

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD)
Annual Policy Updates

Date: Aug. 7, 2025

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To act on proposed annual updates to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the board approve the annual update to policies for the KSB and KSD. These policies provide for the effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

[KRS 156.070](#), [KRS 167.015](#), [KRS 167.150](#), [KRS 167.240](#)

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB and the KSD. Policies for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session, as well as changes to applicable regulations during the past year. These policies provide cohesiveness between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique needs of KSB and KSD require otherwise.

Summary of Issue:

Three attachments are included: 1) the draft updated policies recommended for approval, 2) a summary table showing the legal basis for each proposed amendment and 3) the Kentucky School Board Association policy update checklist requiring signatures from the KBE Chair and Commissioner of Education.

Budget Impact:

Possible fiscal impact includes the cost of additional training and administrative costs of implementing changes.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) sought input from the Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Finance and Operations and Office of Legal Services. Additionally, KSB and KSD principals and advisory board members were given the opportunity to review the policies and provide feedback. The proposed policy updates were included on the agenda of the July 29 meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the July 29 LSAC meeting will be shared with the KBE prior to the August meeting.

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