

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Certification of 704 KAR 8:020, Required academic standards for reading and writing

**Date:** March 2025

**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 recertification of 704 KAR 8:020, Required academic standards for reading and writing.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the recertification of 704 KAR 8:020.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070, KRS 156.160, KRS 158.6453

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:*

KRS 156.070(1) provides the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) with the management and control of the common schools. KRS 156.160 requires the KBE to promulgate administrative regulations for the courses of study administered in the common schools. This administrative regulation establishes the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Reading and Writing*, which contain the general courses of study and academic content standards of reading and writing for use in Kentucky's common schools as required pursuant to KRS 158.6453.

KRS 158.6453(2)(a) requires the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a process for reviewing Kentucky's academic standards every six years. The Office of Teaching and Learning tentatively anticipates bringing the *KAS for Reading and Writing* to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) for action in Fall 2025.

*Summary of Issue:*

704 KAR 8:020 is nearing its expiration date. The KBE must approve the recertification of the regulation to avoid expiration.

*Budget Impact:*

The proposed recertification of this regulation has no fiscal impact on state funds.

### GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:


The Office of Teaching and Learning reviewed the regulation for verification that it is in compliance with current governing law and requires no amendments.

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