

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) STAFF NOTE

Topic: Updates to the KY Tech Student Handbook

Date: August 2026

Action Requested: ☐Review ☒Action/Consent ☐Action/Discussion

Held In: ☒Full Board ☐State Schools ☐United We Learn

SYNOPSIS OF WHAT YOU WILL BE SHARING:

Proposed updates to the KY Tech Student Handbook for Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) action.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the updates to the KY Tech Student Handbook as the changes reflect necessary alignments with the most current versions of the KY Tech policies and procedures.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.802

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has the responsibility for all administrative functions of the state in relation to the management, control, and operation of the secondary Area Technology Centers (ATCs). The ATCs shall be operated in compliance with program standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE). The Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures guide the work of the administrators, teachers, and staff within the 50 ATCs and ensure consistent practice that is compliant with relevant state and federal statutes, regulations, and policies. The KY Tech Student Handbook provides written instructions for students that relate to its policies and procedures.

Summary of Issue:

The KY Tech Student Handbook has been updated to reflect alignment with current KY Tech policies and procedures. Other modifications made to the handbook include improvements to grammar and formatting.

Budget Impact:

There is no impact on KDE's budget.

Groups Consulted and a Brief Summary of Responses:

The proposed changes to the KY Tech Student Handbook were reviewed by leadership within the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) and staff within the KDE Office of Legal Services (OLS).

The amendments will be reviewed by the Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC) at its July 28, 2026, meeting, and a summary of LSAC's review will be provided to the KBE.

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GOALS/PRIORITIES: Indicate all applicable options.

☐	Foster Educational Innovation Through Vibrant Learning Experiences
☐	Advance Educational Excellence Through Continuous Professional Improvement
☐	Cultivate Collaborative Partnerships
☒	Legislation
☒	Commissioner's Management