

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 704 KAR 8:130, Kentucky Academic Standards for Visual and Performing Arts

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:

The issue before the board is to take action on the adoption of the proposed new administrative regulation, 704 KAR 8:130, Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Visual and Performing Arts (VPA). This regulation conforms to KRS 158.6453(18)(a) which requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to “implement a comprehensive process for reviewing and revising the academic standards in visual and performing arts and practical living skills and career studies for all levels and in foreign language for middle and high schools.”

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the adoption of the required academic standards for visual and performing arts, as incorporated by reference into 704 KAR 8:130.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070(1), 156.160(1)(a), 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453(18), 704 KAR 3:305

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.160 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to establish courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools, with the courses of study to comply with the expected goals, outcomes, and assessments developed under KRS 158.645, 158.6451 and 158.6453. Statute does not require state assessments for visual and performing arts. Therefore, the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) does not necessitate aligned assessments. KRS 156.070(1) requires the KBE to manage and control common schools and all programs operated in the schools.

In consultation with certified public school teachers of visual and performing arts, KRS 158.6453(18) requires the KDE to “implement a comprehensive process for reviewing and revising the academic standards in visual and performing arts and practical living skills and career studies for all levels and in foreign language for middle and high schools. The department shall develop review committees for the standards for each of the content areas that include representation from certified specialist public school teachers and postsecondary teachers in those subject areas.”

This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the required academic

standards for visual and performing arts, which contain the general courses of study and academic content standards for use in Kentucky's common schools.

Summary of Issue:

KRS 158.6453(18)(a) requires the KDE to implement a comprehensive process every six years for reviewing and revising the academic standards in visual and performing arts for all levels.

As part of this process, statute further requires that the department “develop review committees for the standards for each of the content areas that include representation from certified specialist public school teacher and postsecondary teachers in those subject areas, including consultation with certified public school teachers of visual and performing arts” (18).

Promulgated under a new regulation, 704 KAR 8:130 adopts into law the standards for visual and performing arts as authorized under KRS 158.6453(18). Curriculum and content decisions require local schools and districts to implement the visual and performing arts standards provided in the document incorporated by reference.

Budget Impact:

A total of \$248,500.00 was spent to complete the review and revision of the KAS for VPA as required under KRS 158.6453(18). In addition to the costs accrued thus far, additional staff time will be needed to support schools and districts in the implementation of the visual and performing arts standards.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Focus Groups

In addition to the administration of two state-wide public comment surveys, feedback was also sought from the following focus groups:

- High school and postsecondary students
- Representatives of state-wide, discipline-specific arts organizations
- Leaders from state arts organizations
- Educational cooperatives
- District art directors, coordinators and instructional leaders

LSAC

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

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