

The background of the slide is split into two parts. The top-left portion shows a line of yellow school buses parked outdoors. The bottom-right portion shows a classroom with blue walls, several desks with chairs, and colorful balloons hanging from the ceiling.

Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) 2028-2030 Biennial Budget Visioning

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KBE Roles and Authority

- Appoint and set compensation for Commissioner of Education.
- Primary function shall be to develop and adopt policies and administrative regulations by which KDE shall be governed. KRS 156.029
- Make recommendations to the Governor regarding KDE budget requests. KRS 156.024

KBE Roles and Authority

- Shall have the management and control of the common schools and all programs operated in these schools, including interscholastic athletics, Kentucky Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and community education programs and services. KRS 156.070
- Promulgate administrative regulations establishing standards which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and operational performance. KRS 156.160
- On recommendation of Commissioner, prescribe, print, publish, and distribute administrative regulations, courses of student, curriculums, bulletins, programs, outlines, reports, and placards for efficient management and control of schools and programs. KRS 156.070
- On recommendation of Commissioner, establish policy or act on all matters relating to programs, services, publications, capital construction, equipment, litigation, contracts, budgets, and all other matters within KDE responsibility. KRS 156.070 9

Specific Administrative Regulations Required

- Courses of study
- Acquisition and use of educational equipment
- Minimum graduation requirements
- Alternative diploma requirements
- Taking and keeping a school census
- Construction of school facilities
- Physical and health education
- Physical welfare and safety of students
- Vision and dental examinations
- Transportation of students
- School closure for holidays
- Budgets and salary schedules for districts
- Disposal of real and personal property
- Procedures for homeless children
- Designation of agent or management of interscholastic athletics

TIMELINE

Summer 2026

- Visioning: What big items would the board like to accomplish over the 2026-2028 biennium?

August/Fall 2026

- Approve 2027 board goals and legislative priorities
- Should the goals be as narrow as they have been? Or broader with the intent the department will develop legislative priorities that support the goals?

May 2027

- Board request to approve KDE's 2028-2030 Additional Budget Requests (ABRs)

House Bill 257

- Student growth vs change
- State indicators will continue to include math, reading, science and social studies
 - On-demand writing and editing mechanics will no longer be included in state assessments
- Chronic absenteeism replaces the school climate and safety survey in state accountability
 - The school climate and safety survey while remain available for districts to include in local measures of quality
- School districts will be encouraged to create their own local indicators of quality
- Local indicators of quality must include:
 - Vibrant learning experiences for students
 - Local measures of performance identified by community members
 - A method of displaying data that includes breaking down data by demographic groups
- Includes a one-time payment to offset costs incurred by local school districts in the development of locally developed indicators of quality of up to \$15,000
 - \$2,570,000 one-time appropriation in SB 197 (2026) to “support additional costs to local school districts associated with the implementation of the new education assessment and accountability system.”

HB 257 - Targeted Quality Measures

- Requires "targeted quality measures" to be reported on the Kentucky School Report Card:
 - The percentage of certified teachers within the school and district who have attained Rank II or higher or who are National Board certified;
 - For schools and districts containing students in 8th grade, the percentage of students earning at least one high school credit upon the completion of the student's 8th-grade school year; and
 - For schools and districts containing 12th-grade students, the percentage of students who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the student's graduation date or officially opted out of completing it.
- Beginning July 1, 2030, the targeted measures of quality would not only be reported in the Kentucky School Report Card but also would be included as a new indicator in the state accountability system with a cumulative weight of no less than 5%.

Reviewing 2025-2026 KBE/KDE Legislative Priorities

What got done? What remains?



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Support the Educator Workforce

- **Educator Preparation**

- **SB 4 (2026)**

- Establishes the principal leadership development practicum
 - 4-year cohort model
 - Funding: \$1,000,000 in each year of 2026-28 biennium

- **Educator Recruitment and Retention**

- **Explore the possibility of a statewide common application system**

- [HB 727](#) (2026) Replace KEPS with statewide job portal using existing funds from certification fees

- **Advocate for a reimaging of the existing teacher scholarship**

- Bills have been filed but not passed

- **Mentoring Program Impact on Title II Funding**

- Fixed during the 2025 session (HB 48)



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Secure Additional Funding for Key Initiatives

- Numeracy Counts Act Professional Development
- Read to Succeed Literacy Coaches
- Universal Preschool
- High-Quality Instructional Resources (HQIRs)
- Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS)
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- School Safety



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Statutory Updates and Clean-up

- Stagger Board of Education Terms
 - Not done
- Council for Education Technology
 - Repealed in HB 727 (2026)
- KETS Teacher Home Computer Program
 - Repealed in HB 727 (2026)
- State Textbook Commission
 - Abolished in SB 207 (2025)
 - Replaced with the State Quality Curriculum Task Force
 - Created the High-Quality Instructional Resources (HQIR) repository



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Facilities

- Work directly with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and KDE advisory council(s) to explore pathways to modernize the funding of district facilities.



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Review and Update Substitute Teaching Statute (KRS 161.102(5))

- Address limitations on districts that currently restrict use of emergency certified substitutes to no more than 20 days.
 - Not addressed yet



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Continue the historic investment in CTE by addressing current funding inequities between Area Technology Centers (ATCs) and local centers.

- Include the ATCs in the CTE funding formula and increase CTE funding by \$15 million to hold local programs harmless
 - \$14,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to be distributed as supplemental funding that includes ATCs



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2026-28 Biennial Budget

- SEEK: \$4,626 in FY27 & \$4,792 in FY28
 - Up from \$4,586 in FY26
- SEEK Transportation
 - \$398,884,500 in each fiscal year
 - \$491,979,038 estimated need
- Academic Academies (Craft, Gatton, & Votruba):
 - Students will no longer be included in the average daily attendance of the students' districts of residence for the purpose of calculating SEEK
- LARS
 - ATCs included in the supplemental funding
 - Our programs are funded for both years of the biennium
- Reduction in travel (in- and out-of-state) in the 4th quarter



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House Bill 900

- **FFA Leadership Training Center - Activity Center**
 - \$5,000,000 in FY28
- **CTE Supplemental funding**
 - \$14,000,000 in each year
- **School of Innovation Pilot Project – Covington**
 - \$2,500,000 in FY27
- **School of Innovation Pilot Project - two schools to be selected**
 - \$5,000,000 in FY28
- **SFCC – Marion, Clay, McCreary, Frankfort, Lyon, Todd, Williamstown, Lincoln, Garrard, Russellville, McCracken**
 - Various amounts



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House Bill 10 (Hodgson)

- Senate confirmations
 - KBE & EPSB chairs will now require Senate confirmation in addition to initial confirmation
 - School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council (SCAAC) members and chair will now require Senate confirmation



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Senate Bill 4 (West)

- Four-year principal training and mentoring program
 - Four-year cohort model
 - First two years with KDE
 - Third year Truist/KY Chamber Foundation
 - Fourth year optional
 - \$1,000,000 in each year in HB 500
- Reduces Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) board to five and provides initial maps for new districts



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Senate Bill 263 (West)

- Follow-up to SB 207 (2025)
- Total appropriation of \$7,500,000
 - \$2,500,000 for Covington Ind
 - \$5,000,000 for two additional projects TBD
- The KBE may grant a waiver from the requirements of an administrative regulation promulgated by the EPSB or from a statute over which the EPSB has authority to enforce, after consultation with the EPSB
- May authorize up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the teaching staff of a school may be employed without teacher certification if the individual possesses a:
 - Baccalaureate or graduate degree in the subject the individual is hired to teach; or
 - Recognized industry credential in the technical education area the individual is hired to teach

Senate Bill 197 (Wheeler)

- Restored leadership language in HB 500:
 - *Notwithstanding KRS 18A.005 to 18A.200, the Kentucky Board of Education shall continue to have sole authority to determine the employees of the Department of Education who are exempt from the classified service and to set those employees' compensation comparable to the competitive market.*
- Included new language on the college entrance exam:
 - ~~*College Entrance Exam: No General Funds provided to the Kentucky Department of Education shall be used for any contract that does not meet Kentucky Academic Standards and the Accountability and Assessment provisions outlined in KRS 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, 158.649, and 160.346 and applicable federal statutes. The Kentucky Department of Education shall initiate a new competitive procurement process and shall award a contract only to a vendor or vendors whose assessment product satisfies all applicable state and federal statutory requirements for accountability and assessment purposes to be in place for the 2026-2027 school year.*~~
- \$2,570,000 one-time appropriation to “support additional costs to local school districts associated with the implementation of the new education assessment and accountability system.”



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Senate Bills

- [SB 1](#) (Givens) changes to JCPS board/superintendent roles and responsibilities.
- [SB 2](#) (Adams) limit superintendent/administrator percentage pay increase greater than the average percentage pay increase provided to classroom teachers within the district.
- [SB 4](#) (West)
 - Four-year principal training and mentoring program
 - \$1m in each year in HB 500
 - Reduces JCPS board to five and provides initial maps for new districts
- [SB 5](#) (Howell) aims to get more local/KY Proud food in schools
- [SB 46](#) (Deneen) permits schools to use non-school bus passenger vehicles designed for ten.
- [SB 59](#) (Rawlings) relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars and resources
- [SB 101](#) (Nunn) mandatory 12-month expulsion for students in 6-12th grade that intentionally caused or attempted to cause physical injury to a school district employee on school property or at a school function under the board's jurisdiction
- [SB 170](#) (Storm) establish a pilot program to be known as the Supporting Opportunities for Accountability and Restoration Program for children who are truant
- [SB 263](#) (West) schools of innovation & innovation fund



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House Bills

- [HB 1](#) (Moser) the qualified elementary and secondary education scholarship federal tax credit
- [HB 4](#) (Proctor) anti-grooming
- [HB 7](#) (Hale) stop arm cameras for school buses
- [HB 10](#) (Hodgson) Senate confirmations
 - KBE & EPSB chairs will now require Senate confirmation
 - School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council (SCAAC) members and chair will now require Senate confirmation
- [HB 67](#) (Payne) clean-up to SB 181 (2025)
 - Also has most of [SB 3](#) (Tichenor) – financial responsibility and transparency
- [HB 253](#) (Tipton)
 - Three-cueing prohibition
 - Prohibits nondisclosure agreements relating to misconduct involving a minor or student
- [HB 280](#) (Moser) permit schools to stock undesignated glucagon
- [HB 307](#) (Tipton) proactive postsecondary admission
- [HB 555](#) (Pollack) permit student-based enterprises within their district to sell competitive foods throughout the school day
- [HB 562](#) (Truett) alternative high school diplomas
- [HB 757](#) (Petrie) revenue bill
- [HB 778](#) (Wilson) changes who in a district and/or school is notified by a court-designated worker when a diversion agreement is developed
- [HB 900](#) (Petrie) one-time spending projects



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House Bill 727 – The Omnibus

- All the previously mentioned clean-up items
- [HB 621](#) (Bojanowski) class sizes for exceptional children and youth
- [HB 654](#) (Baker) clean-up to HB48 (2025)
- [HB 685](#) (Riley) require the Education Professional Standards Board to issue a 5-year teaching certificate to eligible applicants
- [SB 71](#) (Deneen) update the annual in-service training requirements for local board of education members

Questions

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