

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) STAFF NOTE

Topic: Annual Amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures

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 annual amendments to the Kentucky Tech policies and procedures for KBE action.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the proposed amendments to the Kentucky Tech policies and procedures to align and update policies and procedures with pertinent new legislation, as well as best practices recommended by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA).

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.

Summary of Issue:

The KDE contracts with the Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) for annual maintenance, revision and upkeep of the Kentucky Tech policies and procedures. The annual changes are intended to amend outdated and/or inapplicable language and align and update the policies and procedures with pertinent new legislation and best practices recommended by the KSBA. Additionally, the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) reviews and updates policies and procedures to reflect current practices aligned with the law. The specific policy and procedure documents impacted by these amendments are attached for review.

Budget Impact:

The proposed amendments to the Kentucky Tech policies and procedures have no fiscal impact on state funds.

Groups Consulted and a Brief Summary of Responses:

The KSBA recommended the proposed amendments. Leadership within the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) reviewed, modified, and approved the recommendations with consultation with 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