KRS 156.095; KRS 199.990; KRS 209.020
KRS 508.125
KRS 620.050; KRS 620.146
OAG 77-407; OAG 77-506; OAG 80-50; OAG 85-134
34 C.F.R. 106.1-106.71, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
Regulations Implementing Title IX

RELATED POLICIES:

09.1231; 09.3; 09.31; 09.42811; 09.4361; 10.5

LEGAL: HB 331 AMENDS KRS 158.162 TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN A PORTABLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EVERY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AT SCHOOL-SANCTIONED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS, AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF AEDS DURING EMERGENCIES. IT ALSO REQUIRES ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACHES BE TRAINED ON THE USE OF PORTABLE AEDS AND MAINTAIN A CPR CERTIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY ON HEART HEALTH.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COSTS OF PURCHASING, MAINTAINING AEDS, COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING PLANS, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS

STUDENTS

09.311

Safety (Athletics)

District policy and procedures shall be developed to conform with statutory and regulatory requirements designed to protect the safety of the students in all athletic practices and events.

SUPERVISION

All athletic practices and events shall be under the direct supervision of a qualified employee of the Board.

TRAINING

All persons employed by the District as a coach for any interscholastic athletic activity or sport shall meet statutory training requirements. Training shall include how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.

In addition, at least one (1) person who has completed the required course shall be present at every interscholastic athletic practice and competition.¹

Any middle or high school coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) shall successfully complete training as required by the District, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and state law and regulation. This shall include safety and first aid training and providing the school documentation of successful completion of a [cardiopulmonary resuscitation \(CPR\)](#) ~~C.P.R.~~ course that includes the use of an [automated](#) ~~automatic~~ [external](#) defibrillator ([AED](#)) and first aid training, conducted by an instructor or program approved by a college or university, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction with certification updated as required by the approving agency.⁴ [All interscholastic athletic coaches shall maintain a CPR certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health.](#)⁵

Nonfaculty coaches and nonfaculty assistants shall complete District training that includes information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with which they will be working, the District's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow-up training shall be provided annually.³

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

In keeping with rules established by Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) or the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA), each school participating in interscholastic athletics shall develop and implement a venue-specific, written emergency action plan and submit annual written verification of the plan to the designated agency. The school plan shall be reviewed, distributed, posted, and rehearsed annually as provided in statute.¹

Safety (Athletics)**CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

A written cardiac emergency response plan that clearly identifies the location of each AED shall be rehearsed by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all: licensed athletic trainers, school nurses, and athletic directors; and interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team active during that athletic season.

On or before July 1, 2025 school year, every home athletic event shall have an AED readily accessible to the activity.

CONCUSSIONS

When an interscholastic coach, school athletic personnel, or contest official suspect that a student athlete has sustained a concussion during an athletic practice or competition, the student shall be removed from play and evaluated by a physician or licensed health care provider, as specified in statute, who shall determine if a concussion has occurred. Upon the completion of the required evaluation, the coach may return the student to play if it is determined that no concussion has occurred. If no physician or licensed health care provider is present to perform the required evaluation, the coach shall not return the student to play or participation in subsequent practices or athletic competitions until written clearance is provided.

A student athlete deemed to be concussed shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic practice or competition occurring on the day of the injury or, unless a physician provides written clearance, participate in any practice or athletic competition held on a subsequent day.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Each student seeking eligibility to participate in any school athletic activity or sport must pass an annual medical examination performed and signed by a medical practitioner as required by law.²

The required physical examination and parental authorization shall include acknowledgement of receipt of information on the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of playing after concussion or head injury.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.445

²KRS 156.070

³KRS 161.185

⁴702 KAR 7:065

⁵[KRS 158.162](#)

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1161

03.2141

STUDENTS

09.313

Eligibility (Athletics)

Determination of athletic eligibility shall be made in compliance with applicable administrative regulations and Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) requirements. ~~Any student who transfers enrollment from a district of residence to a nonresident district shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for one (1) calendar year from the date of transfer.~~²

District standards for playing up from middle school (grades seven and eight [7 & 8]) to high school in sports other than football and soccer may include, but are not limited to, considerations related to safety, physical readiness, use of school space after the school day, transportation, funding, the student's disciplinary status and record, any substance testing restrictions, equitable opportunities for participation. Open enrollment middle school students, attending a school that feeds multiple high schools, may only participate at the high school they are assigned to attend based on student home address. Tuition middle school students, attending a school that feeds multiple high schools, may only participate at the high school where the majority of students are assigned to attend for the next school year, based on student home addresses. Students who have begun high school competition shall continue at the school where they began competing.

To be eligible to try out and participate at the high school level, middle school students must meet all applicable KHSAA and District requirements. The Superintendent/Designee in cooperation with principals, SBDM councils, coaches, and athletic directors, as deemed appropriate, have developed the following guidelines for Board approval addressing playing up.

1. The parent/guardian must provide a written request to the head coach of the high school sport/sport activity.
2. The head coach, in consultation with the high school principal/designee, may or may not allow students below the 9th grade to participate on the high school team.
3. The student, at the time of the request, must possess abilities equal to or greater than high school students participating on the team to be selected for the sport/sport activity.
4. If selected for the sport/sport activity team: high school head coach, high school principal/designee, and parent/guardian must all be in agreement playing up is in the best interest of the student.

CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

A student enrolled in a public charter school that offers any interscholastic athletic activity shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities at any other school. Subject to applicable law, regulations, and bylaws (e.g. KHSAA, Title IX) and the terms of the charter contract, students who are enrolled in a charter school that does not offer any interscholastic athletic activities shall be eligible to participate in such activities at the District school of that student's residence.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.345

²KRS 156.070

KRS 160.1592

702 KAR 7:065; OAG 15-022; Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)

Eligibility (Athletics)

RELATED POLICIES:

02.4241

09.1222

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

09.423

LEGAL: SB 9 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 508 WHICH MAKES HAZING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND INCLUDES DEFINITIONS OF HAZING AND AN ORGANIZATION.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

09.422

Bullying/Hazing

In order to effectively participate in the democratic process as adults, students must learn to respect the rights of others and to interact with them in a civil manner. Therefore, students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner toward students, staff and visitors to the schools.

ACTIONS NOT TOLERATED

The use of lewd, profane or vulgar language is prohibited. In addition, students shall not engage in behaviors such as hazing, bullying, menacing, taunting, intimidating, verbal or physical abuse of others, or other threatening behavior.¹ This policy extends to any/all student language or behavior including, but not limited to, the use of electronic or online methods. Such behavior is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with the ability of other students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered.

These provisions shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

BULLYING DEFINED

Per KRS 158.148, B"bullying" is defined as~~means~~ any unwanted verbal, physical, or social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated:

1. That occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school-sponsored event: or
2. That disrupts the education process.

This definition shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate or cultural practices protected under the state or federal Constitution where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process.²

HAZING DEFINED

Per KRS 508.150, 'hazing' is defined as an action which endangers the mental or physical health of a minor or student for the purpose of recruitment, initiation into, affiliation with, or enhancing or maintaining membership or status within any organization*, including but not limited to actions which cause, coerce, or force a minor or a student to:

- (a) Violate federal or state criminal law;
- (b) Consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, tobacco product, or other controlled substance which subjects the minor or student to a risk of mental harm or physical injury;
- (c) Endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating or paddling, branding, or exposure to the elements;
- (d) Endure brutality of a mental nature, including personal servitude, sleep deprivation, or circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial mental distress;
- (e) Endure brutality of a sexual nature; or

Bullying/Hazing**HAZING DEFINED (CONTINUED)**

- (f) Endure any other activity that creates a reasonable likelihood or mental harm or physical injury to the minor or student.

*Per KRS 508.180, "organization" is defined as a number of persons who are associated with a school or postsecondary education institution and each other, including a student organization, fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or similar group and includes any student organization registered pursuant to policies of the school or postsecondary education institution at any time during the previous five (5) years.

REPORTS

As provided in the District Code of Conduct and Expected Behavior, students that believe they are victims of bullying/hazing shall be provided with a process to enable them to report such incidents to District personnel for appropriate action.

Employees are expected to take reasonable and prudent action in situations involving student welfare and safety, including following District policy requirements for intervening and reporting to the Principal or to their immediate supervisor those situations that threaten, harass, or endanger the safety of students, other staff members, or visitors to the school or District. Such instances shall include, but are not limited to, bullying or hazing of students and harassment/discrimination of staff, students or visitors by any party.

Students who believe they have been a victim of bullying or who have observed other students being bullied shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report it to an employee in the building.

The District Code shall specify to whom reports of alleged instances of bullying or hazing shall be made. In serious instances of peer-to-peer bullying/hazing/harassment, employees must report to the alleged victim's Principal, as directed by Board policy 09.42811. The Principal/designee shall investigate and address alleged incidents of such misbehavior.

In certain cases, employees must do the following:

1. Report bullying and hazing to appropriate law enforcement authorities as required by policy 09.2211; and
2. Investigate and complete documentation as required by policy 09.42811 covering federally protected areas.

OTHER CLAIMS

When a complaint is received that does not appear to be covered by this policy, administrators shall review other policies that may govern the allegations, including but not limited to, 09.426 and/or 09.42811. Harassment/discrimination allegations shall be governed by Policy 09.42811.

Bullying/Hazing

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.150

²KRS 158.148

KRS 158.156

KRS 160.290

KRS 508.180

KRS 525.080

Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675, 106 S.Ct. 3159, 92 L.Ed.2d 549 (1986)

Mahanoy Area School District v. B. L., 594 US _ (2021)

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 393 U.S. 503, 89 S.Ct. 733, 21 L.Ed.2d 731 (1969)

RELATED POLICIES:

03.162; 03.262; 09.13; 09.421; 09.425; 09.426; 09.4281; 09.42811; 09.438
09.2211 (re reports required by law)

LEGAL: HB 538 AMENDS KRS 158.150 TO INCLUDE BEHAVIORS THAT OCCUR OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY IF THE INCIDENT IS LIKELY TO SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPT THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS AND OPTIONS FOR REMOVAL OF STUDENTS.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF EDUCATING EXPELLED STUDENTS AND CONDUCTING HEARINGS

STUDENTS

09.425

Assault and Threats of Violence

For purposes of this Policy, a "threat" shall refer to a communication made by any means, including, but not limited to, electronic and/or online methods.

STUDENTS~~PUPILS~~

Any ~~student~~pupil who threatens, physically assaults, batters or abuses another ~~student~~pupil shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.¹

Students may also be subject to prosecution or juvenile justice interventions for assault, threats, or other abusive conduct.

The Principal shall provide written notice to all students, parents, and guardians of students within ten (10) days of the first instructional day of each school year of the provision of KRS 508.078 and potential penalties under KRS 532.060 and KRS 534.030.²

EDUCATIONAL~~SCHOOL~~ PERSONNEL

Any ~~student~~pupil who threatens, physically assaults, batters or physically or verbally abuses ~~a teacher or other school~~educational personnel on or off school property (and the incident is likely to substantially disrupt the educational process) shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action¹ up to and including expulsion from school and/or legal action.

REMOVAL OF STUDENTS

School administrators, teachers, or other school personnel may immediately remove or cause to be removed threatening or violent students from a classroom setting or from the District's transportation system pending any further disciplinary action that may occur. Threatening or violent behavior shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Disrupts the classroom environment and education process or the student challenges the authority of a supervising adult.
- ~~1.~~2. Verbal or written statements or gestures by students indicating intent to harm themselves, others or property.
- ~~2.~~3. Physical attack by students so as to intentionally inflict harm to themselves, others or property.

The Principal may establish (school) procedures for a student's removal from and reentry to the classroom when the student's behavior disrupts the classroom environment and education process or the student challenges the authority of a supervising adult. In addition to removal, the student shall be subject to further discipline for the behavior consistent with the school's code of conduct.

Removal of students from a bus shall be made in compliance with 702 KAR 5:080.

Per KRS 158.150, a student who is removed from the same classroom three (3) times within a thirty (30) day period shall be considered "chronically disruptive" and may be suspended from school and no other basis for suspension shall be deemed necessary.

Assault and Threats of Violence**REMOVAL OF STUDENTS (CONTINUED)**

At any time during the school year, for a student who has been removed from the classroom the Principal may require a review of the classroom issues with the teacher and the parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody or control of the student and determine a course of action for the teacher and student regarding the student's continued placement in the classroom.

At any time during the school year, the Principal may permanently remove a student from a classroom for the remainder of the school year if the Principal determines the student's continued placement in the classroom will chronically disrupt the education process for other students.

When a student is removed from a classroom temporarily or permanently, the Principal shall determine the placement of the student in lieu of that classroom, which may include but is not limited to:

- Another classroom in that school; or
- An alternative program or setting, which may be provided virtually, as approved by the Superintendent.

Any permanent action by the Principal shall be subject to an appeal process in accordance with Policy 09.4281/Grievances.

REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

When they have reasonable belief that a violation has taken place, principals shall immediately report to law enforcement officials when an act has occurred on school property or at a school-sponsored function that involves assault resulting in serious physical injury, a sexual offense, kidnapping or each instance of assault involving the use of a weapon.

DOMESTIC/DATING VIOLENCE REPORTING AND EDUCATION

Upon the request of a victim, school personnel shall report an act of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse to a law enforcement officer. School personnel shall discuss the report with the victim prior to contacting a law enforcement officer.

School personnel shall report to a law enforcement officer when s/he has a belief that the death of a victim with whom s/he has had a professional interaction is related to domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse.

These reporting requirements covering domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse do not relieve school personnel of the duty to report any known or suspected abuse, neglect, or dependency of a child pursuant to KRS 620.030. This separate reporting requirement covers abuse, neglect or dependency of a child committed or caused by a parent, guardian, other person exercising control or supervision, or a person in a position of authority or special trust.

If individual school personnel has reasonable cause to believe that a victim with whom s/he has had a professional interaction has experienced domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse, s/he shall provide educational materials to the victim relating to such form(s) of abuse and including information on access to regional domestic violence programs or rape crisis centers and how to access protective orders. These materials shall be made available to school personnel in print form or on the web by the primary domestic violence, shelter, and advocacy service provider designated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to serve the school District's area.

Assault and Threats of Violence**NOTIFICATIONS**

As soon as the Superintendent/designee confirms that a serious threat has been confirmed, designated personnel shall attempt to notify staff members and/or students who have been threatened and parents of students who are the subject of a threat. Such notification shall observe and comply with confidentiality requirements of applicable law including, but not limited to, state and federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws.

Any District employee assigned to work directly with, or who comes in contact with, a student with a documented history of physical abuse of a school employee or of carrying a concealed weapon on school property or at a school function, shall be notified in writing of the student's history by the Principal or designee, guidance counselor or other school official who has knowledge of the student's behavior prior to the assignment or contact.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.150

²KRS158.1559

KRS 158.154; KRS 160.290

KRS 161.155; KRS 161.190; KRS 161.195

KRS 209A:020; KRS 209.160

KRS 209A.100; KRS 209A.110; KRS 209A.130

KRS 211.160; KRS 403.720; KRS 456.010

KRS 508.025; KRS 508.075; KRS 508.078; KRS 525.080

KRS 532.060; KRS 534.030; KRS 620.030

702 KAR 5:080

Code of Conduct

RELATED POLICIES:

03.123; 03.13253; 03.223; 03.23253; 05.4; [05.48](#)

06.34; 09.14; 09.2211; 09.422; [09.426](#); [09.4281](#); 09.429; [09.4341](#)

STUDENTS

09.426

Disrupting the Educational Process

Behavior that materially or substantially disrupts the educational process, whether on or off school property or at school-sponsored events and activities, shall not be tolerated and shall subject the offending student/pupil to appropriate disciplinary action. For purposes of this section, behavior which disrupts the educational process shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Conduct that disrupts the classroom environment and education process or the student challenges the authority of a supervising adult;
- 1.2. Conduct which threatens the health, safety, or welfare of others;
- 2.3. Conduct which may damage public or private property, including the property of students or staff;
- 3.4. Illegal activity;
- 4.5. Conduct that materially or substantially interferes with another student's access to educational opportunities or programs, including the ability to attend, participate in and benefit from instructional and extracurricular activities; or
- 5.6. Conduct that materially or substantially disrupts the delivery of instructional services or interferes with the orderly administration of the school and school-related activities or District operations.

REMOVAL

Per KRS 158.150, a student who is removed from the same classroom three (3) times within a thirty (30) day period shall be considered "chronically disruptive" and may be suspended from school and no other basis for suspension shall be deemed necessary.

At any time during the school year, for a student who has been removed from the classroom the Principal may require a review of the classroom issues with the teacher and the parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody or control of the student and determine a course of action for the teacher and student regarding the student's continued placement in the classroom.

At any time during the school year, the Principal may permanently remove a student from a classroom for the remainder of the school year if the Principal determines the student's continued placement in the classroom will chronically disrupt the education process for other students.

When a student is removed from a classroom temporarily or permanently, the Principal shall determine the placement of the student in lieu of that classroom, which may include but is not limited to:

- Another classroom in that school; or
- An alternative program or setting, which may be provided virtually, as approved by the Superintendent.

Any permanent action by the Principal shall be subject to an appeal process in accordance with Policy 09.4281/Grievances.

Disrupting the Educational Process**OTHER CLAIMS**

When a complaint is received that does not appear to be covered by this policy, administrators shall review other policies that may govern the allegations, including but not limited to, 09.422 and/or 09.42811, which address harassment/discrimination allegations.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.150; KRS 158.165; KRS 160.290

RELATED POLICIES:

09.13; 09.422; [09.425](#); [09.4281](#); 09.42811; [09.431](#); 09.438

STUDENTS

09.431

Due Process

RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS

Before being punished at the school level with suspension for violation of school regulations, a ~~student~~~~pupil~~ shall have the right of the following due process procedures.¹

1. The ~~student~~~~pupil~~ shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against them;:-
2. If the ~~student~~~~pupil~~ denies the charge(s), they shall be given an explanation of the evidence of the charge(s) against them;:- and
3. The ~~student~~~~pupil~~ shall be given an opportunity to present their own version of the facts relating to~~concerning~~ the charge(s).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In cases which involve students with disabilities, procedures mandated by federal and state law shall be followed.²

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.150

²P. L. 105-17; 707 Chapter 1; Honig v. Doe, 108 S.Ct. 592 (1988)

RELATED POLICIES:

09.426

09.43

09.433

09.434

09.4341

09.435

LEGAL: HB 538 AMENDS KRS 158.150 TO DEFINE "CHRONICALLY DISRUPTIVE" TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS AND ADDS STATUTORY GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION OF A STUDENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

09.434

Suspension

WHO MAY SUSPEND

In accordance with KRS 158.150, the Superintendent, Principal or assistant Principal may suspend a ~~student~~~~pupil~~ up to a maximum of ten (10) days per incident.

Suspension of preschool through third (3rd) grade students shall be considered only in exceptional cases where there are safety issues for the child or others, as determined by the Principal in consultation with the Superintendent/designee.

PRIOR DUE PROCESS REQUIRED

A ~~student~~~~pupil~~ shall not be suspended until due process procedures have been provided as described in KRS 158.150 (09.431)¹, unless immediate suspension is essential to protect persons or property or to avoid disruption of the educational process. If the Superintendent lengthens the period of suspension imposed by the Principal, additional due process shall be provided.

A student who is removed from the same classroom three (3) times within a thirty (30) day period shall be considered "chronically disruptive" and may be suspended from school and no other basis for suspension shall be deemed necessary.

IMMINENT DANGER

In such cases, due process shall follow the suspension as soon as practicable, but no later than three (3) school days after the suspension.

WRITTEN REPORT REQUIRED

The Principal or assistant Principal shall report any suspension in writing¹ immediately to the Superintendent/designee and to the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the ~~student~~~~pupil~~ being suspended. The written report shall include the reason for suspension, the length of time of the suspension, and the conditions for reinstatement.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A student on suspension shall not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity or attend events sponsored by the school.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In cases which involve students with disabilities, procedures mandated by federal and state law for students with disabilities shall be followed.²

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.150

²20 U.S.C. Sections § 1400 et seq; 707 Chapter 1; Honig v. Doe, 108 S.Ct. 592(1988)

OAG 77-419; OAG 77-427; OAG 77-547

OAG 78-392; OAG 78-673; 707 KAR 1:340

Goss v. Lopez, 419 US 565 (1975)

RELATED POLICIES:

09.425; 09.426; 09.3; 09.43; 09.431

LEGAL: REVISIONS TO KRS 158.150 ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE PLACED IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM OR SETTING (INCLUDING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS OR SETTINGS) AND SPECIFIC PROCESSES FOR PLACEMENT IN LIEU OF EXPULSION OF STUDENTS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: SEEK FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT FOR STUDENTS IN THE VIRTUAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM OR SETTING, COST OF EDUCATING EXPELLED STUDENTS, AND CONDUCTING HEARINGS

LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 704 KAR 19:002 A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE (1) OR MORE TYPES OF PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS STUDENT LEARNING NEEDS THAT MAY INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, CREDIT RECOVERY, OR AN INNOVATIVE PATH TO GRADUATION.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

09.4341

Alternative Education

DEFINITION

Alternative Education Program means a program that exists to meet the needs of students that cannot be addressed in a traditional classroom setting but through the assignment of students to alternative classrooms, centers, or campuses or virtual learning places that are designed to remediate academic performance, improve behavior, or provide an enhanced learning experience. Alternative education programs do not include career or technical centers or departments.¹

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Board's Alternative Education Program is to provide:

- Learning activities that support innovative pathways and are aligned to college and career outcomes for all students.
- A curriculum that is aligned with the Kentucky Academic Standards and the learning goals in each student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP).
- Successful student transition to the regular school assignment, when possible, or to post-secondary status.
- A meaningful alternative to suspension and/or expulsion of a student.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION IN LIEU OF EXPULSION

In lieu of expelling a student, or upon the expiration of a student's expulsion, the Superintendent may place a student into an alternative program or setting if the Superintendent determines placement of the student in his or her regular school setting is likely to substantially disrupt the educational process or constitutes a threat to the safety of other students or school staff.

The alternative program or setting may be provided virtually. Students placed in an alternative program or setting shall be subject to compulsory attendance requirements under KRS Chapter 159 and applicable Board policy.

Action to expel, extend the expulsion, or place in an alternative program or setting a student shall not be taken until the parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody or control of the student has had an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. Following the initial alternative placement of a student, the Board shall review the alternative program or setting placement at least once per year and determine if the placement should be continued.⁴

NOTE: Students do not have a right to assignment to alternative programs or services except as specifically provided by law.

Alternative Education

As required by Kentucky Administrative Regulation the District shall ensure:

- That each~~The District's~~ Alternative Education Program ~~shall is not limited in scope or design and is aligned to the academic program of the District~~~~include include training to build capacity of staff and administrators to deliver or monitor high quality services and programming.~~
- A student enrolled in an Alternative Education Program may be eligible to participate in one (1) or more types of programs to address student learning needs that may include an alternative digital learning environment, credit recovery, or an innovative path to graduation.
- The Board shall review this policy and accompanying procedure(s) annually.²

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Alternative education placements may be utilized for students at all grade levels.

Placement may be voluntary or involuntary, and the program may be offered either on-site or off-site.

An ILP shall exist for a student in grade six (6) and above as required by regulation.

A student's parent/legal guardian or a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may request voluntary placement in the Alternative Education Program.

NOTIFICATION

The Principal or other designated administrator shall notify the parents by letter of their child's agreed assignment to an Alternative Education Program. The letter shall include length and reason for assignment, expected behavior of the student, and notification that assignment may be extended or shortened depending upon the attitude and cooperation of the student.

ATTAINMENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

Students enrolled in a District-operated alternative education program shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma if the student:

- Is at least seventeen (17) years of age;

ATTAINMENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA (CONTINUED)

- Is not on track to graduate*; and
- Has previously attained a passing score on an official readiness test for a High School Equivalency Diploma.

*Not on track to graduate – At the fourth (4th) school year, cumulative grade point average of less than 2.5 and/or not at the 75% mark to obtain the minimum twenty-two (22) credits to graduate.

A student who has attained a High School Equivalency Diploma shall be exempt from compulsory attendance.³

Alternative Education

ILPA TEAM

The Superintendent/designee shall appoint members of a team to develop an Individual Learning Plan Addendum (ILPA) for students with long term placements in grades six through twelve (6-12) assigned to an alternative school or program. The team may consist of the lead administrator/designee of the student's current school/program, the lead administrator/designee of the alternative school/program, counselors, teachers and other staff as appropriate.

The Superintendent/designee shall chair the team and invite the guardians~~parents~~, and as appropriate, the student to participate.

After consideration of input of the team, the counselor or the designated administrator shall prepare or revise the ILPA to address, as appropriate, academic and behavioral needs, criteria for re-entry into the traditional program and review of student progress.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Such decisions for individual students with disabilities under the IDEA shall be made when required through the Admissions and Release Committee process and changes in service delivery required under the IDEA shall be made to the student's IEP.
- Such decisions for students identified under Section 504 shall be made through the team process as required under federal law and corresponding District policies and procedures.

CONTINUING SUPPORT

Opportunities shall be provided for students to continue regular school work as appropriate under the supervision of Alternative Education Program staff. Students participating in an alternative program shall continue to be able to access tutoring, transportation, library and media services, specialty course work, intervention, counseling, and other resources and services already available in the District as determined through the development of the ILPA.

NOTE: THIS POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO A TEMPORARY/SHORT-TERM INTERVENTION.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.380

²704 KAR 19:002

³KRS 158.143

⁴KRS 158.150

KRS Chapter 159

707 KAR 1:320

Student Discipline Guidelines, Kentucky Department of Education

OAG 77-419

RELATED POLICIES:

08.131₃; 08.141

09.123₃; 09.14₃; 09.426₃; 09.431; 09.435

LEGAL: HB 538 AMENDS KRS 158.150 TO REQUIRE EXPULSION FOR AT LEAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS IF A STUDENT MAKES THREATS THAT POSE A DANGER TO OTHER STUDENTS OR STAFF (WITH OPTIONAL MODIFICATION ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS) AND REQUIRES LOCAL POLICY REGARDING A STUDENT WHO ASSAULTS OTHER STUDENTS OR STAFF OFF CAMPUS AND THE INCIDENT IS LIKELY TO SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPT THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF EDUCATING EXPELLED STUDENTS AND CONDUCTING HEARINGS

STUDENTS

09.435

Expulsion

BOARD MAY EXPEL

The Board may expel or extend the expulsion of any student~~pupil~~ from the regular school setting for misconduct as defined by law. Provision of educational services will be required unless the Board determines, on the record and supported by clear and convincing evidence, that the expelled student posed a threat to the safety of other students or school staff and could not be placed in a state-funded agency program.¹

The Board shall require the expulsion from school for a period of at least twelve (12) months for a student who is determined by the Board:

1. Through clear and convincing evidence to have made threats that pose a danger to the well-being of students, faculty, or staff of the District;
2. To have brought a weapon to a school under its jurisdiction per Board Policy 05.48.

The Board may expel a student for longer than twelve (12) months.

Behavior that may be determined to pose a threat shall include, but not be limited to, the physical assault, battery, or abuse of others on or off school property (and the incident is likely to substantially disrupt the educational process); the threat of physical force; being under the influence of drugs or alcohol; the use, possession, sale, or transfer of drug or alcohol; the carrying, possessing, or transfer of weapons or dangerous instruments; and any other behavior that may endanger the safety of others.

The Superintendent shall present to the Board for its approval options for providing or ensuring that educational services are provided to expelled students.

In lieu of expelling a student, or upon the expiration of a student's expulsion, the Superintendent may place a student into an alternative program or setting if the Superintendent determines placement of the student in his or her regular school setting is likely to substantially disrupt the educational process or constitutes a threat to the safety of other students or school staff.

HEARING AND RECORDS REQUIRED

Action to expel, extend the expulsion, or place in an alternative program or setting a student~~pupil~~ shall not be taken until the parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody or control of the student~~pupil~~ has had an opportunity for a hearing before the Board.¹ The special education and disciplinary records of IDEA eligible students shall be sent available to the Board for review before the decision is made to expel.³

Within thirty (30) days prior to the end of a student's expulsion, the Board shall review the details of the expulsion and current factors and circumstances, including if ending the expulsion will substantially disrupt the education process or constitute a threat to the safety of students or school staff, to determine if the expulsion shall be extended for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. The expulsion review process shall be used prior to the end of each expulsion period until the Board ends the expulsion or the student is no longer subject to compulsory attendance under KRS 159.010.

Expulsion**BOARD DECISION FINAL**

The Board may establish an appeals committee and delegate authority to hear appeals to the committee. Otherwise, the Board's decision shall be final.¹

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In cases which involve students with disabilities, procedures mandated by federal and state law for students with disabilities shall be followed.⁴ (Students with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law may be expelled for behavior unrelated to their disabilities, as long as legally required procedural safeguards are followed. Educational services must continue for IDEA eligible students who are expelled.)^{1&3}

TRANSFER OF RECORDS

Records transferred to another school shall reflect the charges and final action of an expulsion hearing if the student was expelled for homicide, assault, or an offense in violation of state law or school regulations governing weapons, alcohol or drugs. Records of a student facing an expulsion hearing on charges described above shall not be transferred until the expulsion hearing process is completed.²

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.150

²KRS 158.155

³20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); 707 Chapter 1;
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

KRS 159.010

Doe, 108 S.Ct. 592(1988)

RELATED POLICIES:

05.48; 09.12; 09.423; 09.425; ; 09.426; 09.43; 09.431; 09.434

LEGAL: SB 80 AMENDS KRS 17.545 TO DEFINE AND INCLUDE LOITERING AND MOBILE BUSINESSES AS PART OF RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTRANTS ON AND WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF SCHOOL GROUNDS. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

10.5

Visitors to the Schools

The Board encourages and welcomes visitations to the schools by parents and other members of the community. However, to avoid interference with the educational program and to protect the safety and welfare of pupils and employees, the Principal of each school shall administer visitations in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent. Visits to classrooms shall be scheduled in advance unless authorized by the Principal/designee.

REGISTRANTS

No registrant, as defined in KRS 17.500, nor any person residing outside of Kentucky who would be required to register under KRS 17.510 if the person resided in Kentucky, shall be on, loiter within one thousand (1,000) feet of, or work in or operate any mobile business within one thousand (1,000) feet of the clearly defined grounds of a District school, except with the advance written permission of the Principal or the Board that has been given after full disclosure of the person's status under KRS 17.510 as a registrant or sex offender from another state and all registrant information as required in KRS 17.500.

A registrant is defined as:

1. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time of the offense or any youthful offender, as defined in KRS 600.020, who has committed:
 - a. A sex crime; or
 - b. A criminal offense against a victim who is a minor; or
2. Any person required to register under KRS 17.510; or
3. Any sexually violent predator; or
4. Any person whose sexual offense has been diverted pursuant to KRS 533.250, until the diversionary period is successfully completed.

Per KRS 17.545, "loiter" is defined as remaining in or about the clearly defined grounds of a District school, while not having any reason or relationship involving custody of or responsibility for a minor or any other specific legitimate reason for being there.

Per KRS 17.545, "mobile business" is defined as any business that operates from a motor vehicle or wheeled cart that can be operated, pushed, or pulled on a sidewalk, street, or highway where food, goods, or services are prepared, processed, or sold or dispensed to the public.

A registrant, who is the parent/legal guardian, or the person designated by the parent/legal guardian to have access to a student, must request and receive prior permission from the Principal to come onto school grounds. The Principal shall determine whether the requesting registrant is permitted to come onto school grounds for the following reasons:

1. To pick up or drop off their child each day.
2. To pick up the child who is injured or ill.
3. To confer with school staff concerning academic, disciplinary or placement issues involving the student, including matters required by federal or state law.

Visitors to the Schools**REGISTRANTS (CONTINUED)**

4. To attend a school activity, including athletic practices and competition, in which the student is a participant.
5. To vote when the school has been designated as a polling place.

Depending on the facts of the particular request, the Principal's response options may include, but are not be limited to the following:

- Requiring the registrant to provide additional information needed;
- Specifying check-in and check-out requirements;
- Requiring the registrant to be directly supervised by an individual designated by the Principal while on school grounds;
- Restricting the registrant to a designated location on school grounds;
- Limiting the time the registrant will be permitted to be on school grounds; and
- Denying the request to come onto school grounds.

The Principal shall notify the Superintendent/designee of each request from a registrant and the response made to the registrant. If questions arise about a request, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent concerning requests from registrants, and the Superintendent may seek further advice from the Board Attorney.

For all other reasons and for all individuals making a request other than parent/legal guardian/designee, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent as the executive agent of the Board before making a final determination.

CONDUCT/PROHIBITION ON RECORDING

All visitors to the schools must conduct themselves so as not to interfere with the daily operation of the school program.

Due to privacy concerns, and except for emergency situations, personally owned recording devices are not to be used to create video or audio recordings or to take pictures except with prior permission from the Principal/designee and the affected individual(s).

An exception may be made for events considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, academic competitions, or performances to which the general public is admitted) where the activity does not materially disrupt the event, prevent others from observing the event, or otherwise violate legal rights. School social events for students, activities sponsored by student clubs, and activities during the school day that are not open to the public are not considered to be in the public arena.

Such devices include, but are not limited to, personal cell phones and tablets.

The use of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product, as defined in KRS 438.305, is prohibited for all persons and at all times on or in all property, including any vehicle, that is owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by the Board and while attending or participating in any school-related student trip or student activity and in the presence of a student or students.¹

Visitors to the Schools**USE OF TOBACCO, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS PROHIBITED**

Adequate notice shall be provided to students, parents and guardians, school employees, and the general public.

Signage shall be posted on or in all property, including any vehicle that is owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by the Board, clearly stating that the use of all such products is prohibited at all times and by all persons on or in the property.

School employees shall enforce the policy. Persons in violation of this policy, in addition to fines which may be imposed by law², are subject to verbal warnings to refrain from use of the subject product. Refusal to refrain from such use or repeated instances of prohibited use after prior warnings may subject the individual to a ban from school property as permitted by law and corresponding civil and criminal penalties.³

ACCOMMODATION

Visitors with disabilities shall be accommodated as required by law. Individuals requesting accommodation shall contact the District ADA/504 Coordinator for assistance and guidance.

The District shall notify the public of any requirements and/or deadline for requesting such accommodation.

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The District is committed to ensuring accessibility of its website for students, parents, and members of the community with disabilities. All pages on the District's website will conform to the W3C WAI's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level AA conformance, or updated equivalents.

Under District developed administrative procedures, students, parents, and members of the public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 related to the accessibility of any official District web presence which is developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District or third party vendors and open sources.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 438.345

²KRS 438.050

³KRS 511.070; KRS 511.080; OAG 90-11

KRS 17.545; KRS 17.500; KRS 17.510

KRS 160.380; KRS 211.394, KRS 211.395; KRS 438.305

KRS 600.020; KRS 620.146

OAG 91-137

P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

29 U.S.C. 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (Section 504)

42 U.S.C. 2000, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles VI and VII

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act

Visitors to the Schools

RELATED POLICIES:

01.1

03.113; 03.1327; 03.162; 03.212; 03.2327; 03.262; 05.3; 05.31; 06.221

09.1231; 09.227; 09.3211; 09.4232; 09.426; 09.42811

10.2

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -**Leaves and Absences****APPROVAL**

Authorization of leave and time taken off from one's job shall be in accordance with specific leave policy. Absence from work that is not based on appropriate leave for which the employee is qualified may lead to disciplinary consequences, up to and including termination of employment.

Leave taken without proper authorization shall result in a reduction in pay for the employee affected.

NOTIFICATION OF RETURN

Employees on leave covered by related long term policies shall notify the Superintendent in writing by April 1 of the year the leave terminates of the date of their intent to return to the school system. Employees who fail to notify the Superintendent of their return by April 1 cannot be guaranteed employment for the following school year. If an employee on leave has not contacted the Superintendent by April 1, the Superintendent may declare the position vacant and is authorized to fill the position for the following school year. Where an employee in the final year of leave fails to contact the Superintendent by April 1, to either request an extension of leave or to provide a date of return, the Superintendent may determine whether personnel action is required.

PLACEMENT UPON RETURN

Employees taking any long term leave will be entitled on return to a comparable position for which they are qualified. Placement in the same position or the same location cannot be guaranteed. ~~Employees whose job type requires a JPA (Job Placement Assessment) upon initial employment must undergo and pass a JPA following ten (10) or more days of consecutive leave. The JPA must be performed by a health care provider designated by the Board and the cost shall be borne by the District.~~

VACANCIES AND REPLACEMENTS

Individuals employed or assigned to fill vacancies created by long term leaves shall be informed of the possibility before assuming the position that, upon return of the individual from leave, their employment may not continue or they may be reassigned to a comparable position.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Superintendent shall grant release time to employees who are summoned to appear in legal proceedings arising from their course of employment. If a person is found guilty of an illegal act against the Board, the absences shall be without pay.

LEAVE FOLLOWING ASSAULT

The District shall provide leave with pay for employees assaulted while performing their assigned duties when the assault results in injuries that qualify the employee for workers' compensation benefits. The period of leave shall not exceed one (1) calendar year following the assault. During that period, the employee shall not experience loss of income or benefits, including sick leave, under the terms and conditions set forth in KRS 161.155.

Leaves and Absences**LEAVE REQUESTS**

The Superintendent may grant leave without pay provided the leave is for educational or professional purposes, or for illness, maternity, adoption of a child or children, or other disability. Requests shall be made in writing and shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval in advance of the intended dates of such leave for all foreseeable events. An unpaid leave request will not be considered, or granted, unless all available and applicable paid leave has been exhausted.

FMLA

Eligible employees may apply for leave under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

~~REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION~~

~~Per KRS 161.770, the Board may only request medical information necessary to decide whether to grant a leave of absence; shall not request or retain unnecessary medical information; and shall not disclose any medical information received, except as permitted by state and federal law.~~

REFERENCES:

KRS 161.155; Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

RELATED POLICIES:

03.2232, 03.22322, 03.2233, 03.2234, 03.224

Gifts, Donations, and Grants

The Board may directly accept gifts or donations that are restricted by the grantor to be used in furtherance of lawful school safety, security, and student health purposes to the extent allowed by applicable laws and shall use any accepted gift or donation for the purpose for which it was granted.¹

DONATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

The Board authorizes the school Principal to receive any gifts of real or personal property for the benefit of the school or for the students of the school and use it as requested, provided that the purpose is consistent with policies and programs approved by the Board. Grants that require the addition of any staff position or stipend must be approved by the Board prior to acceptance.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring any gift, donation or grant is used/spent in accordance with the approved purpose for which it was given.

Monetary donations of \$2,500 or more and monetary donations specifically for instructional materials or operating expenses must be sent to the District as District Activity Funds.

Donations valued by the donor at \$250 or more require a Donation Acceptance Form (Redbook F-SA-18) be completed and filed with the school bookkeeper.

A listing of all donations shall be submitted to the Board at year-end.

FAMILY RESOURCE AND YOUTH SERVICE CENTERS

The District may accept monetary donations for the operation and maintenance of Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSCs). Any donations given to the District for operation and maintenance of FRYSCs shall be used for that purpose only.²

The Board shall accept gifts and grants from private sources subject to the provisions of KRS 160.580 and with the understanding that the purpose must be consistent with policies and programs approved by the Board.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.580; 158.4461

²KRS 156.496

Accounting Procedures for Kentucky School Activity Funds (Redbook)

RELATED POLICY

04.312

School Guidance-Counselors and School Mental Health Service Providers

School Guidance and counseling services shall be provided for students. School Counselors and school mental health providers may perform mental health services and provide implementation and training on trauma-informed practices as addressed in law.¹

School counselors and school mental health providers may not provide mental health services related to human sexuality, contraception, or family planning without parental consent. School personnel may not make a referral for the student to receive mental health services related to human sexuality, contraception, or family planning without parental consent or make a referral to outside provider related to human sexuality, contraception, or family planning without prior parental consent. However, this should not prevent a counselor in seeking or providing emergency mental health services as outlined in District policy or remove the duty to report pursuant to KRS 620.030.

School counselors and school mental health providers shall respect the rights of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of the student through procedures encouraging students to discuss mental or physical health or life issues with their parents or through facilitating discussions with parents.

SERVICES

Services provided by the school counselingguidancee program shall consist of educational counseling; career and mental health counseling; ~~testing;~~ and other services requested by students, parents, or staff.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS

In keeping with Kentucky Administrative Regulation, the District shall implement an advising and guidance process to support development and implementation of an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for each student that includes career development and awareness. The ILP shall specifically address the content as provided in the Kentucky Academic Standards for career studies.

CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

All records and counseling information shall be kept in confidence as provided by applicable law.²

SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT

No later than November 1, 2022, and each subsequent year, the Superintendent shall report to the Kentucky Department of Education the number of school-based mental health service providers, the position held, placement in the District, certification of licensure held, the source of funding for each position, a summary of the job duties and work undertaken by each school-based mental health service provider, and the approximate percent of time devoted to each duty over the course of the year.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.4416

²KRE 506 (Kentucky Rules of Evidence); KRS 158.154; KRS 158.155; KRS 158.156
KRS 61.878; KRS 620.030
704 KAR 3:303; 704 KAR 3:305; 704 KAR Chapter 8

School ~~Guidance~~ Counselors and School Mental Health ~~Service~~ Providers

RELATED POLICIES:

08.113; 09.14

At-Risk Students

The Superintendent/designee shall develop and implement a plan to identify and assist students with academic and social-emotional behavioral gaps, at risk of academic failure, engaging in disruptive and disorderly behavior, or dropping out of school.

This plan shall address, but not be limited to:

1. Developing a system to identify all students in which triangulated data indicates a need for intervention.
2. Providing interventions above and beyond core instruction to all students in which triangulated data indicates and monitoring the progress of the intervention through data.
3. Developing a system using student progress data and instructional data to monitor the effectiveness of the interventions being provided to at-risk students.
- ~~4. Providing extended school services to address student academic deficiencies;~~
- ~~5. Utilizing available resources to identify appropriate strategies to use with at-risk students, including intervention services, analysis of District data, and eCoordination of efforts with related agencies, both within and outside the District;~~
- ~~6. Necessary and ongoing Training of personnel and, when appropriate, parents and community members;~~
- ~~7. Coordinating staff efforts to identify and assist at-risk students and to focus on improving the learning environment;~~
- ~~8. Designing work-related programs for students who require a career and technical emphasis;~~
- ~~9. Engaging parents in the process to include informing them about interventions their child is receiving and communicating progress monitoring data Encouraging parent involvement in their children's education; and~~
- ~~10. Developing a system of recognition and rewards for attendance and for academic growth and success.~~

REFERENCES:

KRS 156.488; KRS 157.072; KRS 158.440
KRS 158.810; KRS 158.812; KRS 158.814; KRS 158.816; KRS 158.818
KRS 159.040; KRS 159.150

RELATED POLICIES:

03.19
08.133; 08.14
09.123

Library Media Centers

The Board shall establish, maintain and staff a library media center in every school in keeping with statutory requirements.

SELECTION OF MEDIA MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

In schools with SBDM school councils, the council shall consult with the school media librarian on the maintenance of the school library media center, including purchase of instructional materials, information technology, and equipment. In schools without SBDM school councils, the librarian and media personnel shall be responsible for coordinating the selection and recommending to the Principal for the purchase of materials and equipment based on the existing collection, the curriculum, and the needs of the school. When considering purchase of resources for instructional use, the District policy and procedure for approval of instructional resources shall be followed.

GIFTS

Gifts to the library shall be reviewed by and accepted or rejected at the discretion of the librarian and the Principal.

REVIEW

The librarian shall inventory and review the collection on a regular basis for wear and obsolescence and, with the approval of the Principal, dispose of materials which are no longer suitable for use according to disposal of surplus property procedures approved by the Board of Education.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.102
KRS 160.345

Previewing Materials

All materials presented for student use or viewing shall be reviewed by the teacher before use. All classroom materials shall be current, relevant, and significant to the instruction. Materials shall be appropriate and for and within the range of knowledge, understanding, age, and maturity of students.

Exceptions shall be age appropriate, current events programs and programs provided by Kentucky Educational Television. Teachers who suspect that materials or a given issue may be inconsistent with this policy shall confer with the Principal prior to the classroom use of the materials.

Absences and Excuses

Pupils are required to attend regularly and punctually the school in which they are enrolled. Recording of absences and tardies shall be made in compliance with the requirements of 702 KAR 7:125.¹

TRUANCY DEFINED

Any student who has attained the age of six (6), but has not reached his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday, who has been absent from school without valid excuse for three (3) days or more, or tardy without valid excuse on three (3) days or more, is a truant.

Any student enrolled in a public school who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, but has not reached his/her twenty-first (21st) birthday, who has been absent from school without valid excuse for three (3) or more days, or tardy without valid excuse on three (3) or more days, is a truant.

Any student who has been reported as a truant two (2) or more times is a habitual truant.

Truants shall be reported to the Principal and then to the Director of Pupil Personnel both of whom shall take appropriate action.

Unexcused absences from any class or grade that exceed ten per cent (10%) of the instructional days in any grading period, semester, or school year may result in the student's receiving no credit for the semester or school year.

For the purposes of establishing a student's status as a truant, a student's attendance record is cumulative for an entire school year. When students transfer from one Kentucky district to another, attendance information from the previous district shall become part of their official attendance record for that school year.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

An excused absence or tardiness is one for which work may be made up, such as those occurring as a result of:

1. Death, family emergencies (as determined by the Principal) or severe illness in the pupil's immediate family;

Unless an exception is granted by the Principal, notes from parents verifying a student's ~~absence~~ illness shall be accepted for up to ~~three (3) events of absence per grading or nine (9)~~ ten (10) days per school year.

2. Illness of the pupil, including mental or behavioral health ~~(A physician's statement shall be required for the fourth day and all subsequent days of absence each grading period);~~
3. Doctor or dentist appointments;
4. Religious holidays and practices;
5. Court-ordered appearances;
6. One (1) day for attendance at the Kentucky State Fair;
7. Documented military leave;

Absences and Excuses**EXCUSED ABSENCES (CONTINUED)**

8. One (1) day prior to departure of parent/guardian called to active military duty;
9. One (1) day upon the return of parent/guardian from active military duty;
10. Visitation for up to ten (10) days with the student's parent, de facto custodian, or person with legal custody who, while on active military duty stationed outside of the country, is granted rest and recuperation leave;
11. Ten (10) days for students attending basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces;
12. Students participating in any of the page programs of the General Assembly;² or
13. Other valid reasons as determined by the Principal, including trips qualifying as educational enhancement opportunities.

Students shall be granted an excused absence for up to ten (10) school days to pursue an educational enhancement opportunity determined by the Principal to be of significant educational value. This opportunity may include, but not be limited to, participation in an educational foreign exchange program or an intensive instructional, experiential, or performance program in one (1) of the core curriculum subjects of English, science, mathematics, social studies, foreign language, and the arts.

Unless the Principal determines that extenuating circumstances exist, requests for date(s) falling within State or District testing periods shall not be granted.

The Principal's determination may be appealed to the Superintendent/designee whose decision may then be appealed to the Board under its grievance policy and procedures.

Students receiving an excused absence under this section shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed and shall not have their class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the excused absence.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Parents are requested to call the school by 10:00 a.m. to report their child's absence on that day. When students return to school following an absence, they must bring a statement signed by their parent or doctor in order to receive an excused absence.

MAKE-UP WORK

On return to school from an absence, students are responsible for contacting their teachers concerning make-up work. The time allowed to complete make-up work shall not exceed two (2) weeks.

Absences and Excuses**SUSPENSIONS**

Students who have been suspended shall ~~not~~ be allowed to make up daily work. ~~They shall be allowed to make up~~ major projects and tests, assignments made before they were suspended that are due during the period of suspension, and assignments made during the suspension that are due after the suspension ends.

REFERENCES:

¹702 KAR 7:125

²KRS 159.035

KRS 36.396; KRS 38.470; KRS 40.366

KRS 158.070; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.293; KRS 158.294

KRS 159.140; KRS 159.150; KRS 159.180

OAG 76-566; OAG 79-68; OAG 79-539; OAG 91-79; OAG 96-28

RELATED POLICIES:

09.111; 09.122; 09.4281

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

Tuition

FEE TO BE CHARGED

According to a schedule recommended by the Superintendent and adopted by the Board, the Board shall charge an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each student attending its schools whose parent, guardian or legal custodian is not bona fide resident of the District¹ or a full-time employee of the District and lives within another Kentucky school district. Any student whose primary residence is outside of the State of Kentucky shall be subject to the tuition amount equal to the current Supporting Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) allocation per pupil plus the annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) as stated above. The applied SEEK amount may be prorate based on the number of days enrolled in the District.

WHEN STUDENTS MOVE

When a student's parents move out of the District, the student may continue to attend the District school during the current grading period without tuition charge.

Students who move out of the District with more than a full grading period remaining in the year shall be required to transfer to a school in their new district of residence or pay tuition.

Requests to remain in a District school due to a family hardship or a physical, psychological, or educational reason may result in tuition being waived. A Non-Resident Pupil Admission Form (09.124 AP.21) must be submitted. Approval to remain in the current school, for any reason, without paying tuition may only be granted for the remainder of the school year.

EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN

With permission of the Superintendent/designee, full-time employees who live outside the District may enroll their children in District schools grades K-12 without a tuition charge, contingent on the District receiving ADA as provided by law. District full-time employees who live outside the District may enroll their children in the District preschool program if approved by the Superintendent/designee and if the District receives preschool funds or the tuition is paid. Preschool tuition is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per student for the school year, or one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) for enrollment after January 1st of the school year.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

For information concerning nonresident students requiring special educational services, refer to the Board-approved policy and procedures manual for students with disabilities. The District shall not discriminate against students with disabilities in accordance with Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

If a tuition paying family moves into the District within the first sixty (60) days of the first day of the school year, tuition may be reimbursed.

REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 158.120
- 237 S.W. 2D 65 (1951), OAG 80-47, OAG 91-75
- KRS 157.350, KRS 158.135, 702 KAR 7:125

STUDENTS

09.124
(CONTINUED)

Tuition

RELATED POLICIES:

09.12

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

Search and Seizure

REASONABLE SUSPICION

No pupil's outer clothing, pockets, or his or her personal effects (e.g., handbags, backpacks, etc.) shall be searched by authorized school personnel unless there ~~is~~^{are} reasonable ~~suspicion~~^{grounds} to believe the search will reveal evidence that the pupil has violated or is violating either a school rule or the law.¹ Search of a pupil's person shall be conducted only with the express authority of the Principal, ~~Assistant Principal, or Principal's~~ designee.

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

Searches of a pupil's person or his or her personal effects shall ~~only~~ be conducted only by a school official trained by the School Resource Officer (SRO) of the District. ~~certified person directly responsible for the conduct of the pupil or the Principal/designee of the school which the student attends. However, when an immediate threat to the health or safety of others occurs off site with no certified employee reasonably available, a non-certified person (i.e., bus driver or coach/sponsor) that is responsible for the students is authorized to conduct the search of a student or his/her personal effects. Examples of immediate threats would include reasonable suspicion of the presence of illegal drugs or a weapon.~~

WITNESS/PERSONAL SEARCHES

When a pat-down search of pupil's person is conducted, the person conducting the search shall be the same sex as the pupil; and a witness of the same sex as the pupil shall be present during the search. In addition, no search of a pupil shall be conducted in the presence of other students.

These restrictions shall not apply to situations involving an imminent threat to students or staff where immediate action is required to prevent harm to health and safety.

STRIP SEARCHES

No strip searches of students shall be permitted. The phrase "strip search" means requiring a student to remove any article of clothing or requiring a student to lift or lower an article of clothing, thereby causing exposure of undergarments to allow for a visual inspection. The required removal of shoes, or a hat or the removal or arrangement of outerwear does not constitute a strip search.

FAILURE TO COOPERATE

Students who fail to cooperate with school authorities when requested to shall be subject to other disciplinary action.

REGULAR INSPECTION

School property, such as lockers, desks, and network systems, technology resources and accounts owned or supplied by the District are jointly held by the school and the pupil. School authorities have the right to conduct general inspection of all such property and resources on a regular basis. During these inspections, items which are school property, such as overdue library books, may be collected. Students should not expect privacy for items and information left in such locations. A single desk, locker or a technology resource/account may be searched if reasonable grounds exist to believe that evidence of a violation of the law or a school rule is contained therein.

Search and Seizure

ILLEGAL ITEMS

Illegal items (e.g., weapons, drugs, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined by proper school authorities to be a threat to the pupil's safety or to others' safety and security may be seized by school officials.

OTHER DISRUPTIVE ITEMS

Items which may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from the pupil's possession by a staff member. Such items may be returned to the pupil by the staff member or through the Principal's office.

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS

All items which have been seized shall be turned over to the proper authorities or returned to the true owner.

VEHICLES

When reasonable suspicion exists that a student's automobile or the contents there is a threat to student health, safety or welfare or of disruption to the educational process, the Superintendent/designee may refer the matter to law enforcement authorities.

USE OF TRAINED DOGS

Law Enforcement Officers are authorized to arrange for the use of trained dogs to locate contraband (prohibited items) on property owned or controlled (i.e., used, leased, rented) by the Board. The Superintendent/designee may request law enforcement officials to bring trained dogs onto school property to search for contraband (prohibited items) and shall be notified prior to the search taking place. Use of trained dogs shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The dogs shall be certified as never having been trained as attack dogs. ~~However, police canines are trained to defend their handlers, but only in absolute emergencies.~~
2. A District SRO ~~The Principal or designee~~ shall be present.
- 2.3. The District SRO shall coordinate search activities with local law enforcement agencies for use of drug-detecting dogs.
- 3.4. Searches involving dogs shall be conducted only when students are not in the immediate area being searched (i.e. students shall be in classrooms or other designated safe areas when hallways are searched, and areas shall be cordoned off so that students and other individuals cannot get into the areas being searched while a dog is being used); no student shall be in the vicinity of lockers or other area of school property being searched. The dogs shall not be used to search persons or items in their immediate possession.
5. All dogs shall be in immediate control of a handler and shall not be allowed to come in close proximity of any student or unauthorized individual.
6. A positive alert of a trained dog to an item or area shall qualify as reasonable grounds on which to base a further search ~~may constitute suspicion as to the presence of illegal substances.~~
4. ~~All dogs shall be on a leash and will not be allowed to come in close proximity to any student.~~

5.7. All searches by a trained drug-detecting dog shall have the recommendations of the District SRO and prior approval of the Superintendent. The results of all canine searches shall be reported to the District Safety Coordinator, Chief Academic Officer, and the Superintendent/designee, Principal, and other appropriate offices by the District SRO.

~~The alert of trained dog to an item or area shall qualify as reasonable grounds on which to base a further search.~~

DISTRICT SROs

This policy has no application to searches by law enforcement officers employed by the Board since these persons are police officers with the power to investigate crime committed on school property and to arrest for same. The law of search and seizure, applicable to police officers generally, governs the extent of their authority to conduct searches of pupils and to seize contraband which might be revealed by such searches.

REFERENCES:

¹New Jersey vs. T.L.O., 105 S.Ct. 733 (1985)
KRS 161.180; KRS 531.335
Safford Unified School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding, 129 S.Ct. 2633 (2009)

RELATED POLICIES:

02.31; 08.2323; 09.4261