

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Approval of Work-Based Learning Placements for State Accountability

Date: April 2024

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve or deny applications for work-based learning placements to receive career-ready status in the accountability system.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the recommended approvals and denials based upon the statutory requirements of KRS 158.6455.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.6455, 703 KAR 5:270

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

2023 Senate Bill 25 added language to the work-based learning (WBL) indicator for postsecondary readiness to indicate that apprenticeships, cooperative education and internships are not limited to being offered as a high school course or during the regular school day, week or year. WBL experiences for students must still be aligned with a credential or associate degree, offer a minimum of three hundred (300) hours of on-the-job training, be successfully evaluated by the employer and be approved by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to qualify for postsecondary readiness.

Summary of Issue:

Data for qualifying WBL courses that were associated with a valid course code is submitted through Infinite Campus. WBL placements that did not take place as a course during the school day in which the school had direct involvement, were aligned with a credential or associate degree, and provided a minimum of 300 hours of on-the-job experience must be submitted through an application to the KBE.

The WBL application committee reviewed submissions and made recommendations for approval by the KBE. A rationale for denial is included with any submission that has not been recommended for approval. Upon approval of the committee's recommendations, the application submitter will be notified of approval or denial and approved placements will be included in accountability reporting for the 2023-2024 school year.

A spreadsheet with the committee's recommendations is provided under separate cover.

Budget Impact:

None.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The Local Superintendent's Advisory Council, Chairs of the KBE, and Office of Assessment and Accountability were consulted in the development of the WBL approvals application. A committee of WBL and program consultants reviewed application submissions.

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