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## **STUDENT TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP REGIONALS SCHEDULED**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Over the next six weeks, thousands of Kentucky K-12 students will compete in eight regional technology competitions as part of the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP).

STLP provides the opportunity for students to design, create, collaborate and learn. Through STLP, students demonstrate how they are using technology to learn about or solve school or community needs by creating instructional-, technical- or service-based projects. The program is open to all K-12 students.

Throughout the month of November and early December, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and Kentucky's public universities are sponsoring eight regional STLP events around the state. Each competition begins at 10 a.m. and typically wraps up about noon local time. The first event was held this week at Murray State University.

November 10	<a href="#">University of Louisville Showcase, Student Activities Center</a>
November 12	<a href="#">University of Kentucky, Lexington Center</a>
November 17	<a href="#">The Center for Rural Development, Somerset</a>
November 19	<a href="#">Northern Kentucky University, Student Activities Center</a>
December 2	<a href="#">Western Kentucky University, Diddle Arena</a>
December 9	<a href="#">Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center, Pikeville</a>
December 14	<a href="#">Morehead State University, Adron Doran University Center</a>

This year the number of students participating in the regional competitions is up 24 percent. For many students, this will be the first time they have ever been on a university campus or have interacted with higher education staff. Studies show that this type of exposure to the postsecondary experience increases the odds that the student will pursue a college education after high school graduation.

Winners at the regional events are invited to compete in the STLP State Championship, which will be held in Lexington's Rupp Arena on April 22, 2016. The top elementary, middle and high school STLP team at the state championship then represents Kentucky at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference in Denver on June 26-29, 2016.

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In addition, the best pure technology project is selected at the state championship for the Dave Sigler award, named in honor of a KDE staff member who passed away in 2014. The winning team is sent to a high-tech technical training course or another technology event of its choice.

Established in 1994, STLP is a uniquely Kentucky program. Its success is built on extensive connections between the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), KDE's Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services (KIDS), district Chief Information Officers and education technology departments, Technology Integration Specialists, district administrators, classroom teachers, STLP alumni, Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) vendors, and higher education partners all coming together with the purpose of helping students learn and achieve.

Visit <http://stlp.education.ky.gov> for more details about STLP, regional events, the state championship and other STLP resources and events for students. You can follow STLP on Twitter [@STLPKentucky](https://twitter.com/STLPKentucky) and like STLP on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stlpkentucky](https://www.facebook.com/stlpkentucky).

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