



KSBA is looking for academic achievement programs that are reaching new heights.

IS YOURS PEAK-WORTHY?

What is the PEAK Award?

The PEAK (Public Education Achieves in Kentucky) Award is presented by the Kentucky School Boards Association to a school or district to focus statewide attention on outstanding public school efforts that enhance student learning and, in doing so, promote the positive impact of public elementary and secondary education in the Commonwealth. KSBA is seeking the nomination of locally created programs that promote or improve student achievement.

KSBA recognizes one outstanding program in the fall and spring of each school year.

Entry rules

Nominations are accepted *only* from the local board of education and the district administration. Only programs specifically designed to improve the academic achievement of students will be considered for the PEAK Award. Nominated programs may be districtwide, shared by multiple schools or based at an individual school in the district. Programs must already be in operation; they will not be considered eligible until implemented. *Nominated programs should be noncommercial, locally created and innovative.*

Nominations must include the following documents:

◆ Program overview from the district with information on the following points:

- 1) objectives of the program.
- 2) scope of the program (one school, multiple schools, districtwide, number of students involved).
- 3) costs and funding sources for the program.
- 4) degree of school board involvement.
- 5) an assessment of the program's progress toward those stated goals.

Judges consistently weigh proven program results over anecdotal evidence.

This overview is limited to no more than **three pages**. It **should include data that shows program results**. *This portion of the entry will account for 60 percent of the scoring, with 10 percent of that weighted on board actions and/or support of the program.*

◆ **Two** letters of endorsement*, with *each writer's*

signature, specifically listing the reasons for that endorsement, from **one of each** of the following:

- 1) Teacher (or teachers) involved in the program. This letter should detail the instructor's impressions of the impact and potential future impact of the program on the academic achievement of students involved.
- 2) One or more students *or* parent(s) of students benefiting from the program. This letter should detail the program's helpful impact on the students' academic achievement or improved classroom instruction.

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN TWO LETTERS.**

Each of these letters will be judged as part of the entry, with points scored for letters demonstrating both a knowledge of the goals and of the progress made by the program to date. Each letter may be no more than two pages. *This portion of the entry will account for 40 percent of the scoring (20 percent for each letter).*

No other materials submitted with an entry will be considered as part of the nomination and will not be passed along for consideration by the panel of judges. **Please DO NOT include a cover page.**

Programs not selected for the PEAK Award in their original submitted cycle will be judged in the next cycle by a new panel of judges. Programs not selected after two cycles may be renominated by their districts, but will not automatically continue to be considered.

Nomination deadline
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016.

How the program works

PEAK Award recipients are announced publicly during a tour of the selected program by KSBA, district and school representatives and invited members of local and regional news media.

The presentation of the unique, engraved PEAK Award itself takes place at the end of the tour. The chosen program also is the subject of a story in the *Kentucky School Advocate* magazine.

Each PEAK Award recipient is invited to lead a clinic at the next KSBA annual conference. KSBA also will endorse PEAK Award programs that local school boards nominate for clinic presentations at future annual conferences of the National School Boards Association.

PEAK Award-winning districts must wait 10 years before being eligible to nominate another program.

How to enter

Entries must be received at KSBA's offices no later than 4 p.m. ET on the deadline date. Entry packets should be emailed to:

matt.mccarty@ksba.org

Entries may also be mailed to:

Matt McCarty
PEAK Award
Kentucky School Boards Association
260 Democrat Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

Please make sure your entry includes the name of a contact person AND that letters of endorsement include signatures of the writers.

The deadline for the first nomination period of the 2016-17 school year is Wednesday, **Sept. 28, 2016**.

For more information, contact Matt McCarty at KSBA at 800-372-2962 ext. 1209 or via email at matt.mccarty@ksba.org



Add your district's name to this list: PAST PEAK WINNERS

1997 Lincoln Co. Simpson Co.	2007 Anderson Co. Walton-Verona Ind.
1998 Jefferson Co. Daviess Co. Barren Co.	2008 Russellville Ind. Carlisle Co.
1999 Boone Co. Grant Co. Boyd Co.	2009 Burgin Ind. Harrison Co.
2000 Union Co. Russell Co. Bowling Green Ind.	2010 Barren Co. (Co-winners) Fulton Ind./Fulton Co./ Carlisle Co./ Hickman Co.
2001 Kenton Co. Johnson Co. Pike Co.	2011 Letcher Co. Taylor Co.
2002 Logan Co. Hardin Co.	2012 Boone Co. Eminence Ind.
2003 Pulaski Co. Providence Ind.	2013 Grant Co. Kenton Co.
2004 Estill Co. Campbell Co.	2014 Montgomery Co. Ballard Co.
2005 Owensboro Ind. Daviess Co.	2015 Campbell Co. Lee Co.
2006 Marion Co. Russell Ind.	2016 Owsley Co.