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### **ALL KENTUCKY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOW ONLINE WITH ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) — Students at all Kentucky public high schools now can request their transcripts online and have them sent directly to any of the state's 44 public or private colleges and universities and other participating schools world-wide. Since the eTranscript project kicked off last August, all 168 of the school districts with public high schools have undergone training and rolled out the system to students. Kentucky is the first state to use a common transcript and electronic process for college admissions statewide.

Through eTranscript, Kentucky students may request their transcripts 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). With the click of a mouse, students can securely send the transcript directly to any participating postsecondary school at no cost through July of the year they graduate from high school. In the past, high school counselors have had to physically handle transcript requests – sometimes at a cost to the student.

“There's no doubt Kentucky e-Transcript is a win for students and a win for high schools,” said Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. “It helps streamline the college application process and helps relieve some of the burden on high school counselors and advisors.”

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Kentucky's eTranscript standard format also expedites the processing of thousands of transcripts each year at colleges and universities and speeds acceptance notification.

"The new electronic transcripts will make it easier for students to apply to college, and provide assurance that important information is transmitted accurately and quickly," Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education President Bob King said.

The project is a joint effort of the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The three state agencies worked with two private firms, Parchment and Infinite Campus, on the project. Parchment is the leader in eTranscript exchange in the U.S., and Infinite Campus is the nation's largest American-owned provider of student information systems.

Work continues to implement the Kentucky common transcript at all of the state's private high schools.

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