

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards

Date: June 6, 2024

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the repeal of 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards, which formerly contained all content areas under one single document incorporated by reference. With the promulgation of a new regulation for the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Visual and Performing Arts (VPA)*, each content area is now promulgated under its own administrative regulation provided in 704 KAR Chapter 8.

As a result, 704 KAR 3:303, and the document incorporated by reference, are no longer needed and can, therefore, be repealed.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the repeal of 704 KAR 3:303.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.160, 156.070, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 160.290, 704 KAR 8:130, 704 KAR 3:305

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.160 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to establish courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools, with the courses of study to comply with the expected goals and outcomes developed under KRS 158.645, 158.6451 and 158.6453. KRS 158.6453 requires the revision of academic content standards. KRS 156.070(1) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to manage and control the common schools and all programs operated in the schools. KRS 160.290 authorizes local boards of education to provide for courses and other services for students consistent with the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Summary of Issue:

As the KDE completes the standards review process provided under KRS 158.6453 for each content area, the standards have been removed from the document incorporated by reference under 704 KAR 3:303 to separate regulations under 704 Chapter 8 to increase efficiency and readability. Prior to implementation of the standards review

process provided under KRS 158.6453, all content areas were contained under one single regulation.

The *KAS for VPA* was the last remaining content area in the document incorporated by reference under 704 KAR 3:303. With the completion of the standards review process for visual and performing arts, the standards are now being promulgated in a new administrative regulation under 704 KAR 8:130, and no content areas remain in the document incorporated by reference under 704 KAR 3:303. Therefore, 704 KAR 3:303 can be repealed.

Budget Impact:

Minimal staff time was impacted in the repeal of 704 KAR 3:303.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The regulation will go before the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its May 28, 2024, meeting.

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