

LEGAL: HB 869 AMENDS KRS CHAPTER 424 REQUIRING THE TIME CONTAINED IN LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BE STATED IN BOTH EASTERN AND CENTRAL TIME. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 27, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

Definitions

The following expressions are defined with respect to their intended meanings in the context of this manual:

POLICIES

An expression of the will of the elected Board of Education or the school council. Although other statutes may have Board policy implications, the general scope of Board policies is defined by KRS 160.290 and KRS 160.340. The scope of council policies is defined by KRS 160.345. Board policies cover the general management and governance of school district operations and functions. Within the parameters of the District's legal authority, violations of policy may provide grounds for administrative response or action as relates to students, District employees, parents, and members of the community, but such policies are not intended to heighten standards of care, establish grounds for liability or create rules for immunities enjoyed by defendants in civil judicial actions against the Board, its members, District employees, officers, or volunteers.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Statements of the Superintendent and/or District administration. Procedures are administrative instruments to implement Board policy and other legal mandates.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

References such as "State Board regulations", "state regulations", and "administrative regulations" shall mean Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR) promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education.

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME

Individual districts should consider the implications of these parameters for their personnel policies. In general, certified employees who work five six-hour days per week during the school term shall be regarded as full-time, whether they serve 9 1/4 months or some amount of extended employment short of 12 months. Classified employees whose work is inherently associated with the school term (e.g. cafeteria employees, bus drivers) shall also be regarded as full-time even though their employment is less than twelve months in duration.

SUPERINTENDENT

It should be inferred that policies that charge the Superintendent with preparing and/or implementing provisions of procedures, plans or programs for Board review shall also embrace any other employee to whom the Superintendent may delegate such charges.

TEACHER

Except for referenced statutes which specify a different definition for the purposes of those statutes, in this manual the term teacher shall refer to any person, other than the Superintendent, for whom certification is required as a basis for employment.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

The term husband and wife, as used in the policy manual, shall be deemed to include a spouse in a legally recognized marriage unless the context otherwise requires.

Definitions

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Parent, as used in this manual, means parent, legal guardian, or other person authorized by law to act as a parent as the context requires.

MASCULINE GENDER

Unless otherwise noted, all gender references include both male and female.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

In compliance with federal law and unless otherwise indicated, use of the terms "handicapped/exceptional/special education" shall refer to children and youth with disabilities.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Use of the term "food service" shall also refer to the District's School Nutrition Program.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAY

Unless otherwise noted, use of the term "instructional day" shall have the same meaning as "student attendance day".

SIGNATURE

"Signature" means the act of signing one's name to something. "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record. An electronic signature will have the same effect as hand written signature.

HEALTH PROVIDER

Unless otherwise noted, the terms "health care provider" and "health care practitioner" have the same meaning.

CHARTER SCHOOL

Use of the term "charter school" means a public charter school.

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER

A local board of education as defined in KRS 160.1590.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Use of the terms Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) or County Employees' Retirement System (CERS) includes the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA).

RELATED POLICIES

The listing of related policies at the bottom of a document is a generic list and may include some policy numbers that this manual does not contain.

Definitions

REFERENCES

Legal references listed in this manual, such as state and federal statutes and regulations, Kentucky Attorney General Opinions, and court cases are provided as a tool for additional research and are not intended to be viewed as a complete listing of legal resources applicable to a particular topic.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES

In accordance with KRS Chapter 424, in legal advertisements and notices the time shall be stated in both Eastern and Central time.²

REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 157.320; 102 KAR 1:036; 702 KAR 1:035
- ²KRS Chapter 424
- KRS 78.510 – KRS 78.852
- KRS 158.144; KRS 160.1590
- KRS 160.290; KRS 160.340; KRS 160.345
- KRS 369.102; KRS 405.028
- 701 KAR 8:010; 701 KAR 8:020; 701 KAR 8:030; 701 KAR 8:040
- 702 KAR 6:010; 702 KAR 6:020; 702 KAR 6:040
- 702 KAR 6:075; 702 KAR 6:090

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LEGAL: SB 2 AMENDS KRS 160.346 TO AUTHORIZE A SUPERINTENDENT TO REMOVE A PRINCIPAL IF THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT OR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT FOR TWO (2) OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: SB 59 AMENDS KRS 48.025 TO EXPLICITLY APPLY THE PROHIBITION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON USING TAX DOLLARS TO ADVOCATE FOR OR AGAINST A PUBLIC QUESTION AND ESTABLISHES PENALTIES.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: SB 263 AMENDS KRS 156.161 TO ALLOW THE BOARD'S DESIGNEE IN ADDITION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUEST A WAIVER.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: HB 253 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 TO PROHIBIT DISTRICTS ENTERING INTO NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO MISCONDUCT INVOLVING A MINOR OR STUDENT, INCLUDING ABUSIVE CONDUCT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: KRS 158.194 REQUIRES THE BILL OF RIGHTS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST ASSOCIATED WITH PRINTING/HANGING THE DOCUMENT

General Powers and Duties of the Board**ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board has general control and management of the public schools in its district. The Board may establish schools and provide for courses and other services it deems necessary for the promotion of education and the general health and welfare of pupils, consistent with the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education.¹

CHARTER SCHOOLS

KRS 160.1590 provides for charter school authorization, application, evaluation of applications and contracts with a charter school Board of Directors. Pursuant to this statute and Kentucky Board of Education regulations, the Board may serve as an authorizer for charter schools in the District.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND EXEMPTIONS

The Board may authorize the Superintendent [or the Board's designee](#) to request, on behalf of the District, a waiver of state regulations and/or a Kentucky Revised Statute requiring paperwork to be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education or the Department of Education as permitted by statute.¹⁵

When approved as a School or program of Innovation by the Kentucky Board of Education, the District is to be granted waivers and exemptions from selected Kentucky Administrative Regulations, Kentucky Revised Statutes, and may be granted waivers of certain Board policies this may include a school identified for comprehensive support and improvement under KRS 160.346.¹¹

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT

The Superintendent and Principal of a school identified for comprehensive support and improvement shall collaborate with the Kentucky Department of Education to create a turnaround training and support team. The Board shall approve the turnaround team.

[When a school is identified for targeted support and improvement or comprehensive support and improvement for two \(2\) or more consecutive years, the Superintendent may remove the Principal.](#)

SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY

The Board has control and management of all school funds and public school property and may use its funds and property to promote public education.¹

[Local, state, and federal tax dollars and resources shall not be used to advocate for or against any public question that appears on the ballot.](#)¹⁶

ADMINISTRATION

The Board shall exercise generally all powers prescribed by law in the administration of the public school system, appoint the Superintendent of schools, establish job classifications, and fix the compensation of employees.¹

MANAGEMENT

The Board may set goals for the District and shall make and adopt, and may amend or repeal policies for its meetings and proceedings for the management of the schools and school property of the district, for the transaction of its business and for the qualifications and duties of employees and the conduct of pupils.

General Powers and Duties of the Board**SUBPOENA**

The Board may, in any investigation or proceeding before it, concerning a matter that may be a proper subject of inquiry by it, summon witnesses by subpoena, enforce their attendance, and require that they testify under properly administered oath.²

INSURANCE

The Board may set aside funds to provide for liability and indemnity insurance against the negligence of the drivers or operators of school buses, other motor vehicles, and mobile equipment owned or operated by the Board.³ The Board may expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual Board member in an official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of the performance of legal duties as a Board member.⁴ The Board shall make available liability insurance coverage for the protection of all members of school councils from liability arising in the course of pursuing their duties as members of the councils.⁹ In accordance with 702 KAR 3:330, the District shall provide Certified Employee Liability Insurance in an amount not less than one (1) million dollars for the protection of the employee from liability arising in the course and scope of pursuing the duties of his or her employment.¹³

As long as they pay the full cost of premiums required, Board members may choose to participate in any group life insurance¹² or any group medical or dental insurance provided by the District for employees.¹⁰

FREE SUPPLIES

The Board may furnish necessary school supplies free of charge to indigent children in its school district, or to such other children as it deems advisable, under such rules and regulations as it may adopt.

The Superintendent shall recommend and the Board shall approve a process to waive fees for students who qualify for free and reduced priced lunches. All students who qualify shall be informed in writing of the fee waiver provisions. Mandatory waiver of fees for qualifying students shall be accomplished in compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.⁵

REPORTS

The Board shall, on forms prepared by the Commissioner of Education and approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, prepare and submit to the Kentucky Board of Education reports on all phases of its school service. It may prepare and publish for the information of the public a report on the progress of its schools.⁶

LEVY OF TAX RATES

As part of the budgetary process, the Board shall levy tax rates in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.⁷

POWER TO BORROW MONEY

The Board may borrow money on the credit of the Board and issue negotiable notes in anticipation of revenues from school taxes and state revenue for the fiscal year in which the money is borrowed, and may pledge the anticipated revenues for the payment of principal and interest on the loan.⁸

General Powers and Duties of the Board

CONTRACTS

The Board may contract for consulting services to provide specialized advice or assistance to the school system concerning educational, management, or administrative matters.⁴

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Schools, employees, and school-related groups who are applying for grants on behalf of the District or District schools shall send a copy of the completed application to the Superintendent/designee, who shall **approve or deny the grant application. When the grant is awarded, the Superintendent/designee will prepare a grant summary for submission to the Board of Education for award acceptance.**

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

A District shall not enter into a nondisclosure agreement relating to misconduct involving a minor or student, including abusive conduct as defined in KRS 160.380.¹⁸

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DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO

The Board shall require each elementary and secondary school to display the national motto, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location which means a school entryway, cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see an item on display. Per KRS 158.195, the display may take the form of, but is not limited to, a plaque or student artwork.¹⁴

DISPLAY OF BILL OF RIGHTS

Each elementary and secondary classroom shall prominently display the Bill of Rights from the United States Constitution.¹⁷

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DISPLAY OF NOTICE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

The Board shall require each school that contains instructional space for students in grades six (6) through twelve (12) to conspicuously display in a prominent location, in both English and Spanish, a printed abstract of KRS 339.210 to 339.450, a list of the limited or prohibited occupations for minors, and a notice stating the working hours per day for each day of the week permissible for minors to work. The same information or display shall also be posted on the District's or school's website.¹⁴

General Powers and Duties of the Board

REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 160.290
 - ²KRS 160.300
 - ³KRS 160.310
 - ⁴KRS 160.160
 - ⁵KRS 160.330
 - ⁶KRS 160.340
 - ⁷KRS 160.470
 - ⁸KRS 160.540
 - ⁹KRS 160.345
 - ¹⁰KRS 160.280
 - ¹¹KRS 160.346; ~~701 KAR 5:140~~
 - ¹²KRS 18A.205; KRS 18A.210
 - ¹³702 KAR 3:330
 - ¹⁴KRS 158.195
 - ¹⁵KRS 156.161
 - ¹⁶[KRS 48.025](#)
 - ¹⁷[KRS 158.194](#)
 - ¹⁸[KRS 160.148](#)
- KRS 116.200; KRS 156.072; KRS 156.160
KRS 160.1590; KRS 160.1592; KRS 160.1593; KRS 160.1594; KRS 160.1595
KRS 160.1599; [KRS 160.380](#); KRS 161.158; KRS 162.010
KRS 339.210 to KRS 330.450; KRS 416.560
OAG 91-10; OAG 91-122; OAG 95-10; 702 KAR 3:220; ~~702 KAR 4:160~~

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RELATED POLICIES:

- 01.41; 01.5; 01.7
- 03.124; 03.224; 04.92

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Regular Meetings**TIME AND PLACE**

At a July Board meeting the Board shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings for the calendar year, identifying the date, time (stated in both Eastern and Central time⁶) and place of each meeting. Rescheduled regular meetings shall be noticed and held as special meetings.^{1 & 5}

PUBLICITY

All meetings of the Board, and any committees or subcommittees thereof, shall be held at specified times and places which are convenient to the public. The schedule of regular meetings shall be made available to the public.²

Note: Additional notice requirements applicable to regular meetings held for purposes of adopting the school calendar are located in KRS 158.070 and are covered in Board Policy 08.3.

OPEN MEETINGS

All meetings of a quorum of the members of the Board at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken are to be public meetings, open to the public at all times, except as provided in KRS 61.810.³

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Each regular meeting shall include a public comment period of at least fifteen (15) minutes. Any Board rules and policies regarding conduct during school board meetings shall apply during the public comment period.¹

VIDEO TELECONFERENCES

The Board may conduct its meeting by video teleconference (including closed sessions). Notice of a video teleconference meeting shall comply with the requirements of KRS 61.820 or KRS 61.823 as appropriate. The notice shall clearly state that the meeting will be a video teleconference; provide specific information on how any member of the public or media organization may view the meeting electronically; and in any case where the Board has elected to provide a physical location, or in any circumstance where two (2) or more members of the Board are attending a video teleconference meeting from the same physical location, precisely identify a primary physical location of the video teleconference where all members can be seen and heard and the public may attend in accordance with KRS 61.840.

The same procedures with regard to participation, distribution of materials and other matters shall apply in all video teleconference locations. Members of the Board who participate in a video teleconference shall remain visible on camera at all times that business is being discussed.

Any interruption in the video or audio broadcast of a video teleconference at any location shall result in the suspension of the video teleconference until the broadcast is restored.

If a regular meeting is changed to a video conference, the meeting shall remain a regular meeting if the meeting occurs on the same date and time as originally scheduled and the Board follows the provisions of KRS 61.823 to provide a notice that meets these requirements.⁴

Regular Meetings

REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 160.270
- ²KRS 61.820; OAG 78-274; OAG 78-614
- ³KRS 61.810
- ⁴KRS 61. 823; KRS 61.826
- ⁵92-OMD-1677; 04-OMD-056
- ⁶[KRS 61.805](#)
- KRS 61.840; KRS 158.070
- 17-OMD-148

RELATED POLICIES:

- 01.421; 01.43; 01.44; 08.3; 08.31

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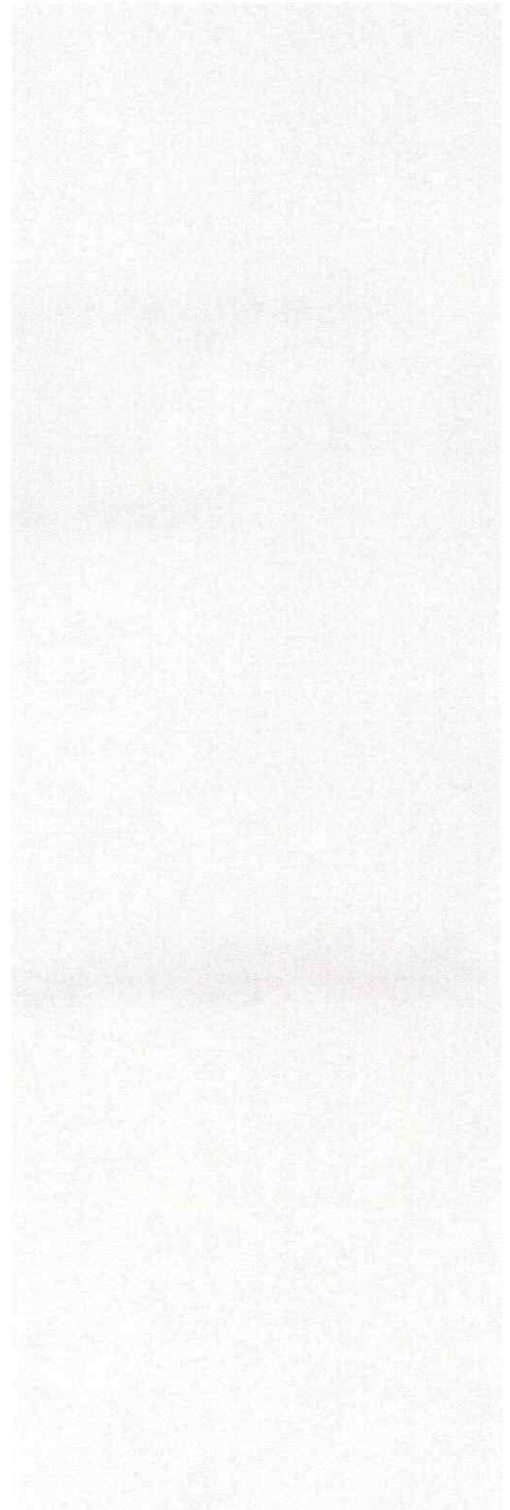
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

RECOMMENDED: TO BE CONSISTENT WITH POLICY 01.41, PER KRS 160.160, CHAIRMAN WAS REVISED TO CHAIR.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Special Called Meetings

AUTHORIZATION

The Board may hold such special meetings as are necessary to expedite its business.¹ A special meeting may be open or closed, and the Board may accordingly conduct any activities in a special meeting that are permitted in an open or closed meeting.² The Board may consider only those subjects set forth in the notice of the meeting and agenda.³

CALL AND NOTICE

A special meeting may be called at any time by the **eChairperson** or on request of three (3) Board members. The secretary shall provide written notice of the special meeting. The notice shall consist of the date, time **stated in both Eastern and Central time⁵** and place of the special meeting and the agenda. Discussion and action at the meeting shall be limited to items listed on the agenda in the notice.¹

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DELIVERY AND TIMING OF NOTICE

Notice of a special meeting must be delivered personally, transmitted by fax, mailed, or, if requested in writing, by electronic mail (email) so that it is received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of such meeting as specified in the notice. Notice shall be given to each Board member and to each media organization, which has on file with the Board a written request to be notified of special meetings. Written notice shall also be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting in a conspicuous place in the building where the meeting will take place and in the Board central office.⁴

EXCEPTION

Requirements for notice, delivery and timing are not required in case of an emergency, which prevents compliance. In such a case reasonable effort shall be made to notify Board members, media organizations that have filed a written request for notification and the public of the emergency meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the **Chairperson** shall explain, for the record, the emergency circumstances preventing compliance with notice, delivery and timing requirements. This explanation shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Discussion and action at this meeting shall be limited to the emergency for which the meeting has been called.⁴

REFERENCES:

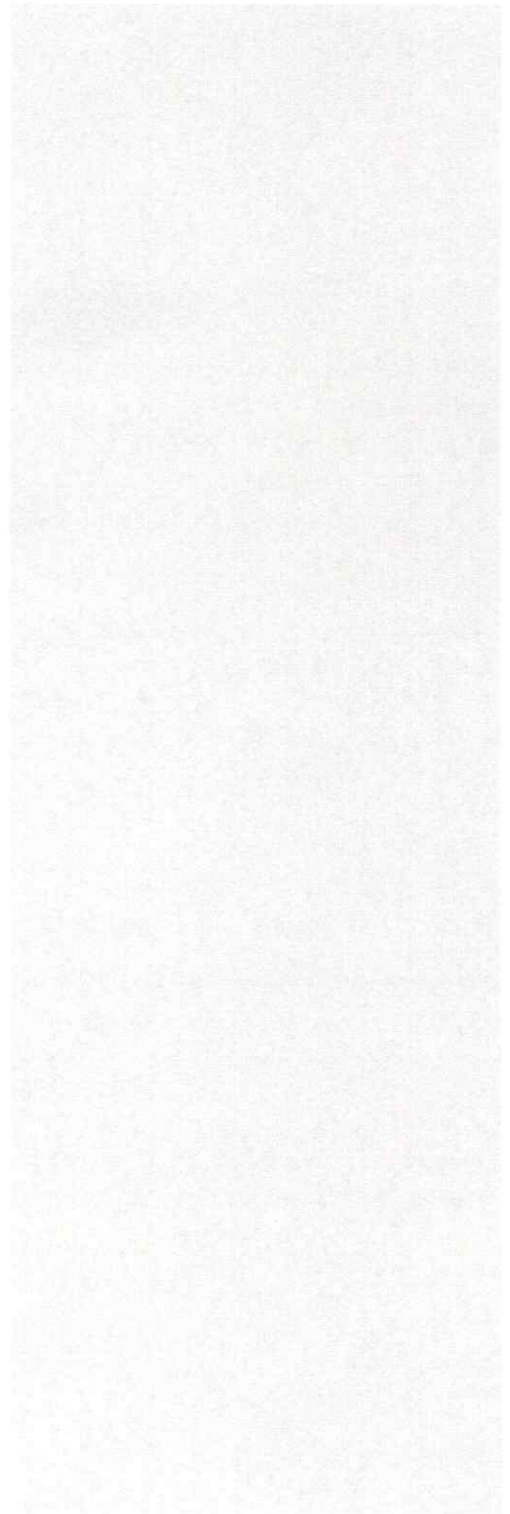
- ¹KRS 160.270
- ²OAG 78-274
- ³OAG 77-221; OAG 61-24
- ⁴KRS 61.823
- ⁵**KRS 61.805**
92-OMD-1677

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ADMINISTRATION

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School Council Meetings

SCHEDULE

The first meeting of the council shall be called by the Principal **not less than fourteen (14) and not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the election of the first council**; thereafter, the council shall **determine the frequency of and agenda for its meetings**. At this meeting, the council shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings for the fiscal year, identifying the date, time (stated in both Eastern and Central time⁴) and place of each meeting. Any change to this schedule shall be a special-called meeting.¹

All meetings of the council, and any committees or subcommittees thereof, shall be held at specified times and places which are convenient to the public. The schedule of regular meetings shall be made available to the public.²

PUBLIC MEETINGS

All meetings of a quorum of the members of the council at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken are to be public meetings, open to the public at all times, except as provided in KRS 61.810.³

OPEN MEETING AND OPEN RECORD REQUIREMENTS

All meetings of the council are open to the public and subject to the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Council records are also subject to open records law and the Records Retention Schedule, Public School District.

OPEN RECORDS

The Principal or **alternative chairperson** shall be the **chair** of the council and shall be responsible for securing minutes that record the council's actions. Minutes shall be approved by the council, kept in a permanent file along with other council records, and open to public inspection. A copy of the minutes of each council meeting shall be forwarded by the Principal to the Superintendent who shall keep the Board informed of council actions.

REFERENCES:

¹92-OMD-1677

²KRS 61.820; OAG 78-274, OAG 78-614

³KRS 61.810

⁴KRS 61.805

KRS 61.815; KRS 61.823; KRS 61.826

KRS 61.835; KRS 61.840; KRS 61.846; KRS 61.848; KRS 61.850

KRS 61.870; KRS 61.872; KRS 61.874; KRS 61.876; KRS 61.884

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

01.43; 01.44; 10.11

LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO REQUIRE DISTRICTS TO DISCLOSE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS RELATED TO ABUSIVE CONDUCT OF APPLICANTS AND ADDS ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.

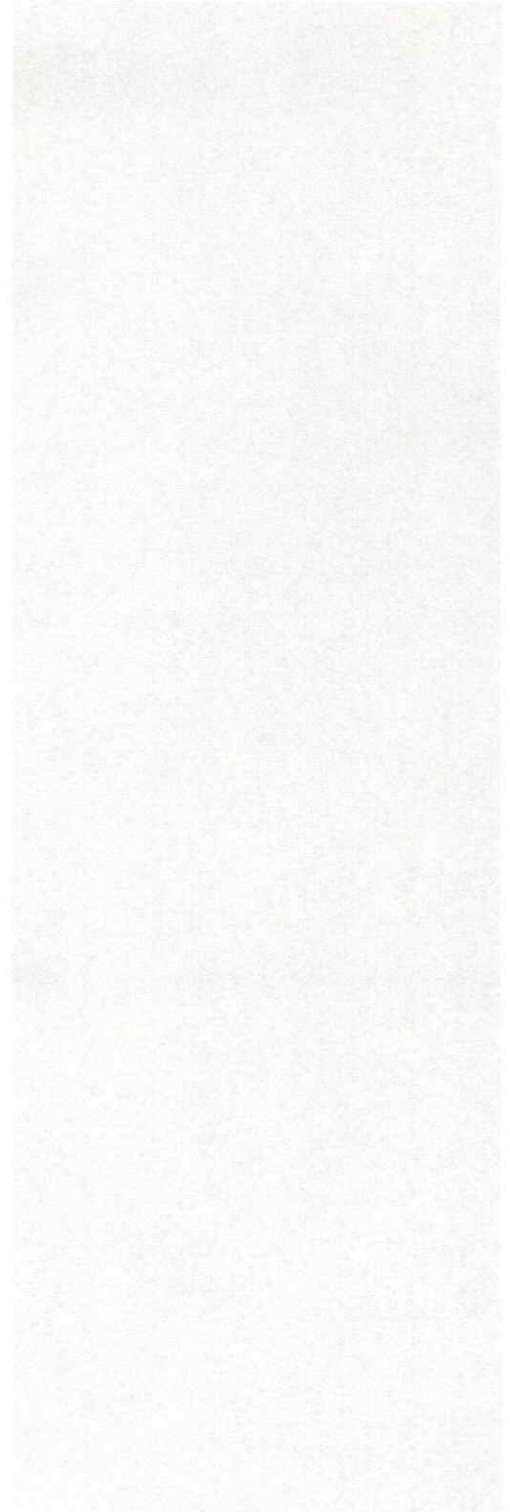
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: HB 727 AMENDS KRS 160.380 REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONDUCT A SEARCH TO LOCATE MINORITY TEACHERS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF JULY 1, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

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- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -**Hiring****SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall submit the job posting to the statewide job posting system fifteen (15) days before the position is to be filled.

When a vacancy needs to be filled in less than fifteen (15) days to prevent disruption of necessary instructional or support services of the school District, the Superintendent may seek a waiver of the fifteen (15)-day advance notice requirement from the Commissioner of Education. If the waiver is approved, the appointment shall not be made until the person selected by the Superintendent has been approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Certified employees may be appointed by the Superintendent for any school year at any time after February 1 next preceding the beginning of the school year.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who are certified for the positions they will hold and who possess qualifications established by Board policy, except in the case where no individual applies who is properly certified and/or who meets qualifications set by Board policy.

Hiring of certified personnel who have previously retired under TRS shall be in compliance with applicable legal requirements.²

All teachers shall meet applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and federal regulation.³

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants, employees, and student teachers assigned within the District shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.¹

Each application form provided by the employer to an applicant for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

Employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual has not been convicted of an offense that would classify a person as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401, a sex crime defined by KRS 17.500 or a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510, is required to register as a sex offender, or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

Hiring

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING (CONTINUED)

“Administrative finding of child abuse or neglect” means a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is:

1. Not appealed through an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B;
2. Upheld at an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and not appealed to a Circuit Court; or
3. Upheld by a Circuit Court in an appeal of the results of an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.¹

Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

The form for requesting a CA/N check is available on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services website.

Criminal records checks on persons employed in Head Start programs shall be conducted in conformity with 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90.

REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT

An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal. [The Superintendent shall annually notify District employees of the self-reporting requirement.](#)

JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall maintain in the Central Office a job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a listing of all District job openings shall be posted in the Central Office and in each school building on a timely basis and shall refer interested persons to the Central Office job register for additional information.

~~When a vacancy for a teaching position occurs in the District the Superintendent shall conduct a search to locate minority candidates to be considered for the position.~~

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Each application shall be reviewed and each applicant so notified upon initial application. **The application shall be kept on file for two (2) years and remain active for two (2) years.**

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES

A personal interview with a District administrator shall be required before any individual is recommended for employment. Whenever possible, Principals shall interview prospective personnel.

Hiring**RELATIONSHIPS**

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board.

A relative may be employed as a substitute for a certified or classified employee if the relative is not:

1. A regular full-time or part-time employee of the District;
2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed except as provided by KRS 160.380.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year all full-time and part-time certified employees shall be notified in writing by the last day of school if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

Certified employees assigned extra duties such as coaching shall be notified in writing by the last day of that assigned duty if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment in that or a similar capacity for the following school year.

EMPLOYEES SEEKING A JOB CHANGE

Other than the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files, District employees are prohibited from assisting a school employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has probable cause to believe, that such school employee, contractor, or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law and such school employee, contractor, or agent does not meet the exceptions outlined in 20 U.S.C. § 7926.

DISCLOSURE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If requested by a school district, public school, or nonpublic school regarding an applicant for a position, the district that employs or previously employed the applicant shall disclose any disciplinary action, and any resulting resignation or termination, related to abusive conduct while the applicant was employed by the district in accordance with KRS 160.380. This also applies to a school district, public school, or nonpublic school located in a member state of the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.

The District considering the applicant for employment shall, if the application is for a certified position, request information from the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) related to pending and resolved disciplinary action against the applicant involving abusive conduct. The EPSB shall provide the requested information, if applicable, within ten (10) working days.

Hiring

DISCLOSURE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION (CONTINUED)

If there is a finding of abusive conduct regarding an applicant, the applicant shall be:

1. Ineligible for hire by the District; and
2. Subject to dismissal or termination if the applicant is hired by the District or is a current employee of the District.

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REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 160.380
- ²KRS 161.605; ~~702 KAR 1:150~~
- ³P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)
20 U.S.C. § 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)
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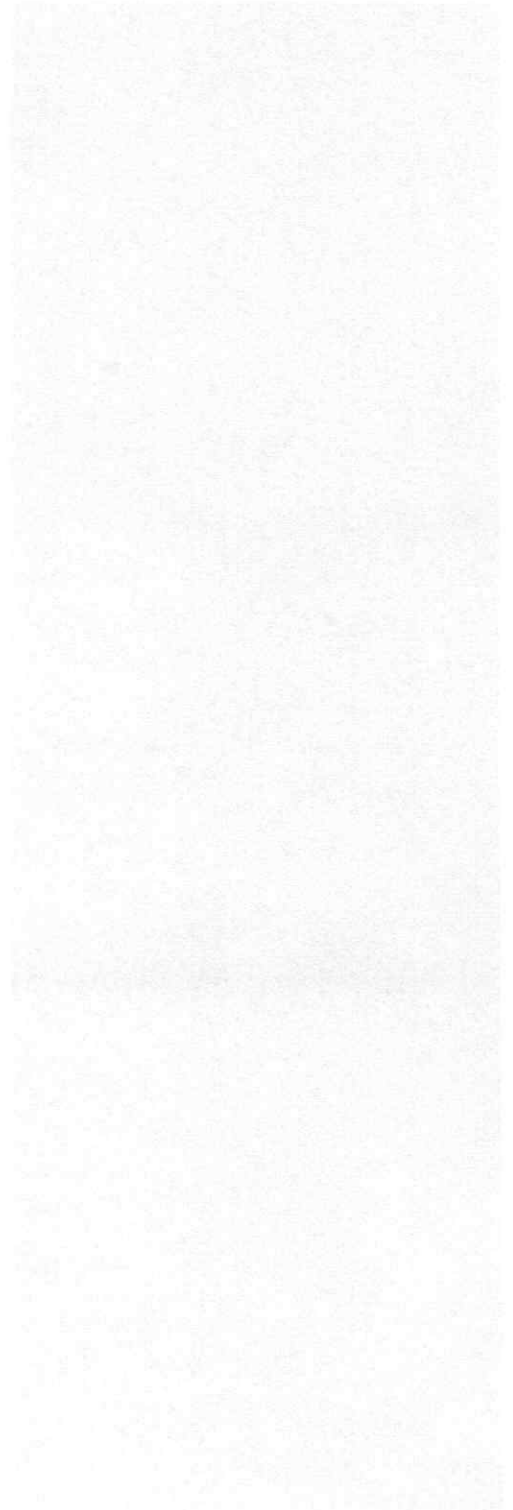
RELATED POLICIES:

- 01.11; 02.4244; 03.132

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.1311



- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -**Transfer**

Transfers of certified personnel shall be made by the Superintendent. Transfer or reassignment of certified personnel will be made no later than thirty (30) days before the first student attendance day of the school year except to fill vacancies created by illness, death, or resignations; to reduce or increase personnel because of a shift in school population; to make personnel adjustments after consolidation or merger; or to assign personnel according to their major or minor fields of training.¹

Transfer of certified personnel among schools will be effected for the benefit of the instructional program. Every effort will be made to meet these needs through individual transfer requests.

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS

Transfer requests may be made at any time **using the District's electronic application system.**

DEFINITIONS

A transfer is defined as a parallel move from one (1) position to another that does not result in a salary differential or require additional administrative and/or supervisory responsibilities, excepting extended time employment and/or extra assignment.

A vacancy is defined as an unstaffed position that has been declared vacant by the Superintendent.

District seniority for purposes of this policy shall mean the number of years of service to the District schools computed from the first compensable day of employment as a regular employee in the schools following the last break in service. The intent of the use of seniority is to assist in the voluntary and involuntary transfer process, not to bump another person from a position.

A break in service occurs when employees resign or their employment is terminated. (An employee on an approved leave of absence will not incur a break in service, and his/her seniority continues to accumulate while on leave.) **Employees hired back by the first day of the following school year will not incur a break in service. The employee will be made whole in terms of seniority and benefits.**

JOB POSTINGS

All vacancies shall be posted in accordance with the provisions of the bargaining agreement.

VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

Only certified personnel may participate in the transfer process. Consideration for transfer shall be given in the order of:

1. Full-time employees/ten-tenths (10/10);
2. Seven-tenths (7/10) employees;

APPLICATION AND PROCESS

Teachers who desire to transfer to another building for the next school year shall **apply for each position for which they want to transfer using the District's electronic application.** Transfers shall be processed as specified in the bargaining agreement.

Transfers will be granted and positions staffed from the transfer requests according to program needs, certification, and District seniority.

Transfer**NEW SCHOOL STAFFING**

In the event a new school is opened, vacancies shall be staffed in compliance with the bargaining agreement.

DENIAL OF REQUESTS

Requests for transfers which are denied shall be handled per the provisions of the bargaining agreement.

INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

Involuntary transfers that result in relocating a teacher in another building or in reassigning a teacher resulting in a change of the teacher's immediate supervisor shall be made only in cases of emergency or in the prevention of undue disruption of the instructional program. Provisions of the bargaining agreement shall be followed in such cases.

When an involuntary transfer or reassignment is necessary, it shall be determined by first considering the teacher's area of certification for the position available. If more than one (1) person is certified, then the person with the least number of years of seniority in the District would be identified. If a tie exists, the person with the least number of years experience in the school building would be identified. If a tie still exists, the process for determining seniority specified in the bargaining agreement will be applied.

TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH A FELONY

Notwithstanding any ~~other policy~~ provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the contrary, any certified employee of the District shall notify the Superintendent within seven (7) calendar days of being charged with any offense which is classified as a felony. †The Superintendent may transfer ~~the~~an employee ~~charged with a felony offense as permitted under~~ to a second position in accordance with KRS 160.380.

The Superintendent shall annually notify District employees of the self-reporting requirement.

REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 161.760; OAG 78-266
- KRS 160.380; KRS 161.720
- OAG 76-360
- OAG 91-149, OAG 92-1, OAG 91-115, OAG 92-135, OAG 92-78

RELATED POLICY:

02.4244

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PERSONNEL

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- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Use of School Property

All personnel shall be responsible for school equipment, supplies, books, furniture, and apparatus under their care and use. Any damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized property shall be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor, who shall then report it to the Superintendent/designee once it is confirmed that the item cannot be recovered.

Local, state and federal tax dollars and resources shall not be used to advocate for or against any public question that appears on the ballot.

In addition, employees shall not perform personal services for themselves or for others for pay or profit during work time and/or using District property or facilities. District property being used for unauthorized purposes shall be reported to that employee's immediate supervisor.

OUTSIDE WORK

An employee shall not use any District facility, vehicle, equipment or materials in performing outside work.

DRIVING RECORD

Employees who have occasion to drive any Board-owned vehicle and/or transport students shall annually provide the Superintendent with a copy of their driving record from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. **Employees receiving** any traffic citation during the year **shall report it** to the Superintendent **or designee** prior to driving a Board-owned vehicle or transporting students.

The Superintendent shall require any driver of any non-school bus passenger vehicle owned, leased or contracted by the District which is authorized to transport students to and from approved school activities and who does not have a valid commercial driver's license to meet the requirements set forth in KRS 160.380.

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BOARD OWNED VEHICLES

With authorization of the Superintendent, the use of Board-owned/leased vehicles shall be governed by the following guidelines:

- Vehicles shall be used only in the performance of assigned duties and job requirements,
- Vehicles shall not be used for commercial purposes, and
- Unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent, vehicles shall not carry passengers other than Board employees.

Employees assigned full-time use of Board-owned vehicles shall be on call twenty-four (24) hours a day to perform services required by their job responsibilities. Except for commuting to and from work or an occasional minimal detour for personal reasons, employees shall not use Board-owned/leased vehicles for personal use.

Use shall be authorized in compliance with state and federal guidelines including IRS requirements for reporting taxable income.

Use of School Property

USE OF ASSIGNED TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Board authorizes the purchase and employee use of telecommunication devices, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. These devices shall include, but are not limited to, pagers and digital or cell phones.

Telecommunication devices may be assigned or made available on a temporary or on-going basis when it is determined that:

1. Assignment of a device to an employee is a prudent use of District resources.
2. The employee's job responsibilities require the ability to communicate frequently and access to a District or public telephone is not readily available.
3. The employee's job involves situations where immediate communication is necessary to ensure the security of District property or safety of students, staff or others while on District property or engaged in District-sponsored activities.

District-owned telecommunication devices shall be used primarily for authorized District business purposes. However, occasional personal use of such equipment is permitted.

REFERENCES:

[KRS 48.025](#); KRS 160.290; [KRS 160.380](#)
KRS 189.292
KRS 281A.205
702 KAR 5:080
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LEGAL: HB 253 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO PROHIBIT DISTRICTS FROM PROVIDING OR UTILIZING ANY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT USES THE THREE-CUEING SYSTEM OF TEACHING STUDENTS TO READ. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: HB 253 ALSO AMENDS KRS 156.095 ADDING TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ON APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF TRAINING

PERSONNEL

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- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -**Professional Development****PROGRAM TO BE PROVIDED**

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall establish, direct and maintain a statewide program of professional development (PD) to improve instruction in the schools. The KDE shall create a four (4) year recurring PD training schedule that includes all PD for certified staff. The District shall implement the PD training schedule created by the KDE.

All certified employees shall complete at least one (1) hour of each of the following trainings within twelve (12) months of initial hire and at least once every four (4) years thereafter:

- a. How to respond to an active shooter situation training prepared by the Department of Criminal Justice Training in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, and the Center for School Safety;
- b. Child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition, and reporting training from the list of trainings approved by the KDE;
- c. Suicide prevention training:
 1. High-quality, evidence-based suicide prevention training, including risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referral, postvention, and the recognition of signs and symptoms of possible mental illness.

Postvention means a series of planned supports and interventions with persons affected by a suicide for the purpose of facilitating the grieving or adjustment process, stabilizing the environment, reducing the risk of negative behaviors, and limiting the risk of further suicides through contagion; and
- d. Self-study review of seizure disorder materials.

The PD program for the District and each school shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive School/District Improvement Plan. Prior to the implementation of the program, the school PD plan shall be made public, and the District PD plan shall be posted to the District web site **as part of the improvement plan**.

The program shall be based on a Board-approved PD plan for the District, which is designed;

1. to help achieve student capacities established by KRS 158.645 and goals established by KRS 158.6451;
2. to support the District's mission, goals and assessed needs; and
3. to increase teachers' understanding of curriculum content and methods of instruction appropriate for each content area based on individual school plans.

The PD plan shall reflect individual needs of schools and be aligned with the Comprehensive School/District Improvement Plan, ESSA requirements, and teacher growth plans. Programs may also include classified staff and parent members of school councils and committees.

[The District is prohibited from providing or utilizing any professional development that uses the three-cueing system of teaching students to read.](#)

Professional Development

APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS

By June 30, 2027, all employees shall complete training developed by the Kentucky Department of Education in collaboration with the Education Professional standards Board, related to appropriate relationships and communication with students, inappropriate relationships and communication with students, sexual grooming, and sexual misconduct.

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, all new employees shall be required to undergo the training listed above within ninety (90) days of the employee's initial hiring. Any new employee who has completed the training within the prior five (5) years with a previous employer shall be exempt from the training.

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SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Each school shall plan professional development with the PD coordinator and, when appropriate, with other schools to maximize training opportunities. In addition, each school's PD plan shall be submitted to the Board for review **as part of their Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.**

DOCUMENTATION

The school/District PD plan shall include the method for evaluating impact on student learning and using evaluation results to improve professional learning.

Documentation of completed professional development, including a written evaluation, shall be required. Unless an employee is granted leave under an appropriate Board policy, failure to complete and document the required hours of professional development during the academic year shall result in a reduction in salary and may be reflected in the employee's evaluation.

REFERENCES:

KRS 156.095; KRS 156.492; KRS 156.553
KRS 158.070; [KRS 158.306](#); KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 160.345
704 KAR 3:035; 704 KAR 3:325
P. L. 114-95 (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

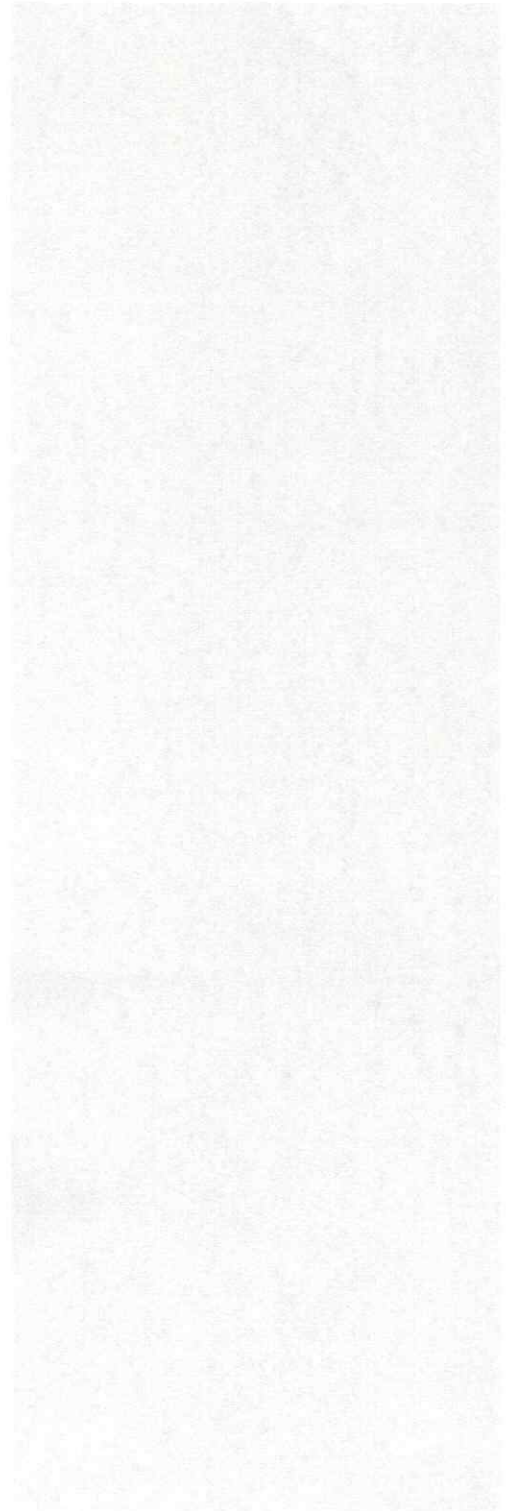
RELATED POLICIES:

03.1911; 09.22

LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO REQUIRE DISTRICTS TO DISCLOSE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS RELATED TO ABUSIVE CONDUCT OF APPLICANTS AND ADDS ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

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- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All appointments, promotions, and transfers of classified personnel for positions authorized by the Board shall be made by the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following the actions, shall notify the Board of same.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants and employees shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.^{1&2} Bus drivers and applicants requiring a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) must undergo additional background and substance use checks per Board Policy 06.221.

Each application form provided by the employer to an applicant for a classified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

Employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual has not been convicted of an offense that would classify a person as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401, a sex crime defined by KRS 17.500 or a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510, is required to register as a sex offender, or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

"Administrative finding of child abuse or neglect" means a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is:

1. Not appealed through an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B;
2. Upheld at an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and not appealed to a Circuit Court; or
3. Upheld by a Circuit Court in an appeal of the results of an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.¹

Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

Hiring

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING (CONTINUED)

The form for requesting a CA/N check is available on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services website.

Criminal records checks on persons employed in Head Start programs shall be conducted in conformity with 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90.

REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT

An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal. [The Superintendent shall annually notify District employees of the self-reporting requirement.](#)

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EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

No person shall be initially hired unless s/he holds at least a high school diploma or high school certificate of completion or High School Equivalency Diploma or is provided an opportunity by the District upon employment to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma at no cost to the employee. Licenses or credentials issued by a government entity that require specialized skill or training may also substitute for this requirement. Employees shall hold the qualifications for the position as established by the Commissioner of Education.³

Existing and new paraprofessionals who provide instructional service or support in programs supported by Title I funds shall satisfy educational requirements specified by federal law.⁴

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who possess qualifications established by law, regulation, and Board policy except in the case where no individual applies who meets established qualifications.

JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain in the Central Office a job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a listing of all District job openings shall be posted in the Central Office and in each school building on a timely basis and shall refer interested persons to the Central Office job register for additional information. Postings of vacancies may be made with other agencies, as appropriate.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, each application shall be reviewed and each applicant so notified. Applications shall be kept on file for two (2) years and remain active for two (2) years.

Hiring

RELATIONSHIPS

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board.

A relative may be employed as a substitute for a certified or classified employee if the relative is not:

1. A regular full-time or part-time employee of the District;
2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed except as provided by KRS 160.380.¹

EMERGENCY HIRING

During emergency situations, job openings may be filled without listing in the job register or posting in District buildings.

JOB DESCRIPTION

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

CONTRACT

All regular full-time and part-time classified personnel shall enter into annual written contracts with the District.

INTENT

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, employees may be requested to indicate their availability for employment for the next school year.

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year, all full-time and part-time classified employees, including substitutes, shall be notified in writing by the last day of school if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

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Hiring

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REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 160.380
- ²702 KAR 5:080
- ³KRS 161.011
- ⁴P.L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)
- KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 17.500 to KRS 17.580
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- KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435; KRS 439.3401; KRS Chapter 510
- OAG 18-017; OAG 91-10; OAG 91-149; OAG 91-206
- OAG 92-1; OAG 92-59; OAG 92-78; OAG 92-131; OAG 97-6
- Kentucky Local District Classification Plan
- 13 KAR 3:030; 702 KAR 3:320
- 20 U.S.C. § 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)
- 34 C.F.R. § 200.58; 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90
- 49 C.F.R. § 382.701; 49 C.F.R. § 382.703
- KRS Chapter 13B
- Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

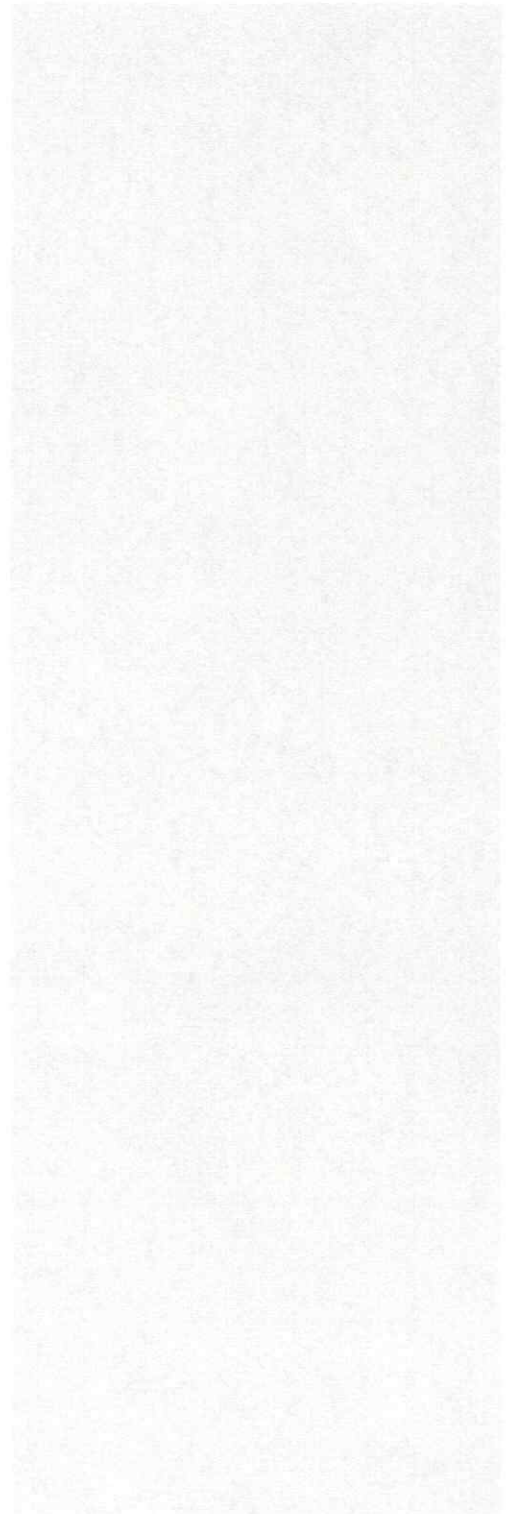
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PERSONNEL

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- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Change of Assignment

The change of assignment of classified personnel shall be made by the Superintendent.

Employees applying for a change of assignment are considered on the basis of individual qualifications such as education, job performance, experience, special skills, attendance, and punctuality. Employees are considered regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap, ancestry, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Employees may apply for a change of assignment **any time during the year** after serving a qualifying six (6)-month period in their present position. **The qualifying six (6) month period shall not apply to a change in assignment that results in a promotion or demotion. Request for exemption of the qualifying period due to hardship must be submitted by the employee (in writing) to the Superintendent's designee. Movement to a new assignment shall not occur during the first ten (10) instructional days of the school year.** Employees wishing to add additional hours to their current position may apply when the hours are posted.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for a change of assignment, eligible employees shall apply for each position for which they want to be considered using the District's electronic application system.

DEFINITIONS

A lateral change of assignment is a move to a position with the same grade level as the employee's current position.

A promotional change of assignment is a move to a position with a higher grade level as the employee's current position.

A demotional change of assignment is a move to a position with a lower grade level than the employee's current position.

A temporary promotional change of assignment is a move to a position with a higher grade level than the employee's current position for a minimum of four (4) weeks not to exceed six (6) months. The employee shall receive the rate of pay for the higher position.

A vacancy is an unstaffed position that has been declared vacant by the Superintendent.

JOB POSTING

All vacancies shall be posted for a minimum of five (5) working days. During this period only eligible employees will be considered. After this five (5)-day period, employees submitting Change of Assignment requests will be considered along with outside applicants.

Change of Assignment

COMPLETING CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

After an employee has been selected and has accepted the change of assignment, the employee shall be responsible for notifying both supervisors. The transfer to the new location shall occur two (2) weeks from the date the employee notifies their current supervisor of the change of assignment, unless a shorter period of time is mutually agreed to by both of the employee's supervisors or a longer period of time is mutually agreed to by both supervisors and the employee. If the proposed transfer time frame exceeds two (2) weeks, it is subject to review by Human Resources.

BIDDING ON ROUTES

Bus drivers must complete a Change of Assignment form to bid on a vacant route. Bus drivers are exempt from this change of assignment policy when bidding on bus routes. (See Transportation Bid procedures.)

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REFERENCES:

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KRS 160.390
OAG 92-135
OAG 92-1

RELATED POLICIES:

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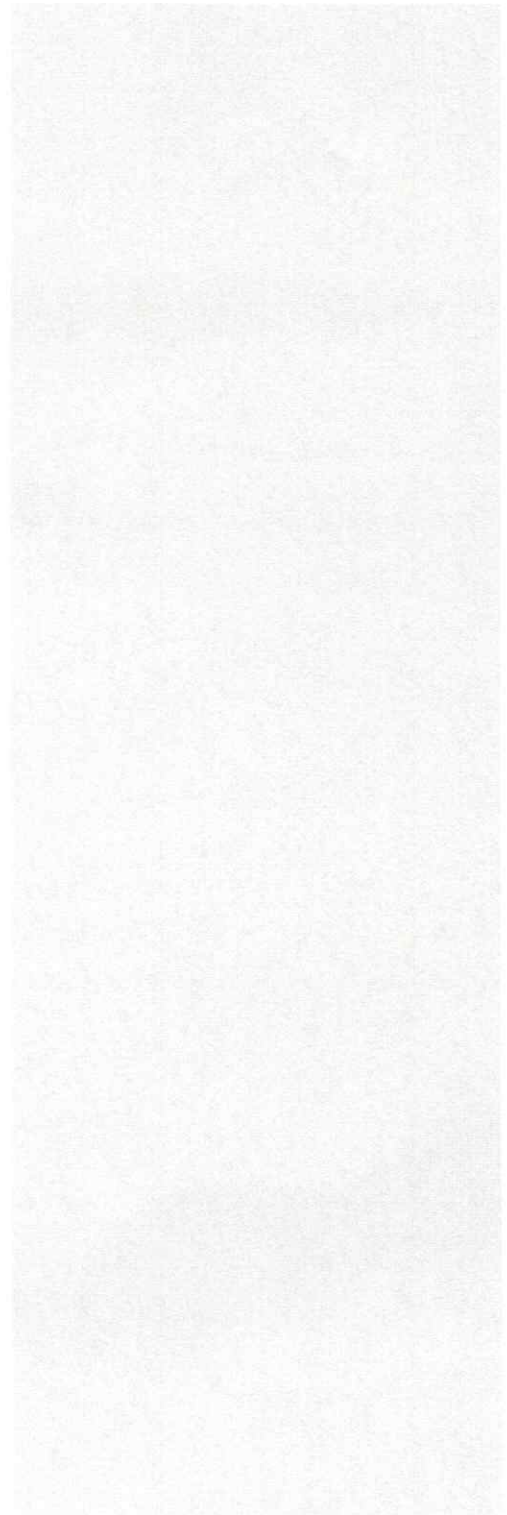
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PERSONNEL

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All personnel shall be responsible for school equipment, supplies, books, furniture, and apparatus under their care and use. Any damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized property shall be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor, who shall then report it to the Superintendent/designee once it is confirmed that the item cannot be recovered.

[Local, state and federal tax dollars and resources shall not be used to advocate for or against any public question that appears on the ballot.](#)

In addition, employees shall not perform personal services for themselves or for others for pay or profit during work time and/or using District property or facilities. District property being used for unauthorized purposes shall be reported to that employee's immediate supervisor.

OUTSIDE WORK

An employee shall not use any District facility, vehicle, equipment or materials in performing outside work.

DRIVING RECORD

Employees who have occasion to drive a Board-owned vehicle and/or transport students, annually shall provide the Superintendent with a copy of their driving record from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. **Employees receiving** any traffic citation during the year **shall report it** to the Superintendent **or designee** prior to driving a Board-owned vehicle or transporting students.

[The Superintendent shall require any driver of any non-school bus passenger vehicle owned, leased or contracted by the District which is authorized to transport students to and from approved school activities and who does not have a valid commercial driver's license to meet the requirements set forth in KRS 160.380.](#)

BOARD OWNED VEHICLES

With authorization of the Superintendent, the use of Board-owned/leased vehicles shall be governed by the following guidelines:

- Vehicles shall be used only in the performance of assigned duties and job requirements,
- Vehicles shall not be used for commercial purposes, and
- Unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent, vehicles shall not carry passengers other than Board employees.

Employees assigned full-time use of Board-owned vehicles shall be on call twenty-four (24) hours a day to perform services required by their job responsibilities. Except for commuting to and from work or an occasional minimal detour for personal reasons, employees shall not use Board-owned/leased vehicles for personal use.

Use shall be authorized in compliance with state and federal guidelines including IRS requirements for reporting taxable income.

Use of School Property

USE OF ASSIGNED TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Board authorizes the purchase and employee use of telecommunication devices, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. These devices shall include, but are not limited to, pagers and digital or cell phones.

Telecommunication devices may be assigned or made available on a temporary or on-going basis when it is determined that:

1. Assignment of a device to an employee is a prudent use of District resources.
2. The employee's job responsibilities require the ability to communicate frequently and access to a District or public telephone is not readily available.
3. The employee's job involves situations where immediate communication is necessary to ensure the security of District property or safety of students, staff or others while on District property or engaged in District-sponsored activities.

District-owned telecommunication devices shall be used primarily for authorized District business purposes. However, occasional Personal use of such equipment is permitted.

REFERENCES:

[KRS 48.025](#); KRS 160.290; [KRS 160.380](#); KRS 189.292
KRS 281A.205; 702 KAR 5:080
15-ORD-190

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LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 156.095 ADDING TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ON APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: KRS 161.011 SPECIFIES THAT DISTRICTS MAY PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO CLASSIFIED STAFF.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF TRAINING

PERSONNEL

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- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Staff Development

The Superintendent may develop and implement a program for continuing training for selected classified personnel.

APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS

By June 30, 2027, all employees shall complete training developed by the Kentucky Department of Education in collaboration with the Education Professional standards Board, related to appropriate relationships and communication with students, inappropriate relationships and communication with students, sexual grooming, and sexual misconduct.

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Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, all new employees shall be required to undergo the training listed above within ninety (90) days of the employee's initial hiring. Any new employee who has completed the training within the prior five (5) years with a previous employer shall be exempt from the training.

OTHER TRAINING

If financially feasible, the Board may provide training opportunities for classified employees focusing on topics to include but not be limited to suicide prevention, abuse recognition, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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REFERENCES:

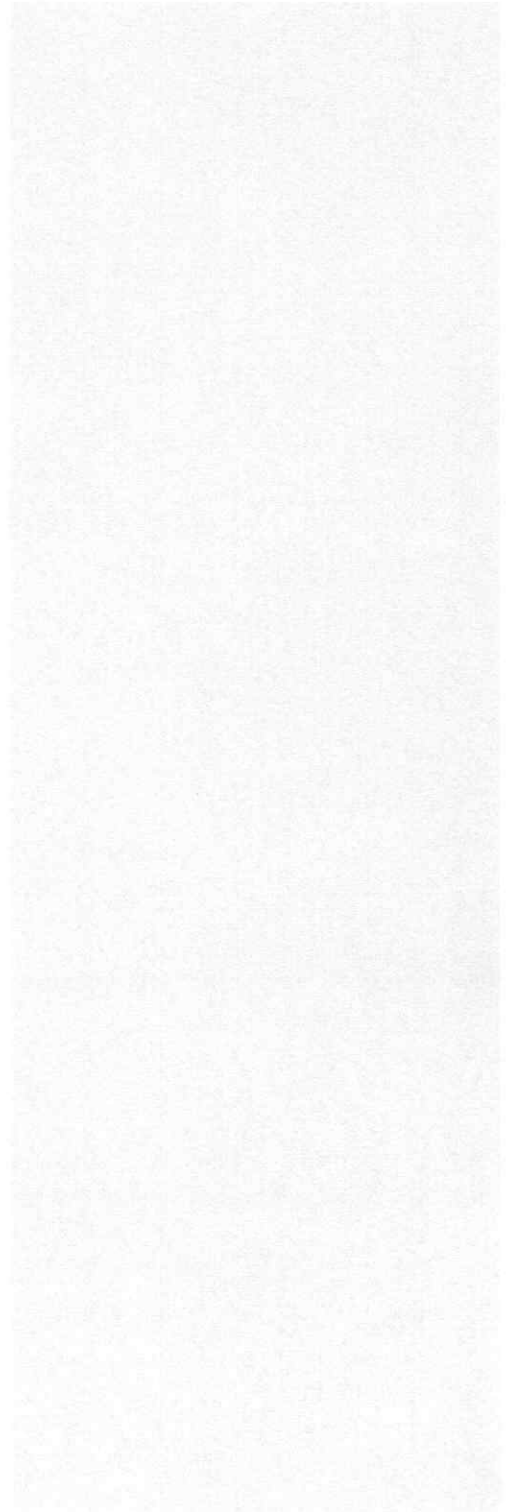
- KRS 156.095; KRS 158.070; KRS 161.011
- P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)
- 34 C.F.R. 200.58

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LEGAL: HB 652 AMENDS KRS 158.4433 MOVING THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM TO THE KENTUCKY 911 SERVICES BOARD. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 14, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

SCHOOL FACILITIES

05.4



Safety

BOARD TO ADOPT PLAN

The Board shall adopt a plan for immediate and long-term strategies to address school safety and discipline, which shall be reviewed annually and revised, as needed. This plan shall utilize information gathered from the District assessment of school safety and student discipline required by law and shall include the Board's Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline and a description of instructional placement options for threatening or violent students. The committee that develops the plan for Board consideration shall include at least one (1) representative from each school in the District, as well as representatives from the community as required by law.

The plan shall identify measures to be taken in protecting students, staff, visitors, and property. Areas addressed by the plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Employment practices and employee management;
2. School facility design, maintenance and usage;
3. Safety and security procedures, orientation and training in use and management of equipment and facilities;
4. Supervision of students;
5. Compliance with state and federal safety requirements;
6. Quarterly reports to the Board concerning implementation of the plan and its effects on District students, personnel and operations;
7. Emergency/crisis intervention; and
8. Community involvement.

SCHOOL MAPPING DATA

"School mapping data" means mapping information provided in an electronic or a digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at schools. A participating district or campus shall not be required to adopt new school mapping data if, as of July 1, 2024, the District or campus previously implemented school mapping data with capabilities that meet the requirements of the [Kentucky 911 Services Board](#). ~~Center for School Safety~~

DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATOR

The Superintendent shall appoint an individual to serve as the District's School Safety Coordinator (SSC) and primary point of contact for public school safety and security functions.¹ The SSC shall:

1. Complete the school safety coordinator training program developed by the Center for School Safety within six (6) months of his or her date of appointment;
2. Designate a school safety and security threat assessment team at each school in the District consisting of two (2) or more staff members to identify and respond to students exhibiting behavior that indicates a potential threat to school safety or security. Members of a threat assessment team may include school administrators, school counselors, school resource officers, school-based mental health services providers, teachers, and other school personnel;
3. Provide training to school Principals on procedures for completion of the school security risk assessment;

Safety**DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATOR (CONTINUED)**

4. Review all school security risk assessments completed within the District and prescribe recommendations as needed in consultation with the state school security marshal;
5. Advise the Superintendent annually of completion of required security risk assessments;
6. Formulate recommended policies and procedures, which shall be excluded from the application of KRS 61.870 to KRS 61.884, for an all-hazards approach including conducting emergency response drills for hostage, active shooter, and building lockdown situations in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies to include but not be limited to fire, police, and emergency medical services for review and adoption as part of the school emergency plan required by KRS 158.162. The recommended policies shall encourage the involvement of students, as appropriate, in the development of the school's emergency plan;
7. Maintain the District's copies of the school mapping data created through the School Mapping Data Program to be made available to appropriate public safety agencies, but which shall be excluded from the application of KRS 61.870 to 61.884; and
8. Ensure each school campus is toured at least once per school year, in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies, to review policies and procedures and provide recommendations related to school safety and security.

The SSC, and any school employees participating in the activities of a School Safety and Security Threat Assessment Team, acting in good faith upon reasonable cause in the identification of students, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed from:

- a. Identifying the student and implementing a response pursuant to policies and procedures adopted as required above; or
- b. Participating in any judicial proceeding that results from the identification.

SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT

No later than November 1 of each year, the Superintendent shall report to the Center for School Safety the number and placement of School Resource Officers (SROs) in the District. The report shall include the source of funding and method of employment for each position.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

The District shall maintain AEDs in designated locations throughout the District. An AED shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use in accordance with KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669.

The District shall notify the local emergency medical services system and the local emergency communications or vehicle dispatch center of the existence, location, and type of each AED.

AEDs shall be kept on school property and will not accompany EMS personnel to a hospital emergency room.

Safety**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Board shall require the school council or, if none exists, the Principal to adopt an emergency plan for the school that shall include:

1. Procedures to be followed in cases of medical emergency, fire, severe weather, earthquake, or a building lockdown as defined in KRS 158.164;
2. A written cardiac emergency response plan; and
3. A copy of the data created through the School Mapping Data Program or, if the school mapping data is unavailable, a diagram of the facility that clearly identifies the location of each AED.

The emergency plan shall be provided to appropriate first responders, and all school staff.

Following the end of each school year, the school nurse, the school council, or if none exists, the Principal, and first responders shall review the emergency plan and revise it as needed.

The school emergency plan shall address staff responsibilities for safely evacuating students needing special assistance during safety drills and actual emergency situations, including students with disabilities and those with 504 plans. The Principal shall discuss the emergency plan with all school staff prior to the first instructional day annually and document the date and time of any discussion.

The cardiac emergency response plan shall be rehearsed by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all:

1. Licensed athletic trainers, school nurses, and athletic directors; and
2. Interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team active during that athletic season.

Whenever possible, first responders shall be invited to observe emergency response drills.

In addition, the school council or, if none exists, the Principal shall:

1. Establish and post primary and secondary evacuation routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation;
2. Identify the best available severe weather safe zones, in consultation with local and state safety officials and informed by guiding principles set forth by the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and post the location of the safe zones in each room;
3. Develop school procedures to follow during an earthquake;
4. Develop and adhere to practices to control access to the school. Practices shall include but not be limited to:
 - Controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day;
 - Controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system;
 - Controlling access to individual classrooms;

Safety**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CONTINUED)**

- Requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside;
 - Requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time, except in instances when only one (1) student and one (1) adult are in the classroom or when approved in writing by the State School Security Marshal;
 - Requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown;
 - Allowing for the use of secondary locking mechanisms on classroom doors, notwithstanding any provisions of the Kentucky Building Code promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 198B to the contrary;
 - Requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and
 - Providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment.
5. Maintain a portable AED in a public, readily accessible, well-marked location in every school building and, as funds become available, at school-sanctioned athletic practices and competitions and:
- a) Adopt procedures for the use of the portable AED during an emergency;
 - b) Adopt policies for compliance with KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669 on training, maintenance, notification, and communication with the local emergency medical services system;
 - c) Ensure that a minimum of three (3) employees in the school and all interscholastic athletic coaches be trained on the use of a portable AED in accordance with KRS 311.667;
 - d) Ensure that all interscholastic athletic coaches maintain a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health; and
 - e) No later than November 1 of each school year, submit an annual report to the Kentucky Department of Education on:
 - i. The number and location of each portable AED in every school building;
 - ii. The name, school, and training date of each District employee and interscholastic athletic coach in the District trained in the use of a portable AED; and
 - iii. The progress made towards having a portable AED at all school-sanctioned athletic practices and competitions; and

Safety**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CONTINUED)**

6. The plan shall:
- a) Include a delineation of the roles of staff and emergency personnel, methods of communication, any assigned emergency equipment including a portable AED, a cardiac emergency response plan, and access to and plan for emergency transport; and
 - b) Be in writing and distributed to any member of school personnel attending the school-sanctioned event in an official capacity.

No later than November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent shall send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools are in compliance with school emergency planning requirements.

By August 1 of each year, the Superintendent shall report to the Kentucky Department of Education on the number of portable AEDs at each school within the District.²

PRECAUTIONS

Precautions will be taken for the safety of the students, employees, and visitors.

REPORTING HAZARDS

Each employee observing a potential safety or security hazard shall report such hazard in writing to his/her immediate supervisor who shall cause the situation to be remedied or reported to the proper authority for remedy.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Board shall establish a process for a two-way communication system for employees to notify the Principal, supervisor or other administrator of an emergency. The process may include, but is not limited to, use of intercoms, telephones, and two-way radios.

BUILDING EVACUATION OF AN UNSAFE SITUATION

The Principal or designee shall have the authority to order the immediate evacuation of a building upon the discovery of an unsafe situation. The route of exit is to be posted in all classrooms and other areas where students assemble.

The building shall remain unoccupied until the appropriate regulatory official or Board administrator assures it is safe to return.

The Principal shall record the time and date of evacuations.

The school emergency plan shall address staff responsibilities for safely evacuating students needing special assistance during safety drills and actual emergency situations, including students with disabilities and those with 504 plans.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

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(CONTINUED)

Safety

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 158.4412
²KRS 158.1621
KRS Chapter 198B
KRS 61.870 to KRS 61.884
KRS 158.110
KRS 158.148; KRS 158.162; KRS 158.164; KRS 158.4410; KRS 158.4433; KRS 158.445
KRS 160.290; KRS 160.445
KRS 311.665 to KRS 311.669; KRS 311.667; KRS 411.148
702 KAR 1:180

RELATED POLICIES:

02.31; 03.14; 03.24; 05.2; 05.21; 05.41; 05.411; 05.42; 05.45; 05.47; 05.5
09.22; 09.221; 09.4 (entire section); 10.5

LEGAL: SB 46 AMENDS KRS 156.153 REVISING NINE (9) PASSENGER VEHICLE TO TEN (10) OR FEWER PASSENGERS TO BE USED ALONG REGULAR BUS ROUTES AND APPROVED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: HB 7 CREATES NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 ALLOWING THE USE OF CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES OPERATED BY THE DISTRICT AND ALLOWS THE ENFORCEMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY FOR STOP ARM CAMERA VIOLATIONS RECORDED BY A CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM, AND NOTIFICATION OF AND COLLECTION OF FINES

TRANSPORTATION

06.2

Safety**DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM**

The Superintendent shall develop a transportation safety program and disseminate same annually to the appropriate employees and pupils of the school district.

BOOSTER SEATS

When students who are under eight (8) years old and between forty (40) and fifty-seven (57) inches in height are transported in District-owned or leased vehicles designed for ~~ten (10) nine (9)~~ or fewer passengers, they shall be properly secured in a child booster seat. Per KRS 189.125, a child of any age who is greater than fifty-seven (57) inches in height is not required to be secured in a booster seat.

Child Safety Restraint Systems shall be utilized for preschool Head Start students being transported using District vehicles in compliance with guidelines established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM

In accordance with KRS 158.485 – KRS 158.490 the District may install and maintain a camera monitoring system on any school bus for the enforcement of a civil penalty against the owner of a motor vehicle for a stop arm camera violation.

REFERENCES:

KRS 156.153
KRS 158.110
KRS 158.485-KRS 158.490
KRS 189.125
702 KAR 5:030
702 KAR 5:060
702 KAR 5:080
45 C.F.R. § 1310.11

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RELATED POLICY:

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LEGAL: SB 46 AMENDS KRS 156.153 REVISING NINE (9) PASSENGER VEHICLE TO TEN (10) OR FEWER PASSENGERS TO BE USED ALONG REGULAR BUS ROUTES AND APPROVED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. DRIVERS MUST SUBMIT TO DRUG TESTING CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF DRUG TESTING, BACKGROUND CHECKS, AND CA/N CHECKS

TRANSPORTATION

06.31

Bus Scheduling and Routing

RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for scheduling and routing all buses in keeping with applicable statutes and regulations. This shall include a system of notifying parents, pupils, and drivers of bus schedules and routes and, for those schools serving breakfast, arranging bus schedules so that buses arrive in sufficient time to provide breakfast prior to the student attendance day. If the District participates in the Federal School Breakfast Program, the Superintendent may also authorize up to fifteen (15) minutes of the student attendance day to provide the opportunity for children to eat breakfast during instructional time.¹

Buses shall be routed only on public roads which are safe for bus travel.

REGULAR ROUTE VEHICLES

School buses shall be clearly marked as transporting students and shall undergo a safety inspection no less than once every thirty (30) days.

Districts may also use vehicles owned, leased, or contracted by the District that were designed and built by the manufacturer for passenger transportation of ~~ten (10)~~ ~~nine (9)~~ or fewer passengers, including the driver, for transporting students to and from school ~~along regular bus routes~~ and approved school activities ~~in accordance with KRS 156.153, under an alternative transportation plan approved by the Kentucky Department of Education.~~²

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REFERENCES:

- ¹KRS 158.070
- ²KRS 156.153
- KRS 158.110
- 702 KAR 5:030

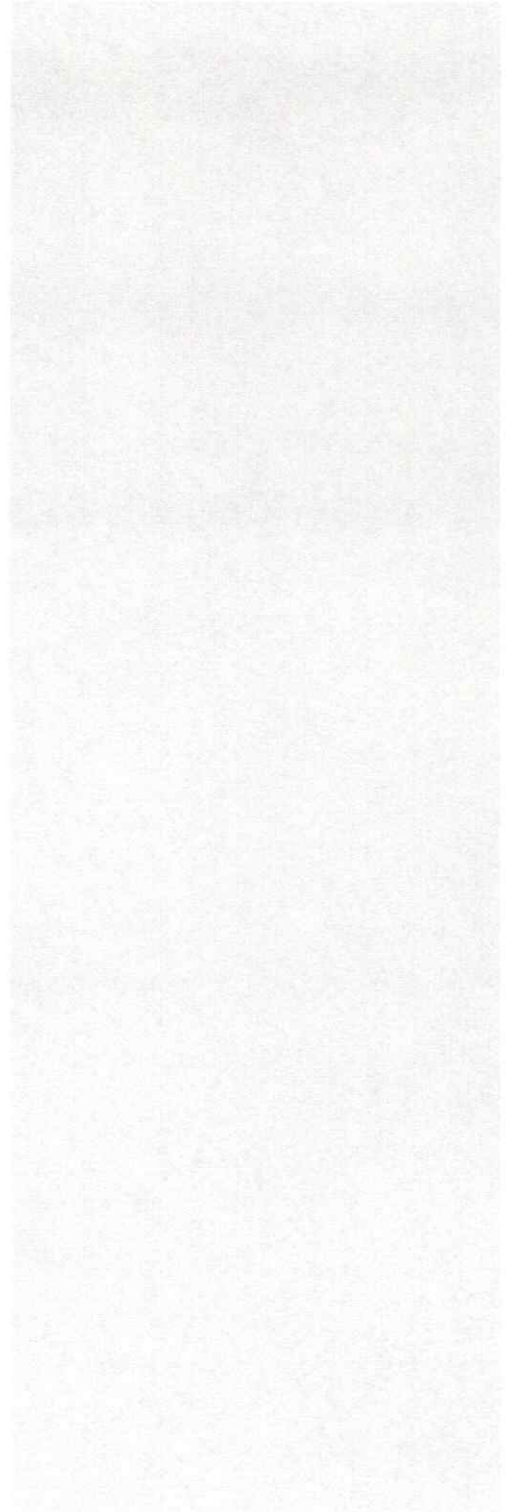
RELATED POLICY:

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LEGAL: SB 5 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 ALLOWING A BOARD PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TO PURCHASE KENTUCKY-GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

SUPPORT SERVICES

07.13



School Nutrition Procurement

OPEN BIDDING

In all applicable cases, food, food products, supplies, and equipment purchased with school food service funds shall be procured in accordance with the process and procedures established in Policy 04.32 in a manner that provides full and open competition consistent with the standards in applicable federal regulations.

KENTUCKY-GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

If the District participates in any of the United States Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs, the District may purchase Kentucky-grown agriculture products, as defined in KRS 260.016, in accordance with federal law and shall not be subject to KRS 45A.345 to 45A.460 or 424.260. This shall not be construed to exempt the Board from any other requirement established by state or federal law.

When purchasing Kentucky-grown agricultural products, the District may purchase up to \$15,000 using federal micro-purchase thresholds or up to \$350,000 using federal simplified acquisition thresholds.

EXEMPTIONS

Federal regulatory requirements provide a geographic preference bidding exception for purchase of unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products using school nutrition service funds. Such purchases must follow applicable federal regulations.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following conduct will be expected of all persons who are engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by School Food Service Program Funds.

1. No employee, officer, or agent of the District shall participate in selection or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Program funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Conflicts of interest arise when one of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:
 - a) District employee, officer, or agent;
 - b) Any member of his/her immediate family;
 - c) His/her partner;
 - d) An organization that employs or is about to employ one of the above.
2. District employees, officers, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to subagreements. In determining whether an item is an impermissible gratuity or of monetary value, the definition of "gratuity" (covering anything of more than fifty dollars [\$50] value) set forth in KRS 45A.445 shall apply.
3. The purchase during the school day of any food or service from a contractor for individual use is prohibited.
4. The removal of any food, supplies, equipment, or school property such as records, recipe books, and the like is prohibited.

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School Nutrition Procurement

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

- 5. The outside sale of such items as used oil, empty cans, and the like will be sold by contract between the District and the outside agency. Individual sales by any school person to an outside agency or other school person is prohibited.

Failure of any employee to abide by the above-stated code may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, a fine, suspension, or dismissal.

REFERENCES:

[KRS 158.855](#)
KRS 160.290; [KRS 260.016](#); KRS 424.260
KRS 45A.345 – KRS 45A.460
702 KAR 6:010
[7 C.F.R. 200.212](#) ~~C.F.R. 200.318~~; 2 C.F.R. 200.320

RELATED POLICY:

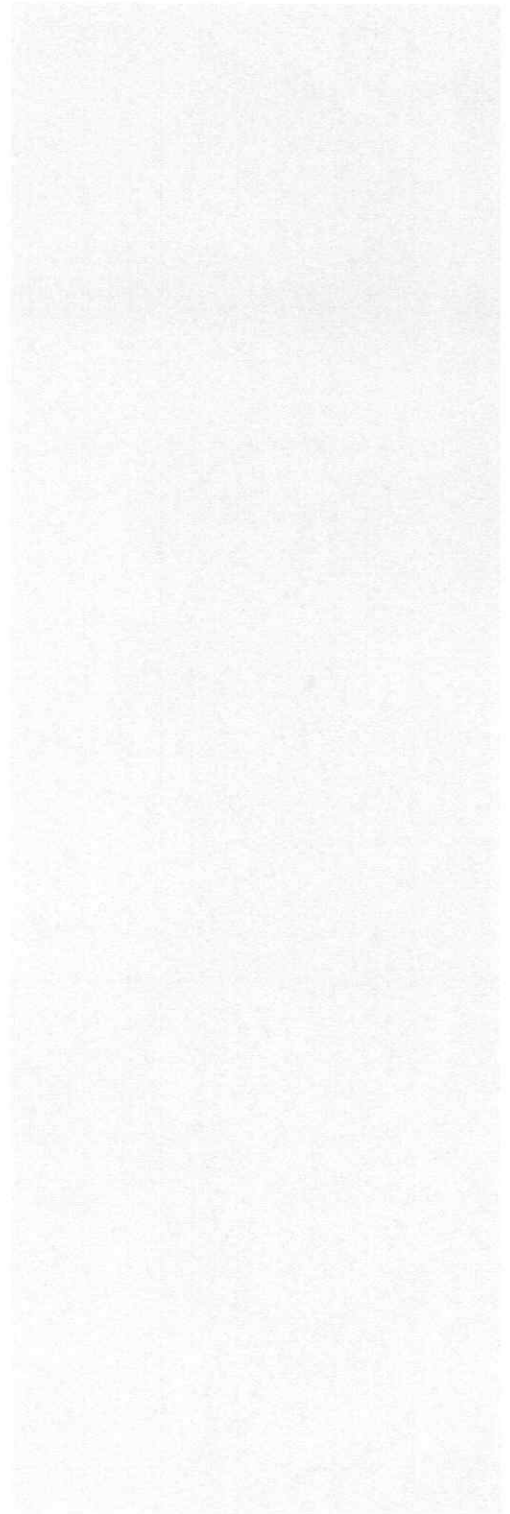
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LEGAL: HB 253 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 PROHIBITING DISTRICTS FROM UTILIZING A THREE-CUEING SYSTEM BY THE 2029-2030 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO REQUIRE INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH GRADE FIVE EDUCATORS TO COMPLETE A SCIENCE OF READING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM BY JUNE 30, 2029. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.1



Curriculum

The curriculum in each school shall be designed to achieve the student capacities established by KRS 158.645 and the school goals established by KRS 158.6451. The curriculum shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

CAPACITIES

The curriculum shall allow and assist all students to acquire the following capacities:

1. Literacy, including communication skills necessary to function in a complex and changing world;
2. Knowledge to make wise economic, social, career, and political choices;
3. Core values and qualities of good character to make moral and ethical decisions throughout life;
4. Understanding of our constitutional republic, the three (3) branches of government, and how government impacts citizens, the community, the state, and the nation;
5. Sufficient self-knowledge and knowledge of the student's own mental and physical wellness;
6. Sufficient grounding in the arts to enable each student to appreciate the student's own cultural and historical heritage;
7. Sufficient preparation to choose and pursue the student's life's work intelligently;
8. Skills to enable each student to compete competitively with students in other states.

READING CURRICULUM AND INTERVENTIONS

By the 2029-2030 school year, the District shall not use any curriculum, reading intervention, or program of instruction that utilizes the three-cueing system of teaching students to read,

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The District shall ensure that:

1. All curriculum, reading interventions, and programs of instruction utilized to teach students to read are high-quality, fully aligned to state content standards, and based on literacy strategies that are scientifically researched with proven results in teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension;
2. Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, no school in the District is utilizing a three-cueing system of teaching students to read; and
3. By June 30, 2029, all interdisciplinary early childhood through grade five (5) educators have completed a science of reading professional learning program approved by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

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Curriculum

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITY

The council of each school operating under School Based Decision Making shall adopt school policy to be implemented by the Principal in each of the areas specified in policy 02.4241.

In any school administered under the provisions of KRS 160.345, the Superintendent shall determine which curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and student support services shall be provided in the school after consulting with the Board, the Principal, and the school council and after a reasonable review and response period for stakeholders. All council policies shall be designed to meet student academic achievement expectations and goals established by statute, regulation and Board policy.

Effective July 1, 2026, ~~the~~ Superintendent shall use the instructional materials depository to report the District's selection of instructional materials to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), unless the District purchases approved alternate instructional materials under KRS 156.412. The Superintendent shall submit a notification to the KDE if the District plans to adopt instructional materials or a program as a core comprehensive resource for reading and writing, mathematics, science, or social studies that is not on the state-approved list by submitting evidence per KRS 156.445.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board shall operate programs for students with disabilities in accordance with the legal obligations contained in the District's procedures manual relating to such programs.

REFERENCES:

KRS 156.160; KRS 156.162; KRS 156.412; KRS 156.445
KRS 158.075; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.188
KRS 158.301; KRS 158.302; KRS 158.305; [KRS 158.306](#)
KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 158.6453; [KRS 158.791](#); [KRS 158.8402](#)
KRS 160.345; [KRS 161.028](#)
704 KAR 3:305; 704 KAR 3:440
[Kentucky Academic Standards](#)

RELATED POLICIES:

Section 02.4 (All Policies)

LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 158.307 REQUIRING RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE BOARD TO DEVELOP A POLICY ON DYSLEXIA. REVIEW KRS 158.307 FOR THE SPECIFICS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE POLICY. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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Dyslexia

The Board shall implement a program for the identification of and strategies for assisting students in kindergarten through grade three (3) with characteristics of dyslexia.

The policy shall include but not be limited to:

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- "Dyslexia" means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.
- A process for identifying students who are displaying characteristics of dyslexia;
- A process for the utilization of evaluation tools to accurately identify students who are displaying characteristics of dyslexia;
- A process for how evaluation tools are administered and evaluated by trained District personnel or licensed professionals;
- A process for outreach to parents of students with or displaying the characteristics of dyslexia with information and resource materials and how dyslexia may be addressed in the student's educational setting;
- Identification of evidence-based interventions, structured multisensory and literacy approaches to teach language and reading skills, and accommodations that schools may utilize to provide services to students identified as having dyslexia; and
- A process for monitoring a student's progress including assessments to ascertain whether the intervention services improve the student's language processing and reading skills.

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

By June 30, 2028, and June 30 of each year thereafter for five (5) years, the District shall provide the Kentucky Department of Education the following data for the current school year:

- (a) The number of students in kindergarten through grade three (3) that were identified through the approved universal screener and reading diagnostic assessment as defined in KRS 158.3058 as displaying characteristics of dyslexia;
- (b) The number of students in paragraph (a) that were identified as needing enrichment programs as defined in KRS 158.305;
- (c) The number of students in kindergarten through grade three (3) that were participating in literacy interventions within the school setting; and
- (d) The process or tools used to evaluate student progress.

Dyslexia

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.305

KRS 158.307

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RELATED POLICY:

08.131

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LEGAL: HB 727 AMENDS KRS 158.1413 REMOVING THE ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE ETHICS PROGRAM. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.1341

Essential Workplace Programs**INDICATORS**

~~Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, t~~The District shall implement essential workplace ethics programs that promote characteristics that are critical to success in the workplace. Each student in elementary, middle, and high school shall receive essential workplace ethics instruction that includes but is not limited to the following characteristics:

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- a) Adaptability, including an openness to learning and problem solving, an ability to embrace new ways of doing things, and a capability for critical thinking;
- b) Diligence, including seeing a task through to completion;
- c) Initiative, including taking appropriate action when needed without waiting for direct instruction;
- d) Knowledge, including exhibiting an understanding of work-related information, the ability to apply that understanding to a job, and effectively explain the concepts to colleagues in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and technology as required by the job;
- e) Reliability, including showing up on time, wearing appropriate attire, self-control, motivation, and ethical behavior;
- f) Remaining drug free; and
- g) Working well with others, including effective communication skills, respect for different points of view and diversity of coworkers, the ability to cooperate and collaborate, enthusiasm, and the ability to provide appropriate leadership to or support for colleagues.

The District shall use these characteristics when creating or choosing an existing program, ~~Every odd-numbered year~~ **Every** ~~By January 1, 2019 and every two (2) years thereafter,~~ the Board shall collaborate with the local workforce investment board, in conjunction with local economic development organizations and other economic, workforce, or industry organizations the workforce investment board deems necessary, to establish essential workplace ethics indicators for middle and high school students that are aligned with the characteristics listed above.

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ATTAINMENT

The Board shall design and adopt a diploma seal, certificate, card, or other identifiable symbol to award students deemed as having minimally demonstrated attainment of the Board's essential workplace ethics indicators.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT

~~By September 1, 2019, and every two (2) years thereafter, the Superintendent shall provide a report to the Commissioner of Education, in a format specified by the Commissioner, describing the District's essential work ethics programs and their implementation at each school.~~

REFERENCE:

KRS 158.1413

LEGAL: HB 67 AMENDS KRS 160.145 EXPANDING DEFINITIONS, LIMITING THE SCOPE OF UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND EXCLUDING DESIGNATED TYPES OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 13, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.2324

Traceable Communications

The Board shall designate a traceable communication system ~~to be the exclusive means~~ for District employees and qualified school volunteers to communicate electronically with students enrolled in the District. The Principal of each school shall provide parents written or electronic notification within the first ten (10) days of the school year of each electronic school notification and communication program designated within the traceable communication system. The notification shall include instructions for parents to access and review communications sent through each electronic school notification and communication program.

A District employee or qualified school volunteer, ~~unless authorized,~~ shall not engage in unauthorized electronic communication as defined in KRS 160.145. A District employee that violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with, for certified employees, KRS 161.120 and 161.790, and for classified employees KRS 161.011. A qualified school volunteer that violates this policy may be prohibited by the District from future school volunteer opportunities. ~~communicate electronically with a student:~~

~~Outside of the traceable communication system designated by the Board; or
Through an unauthorized electronic communication program or application.~~

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~~This shall not restrict any electronic communications between a student and his or her family member who is a District employee or volunteer.~~

Definitions

Family

~~"Family member" means parent, brother, sister, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, or grandparent.~~

Parent

~~"Parent" means parent, legal guardian, or other person or agency responsible for a student.~~

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District Employee or Volunteer

~~"District employee or volunteer" means a school administrator, classified or certified employee, volunteer, nonfaculty coach or assistant coach, student teacher, or sponsor of an extracurricular program or activity.~~

Traceable Communication System

~~"Traceable communication system" means one (1) or more electronic school notification and communication programs or applications that:~~

- ~~12. Are designated by a Board of Education;~~
- ~~13. Trace all communications sent to or by a student; and~~
- ~~14. Provide parents an opportunity to access and review those communications.~~

Unauthorized Electronic Communication

~~"Unauthorized electronic communication" means an electronic communication with a student by a District employee or volunteer who is not the student's family member that occurs outside of a designated traceable communication system and without prior written parental consent; and includes any personal email account, text messaging, social media, or other electronic notification and communication programs outside of the traceable communication system.~~

Traceable Communications**CONSENT TO AUTHORIZE**

A parent may submit written consent to authorize a designated District employee or qualified school volunteer who is not a family member to participate in private electronic communication ~~communicate electronically~~ with his or her child outside of the traceable communication system.

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE

A District employee or qualified school volunteer may submit a written disclosure notifying the District of a commercial, nonprofit, or local government affiliation that could reasonably result in private electronic communication with a student outside of the traceable communication system. Upon filing the written disclosure, subsequent private electronic communication directly related to the disclosure is no longer subject to KRS 160.145.

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REPORTING

A District employee or qualified school volunteer that participated in unauthorized electronic communication subject to KRS 160.145 or reasonably believes ~~receives a report alleging~~ that another District employee or qualified school volunteer participated in unauthorized electronic communication that is subject to KRS 160.145 that has not been previously reported shall immediately notify the Principal or applicable supervisor.

If the subject of the report is the Principal or a District-wide employee, the reporting employee or volunteer shall immediately notify the Superintendent.

If the subject of the report is the Superintendent or a Kentucky Department of Education employee assigned to a school or area technology center within the District on a full-time and continuing basis, the reporting employee or volunteer shall immediately notify the Commissioner of Education and the Chair of the local Board.

Upon receipt of a report alleging that a District employee or qualified school violated KRS 160.145 ~~participated in unauthorized electronic communication~~, the Commissioner of Education, a Principal, or the Superintendent shall immediately:

1. Notify the parent of each student that is an alleged party to the unauthorized electronic communications; and
2. If the individual that is the subject of the report is a certified employee:
 - a. Notify the Education Professional Standards Board, which shall promptly investigate all allegations received under this subsection and proceed with appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with KRS 160.145; and
 - b. Investigate the underlying allegations and proceed with appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with KRS 161.790;
3. If the individual that is the subject of the report is a classified employee, investigate the underlying allegations and proceed with appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with KRS 161.011 ~~(7)~~; and

Traceable Communications

5. If the individual that is the subject of the report is a District qualified school volunteer, the school or District shall investigate the underlying allegations and, if substantiated, the qualified school volunteer ~~may~~**shall** be prohibited from future school and District volunteer opportunities.

~~5.6.~~ Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, notify the parent of each student that is an alleged party to the unauthorized electronic communication of each material phase of the investigation and disciplinary action including but not limited to a written summary of the results of an investigation and the final outcome of the disciplinary action.

A Principal or Superintendent who violates this reporting requirement shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with KRS 161.120 and KRS 156.132.

REFERENCES:

KRS 156.132
KRS 160.145
KRS 161.011; KRS 161.120; KRS 161.790

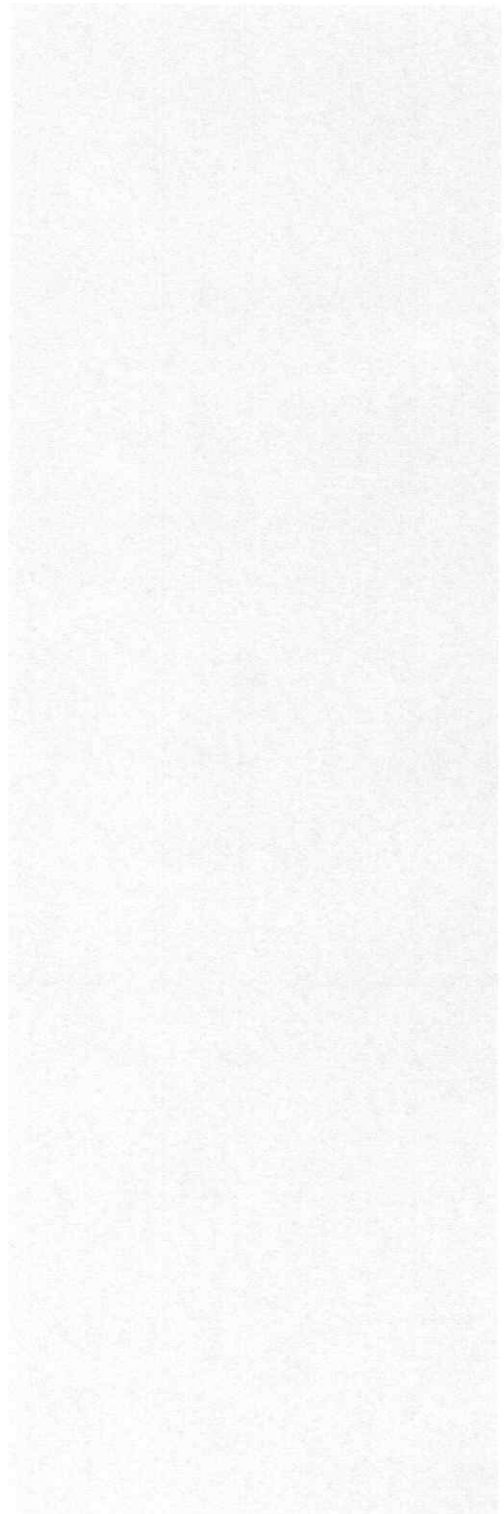
RELATED POLICIES:

03.1321; 3.13214; 03.1325; 03.162; 03.17
03.2321; 03.23214; 03.2325; 03.262; 03.2621; 03.27
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08.13531; 08.2323

LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 REQUIRING DISTRICTS TO REPORT AND INVESTIGATE ABUSIVE CONDUCT INVOLVING A MINOR OR STUDENT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

09.227



Child Abuse

REPORT REQUIRED

Any teacher, school administrator, or other school personnel who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child under age eighteen (18) is dependent, abused or neglected¹, or a victim of human trafficking, or is a victim of female genital mutilation, shall immediately make an oral or written report, including but not limited to electronic submission, to a local law enforcement agency or the Kentucky State Police, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative, the Commonwealth's or County Attorney in accordance with KRS 620.030.²

After making that report, the employee shall then immediately notify the Principal of the suspected abuse. If the Principal is suspected of child abuse, the employee shall notify the Superintendent/designee.

Upon notification, the Principal or the Superintendent/designee shall facilitate the cooperation of the school with the investigation of the report. Any person who knowingly causes intimidation, retaliation, or obstruction in the investigation of the report shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Only agencies designated by law are authorized to conduct an investigation of a report of alleged child abuse. Therefore, the District shall not first investigate a claim before an employee makes a report to the proper authorities. However, in certain situations, reports involving claims made under state and federal laws, such as Title IX, shall require the District, after making the required report, to conduct an independent investigation of the allegations in order to determine appropriate personnel action.

When an allegation of abusive conduct, as defined in KRS 160.380, is made against a District employee to another District employee, the District employee in receipt of the allegation, whether communicated in writing, electronically, or orally, shall report the allegation to the Principal and in accordance with KRS 620.030. The Principal shall document the allegation in writing and notify the Superintendent/designee. An investigation of the allegation shall be conducted by the District until it is completed and shall not end prior to completion due to the employee transferring positions within the District or leaving the District, unless directed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or law enforcement officials to cease the investigation.

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DOCUMENTATION

Any person making a report in accordance with KRS 620.030 shall obtain written documentation of the completed report including the date, time, person report made to, organization receiving report and description of report content.

INTERVIEWS

If the student is an alleged victim of abuse or neglect, school officials shall follow directions provided by the investigating officer or Cabinet for Health and Family Services representative as to whether to contact a parent³ and shall provide the Cabinet access to a child subject to an investigation or assessment without parental consent.⁴

Child Abuse**AGENCY CUSTODY**

If, as a result of dependency, neglect, or abuse, a child has been placed in the custody of the Cabinet, the Principal, or any Assistant Principal of the school in which the child is enrolled, and the District's Director of Pupil Personnel shall be notified of the names of persons authorized to contact the child at school, in accordance with school visitation or communication policy, or remove the child from school grounds.

The notification shall be provided to the school by the Cabinet:

- a) By written notice via email or fax on the day that a court order is entered and again on any day that a change is made with regard to persons authorized to contact or remove the child from school. Verbal notification shall occur on the next school day immediately following the day a court order is entered or a change is made if the court order or change occurs after the end of the current school day; and
- b) By email, fax, or hand delivery of a copy of the court order within ten (10) calendar days following a change of custody or change in contact or removal authority.

OTHER

Each school shall prominently display the statewide child abuse hotline number administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline number administered by the United States Department for Health and Human Services, and the Safe Haven Baby Boxes Crisis Line number administered by the Safe Haven Baby Boxes national organization or any equivalent successor entity.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 600.020
²KRS 620.030; KRS 620.040
³OAG 85-134; OAG 92-138
⁴KRS 620.072
KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 17.545; KRS 17.580
KRS 156.095; KRS 158.041; [KRS 160.380](#); KRS 199.990; KRS 209.020
KRS 508.125; KRS 620.050; KRS 620.146
OAG 77-407; OAG 77-506; OAG 80-50; OAG 85-134
34 C.F.R. 106.1-106.71, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
Regulations Implementing Title IX

RELATED POLICIES:

03.19; 09.1231; 09.3; 09.31; 09.42811; 09.4361; 10.5