



Special DAC Email

July 9, 2019

The following timely media release concerning the adoption of revised social studies standards was sent this morning. In addition, the *Commissioner's Monday Message* was sent Monday, July 8, by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) with timely information that may be of interest to District Assessment Coordinators (DACs).

REVISED KENTUCKY ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES ADOPTED FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

After undergoing a rigorous revision process that began in January 2018, revised standards for social studies became law on July 5. The newly adopted standards will be implemented in Kentucky classrooms beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and may be accessed at kystandards.org. A "Getting to Know Your KAS for Social Studies" module also is available at kystandards.org to support educators in the implementation of the new social studies standards.

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) adopted the revised social studies standards in February, and they received legislative review in May. The process of revising the standards, last adopted in 2006, was part of the ongoing review of content area standards and aligned assessments mandated by the Kentucky General Assembly in Senate Bill 1 (2017).

Kentucky educators were involved in every step of the development of the standards. Educators, along with business and industry professionals, comprised advisory panels and a review and development committee. There were revisions by educators and community members informed by public feedback, along with review by the KBE, before the standards underwent final legislative review and became law.

The standards written by teams of Kentucky teachers outline the minimum knowledge and skills Kentucky students should learn at each grade level.

For more information on the standards revision process, visit the [Kentucky Academic Standards Revision Process webpage](#). Contact the [standards team](#) with any questions regarding the newly adopted standards or the standards revision process.

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School Report Card opens July 15

The School Report Card (SRC) approval site will open July 15 for school safety review and approval. The collection tool will open at the same time within the same site for schools to begin entering collection data.

User setup will be slightly different than in prior years; setup of users may be required even if they have had access to the School Report Card in prior years. The [SRC Secure User Access Instructions](#) provide specifics on setup. (*NOTE: Superintendents, principals and district assessment coordinators (DACs) who were designated in that role prior to June 14 have automatically been added to the new user groups; anyone else will require setup.*) Contact your WAAPOC to ensure setup is complete.

The [School Report Resources webpage](#) will be used again this year as a central repository for communications and other resources. Detailed instructions on the collection and approval tools will be shared with local contacts as the site opens.

School and district administrators should be prepared to validate and approve data within the SRC secure site in accordance with the schedule below. Please share the 2019 tentative schedule for local planning. The verification and validation process will be similar to 2018. The timeline will align closer to prior years with a fall release.

- **July 15-31** – School Safety review/approval period
- **July 15-Aug. 30** – SRC collection tool open for school-level data collection
- **Aug. 7-Sept. 6** – SRC non-accountability data review/approval period.
- **Fall** – Assessment/accountability (tentative dates will be announced soon)

Questions regarding setup of user permissions can be directed to the [KETS Service Desk](#). Other questions can be routed to [KDE Data Services](#).

KDE seeking feedback on communications efforts

The Kentucky Department of Education Division of Communications has been fine-tuning its processes for delivering news about the department to relevant stakeholder groups. The division is seeking feedback from districts, parents and community members about its communications efforts. We've compiled a brief, anonymous survey where you can provide feedback. **To access the survey, [click here](#).** For questions or comments, please contact [Jessica Fletcher](#).

District Professional Development Coordinator (PDC) Summer Training

An orientation session for new professional development coordinators (PDCs) will be 11 a.m. ET **July 23**. Participants will learn about the job role and requirements, as well as supports and resources available.

Use [this Skype link](#) to join the meeting, or join by phone at (502) 694-1960. The conference code is 53822064.

A recording of the session will be archived, and a link will be sent to all PDCs listed in Person Role Manager. Email [Erin Ashcraft](#) or [Todd Davis](#) for more information.

Changes to Required Cooperating Teacher Part A Training

Kentucky regulations [16 KAR 5:040](#) requires cooperating teachers and university supervisors to complete a training on their basic responsibilities prior

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Career and Technical Education and Student Transition Updates

The Kentucky Department of Education published a [Pathway Phase-out Guidance](#) in March 2017 that detailed all of the career pathways that are being phased out. It is important to note that pathways marked for phase-out at the end of 2018-2019 school year will no longer be visible in Technical Education Database System (TEDS) once the rollover occurs to open the 2019-2020 school year.

For detailed information, refer to the [Pathway Phase-out Guidance](#) as well as the information posted in the [TEDS Monthly Notes](#). Remember:

- **Do not enroll students in new pathways until the start of 2019-2020 school year.**
- Make sure you have the pathway you plan to enroll them in for 2019-2020 in your TEDS (review [Request to ADD or REMOVE a Pathway](#)).
 - **The deadline for adding new pathways for 2019-2020 is Sept. 1.**
 - The pathway enrollment start date for these new pathways must be during the 2019-2020 school year.

2019-2020 Valid Industry Certifications

The list of [industry certifications that will be valid for the 2019-2020 school year](#) has been posted to the career and technical education (CTE) website. An industry certificate must be valid for a pathway in the year it is taken. It also must be documented in TEDS during the same year.

The list of valid certifications can be found on the [CTE, Accountability and Transition Readiness webpage](#).

Exceptional Work Experience

to supervising a student teacher. Part A of this training is provided by the Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (OELE) through an online assessment.

Cooperating Teacher Part A training is now offered through [iDrive Digital](#) and is no longer available on Edmodo. Directions for making an iDrive Digital account and accessing the P-12 Co-Teaching Training are available [in this document](#).

If you already have passed the Part A training in Edmodo you do not need to retake the assessment in iDriveDigital. For questions or assistance, email [Sharon Salsman](#) or [Brandon Harrod](#).

KDE Offering Summer SBDM Training for Experienced Council Members

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will be hosting annual school-based decision making (SBDM) council trainings for any elected experienced council member.

Use this [Google form](#) to register. A maximum of 40 participants will be allowed at each session and the trainings are free.

Here are the dates, topics and locations (all sessions are 9 a.m.-noon local time):

- **July 11** – “Bylaws and Policies,” Hazard, Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative, 412 Roy Campbell Drive
- **July 12** – “Council’s Role with Continuous Improvement,” Owensboro, Logsdon

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There have been updates to the data entry process of Exceptional Work Experience. The [Exceptional Work Experience Guidance](#), along with the instructions for [How to Complete an Exceptional Work Experience Form](#), can be found on the [CTE, Accountability and Transition Readiness webpage](#).

Financial Audit Contracts Available; Audits Due Nov. 15

The State Committee for School District Audits (SCSDA) approved 170 of the 173 school districts' fiscal year 2018-2019 audit contracts June 20. The SCSDA is working with the auditor for the remaining three districts and all parties expect the remaining contracts to be approved by July 31.

To request a copy of your district's approved audit contract, contact a member of the District Financial Management Branch (DFMB). The [districts' payment registers](#) will be posted on the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) website in early August. Continue to check the website for the payment registers and other important audit information.

Cooperation between district staff and the auditors is necessary to complete quality audits by the **Nov. 15** deadline. Audit extension requests are due to KDE by **Oct. 1**.

The FY 2019 Audit Contract and Requirements is available on the [KDE Financial Audit Contract Information webpage](#). Refer to the Annual Cycle for Local School District Audits in the document for important due dates for the district audit reports.

Also, the district is responsible for withholding 10 percent of the audit fee if the audit report is not completed and submitted in accordance with the audit contract deadline and requirements.

Email or call DFMB staff members [Kim Carter](#), (502) 564-3846, ext. 4440, or [Becky Walsh](#), (502) 564-3846, ext. 4410, for more information.

Community Center,
2400 Friendship Drive,
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- **July 16** – “Roles and Responsibilities,”
Campbellsville, Taylor
County High School,
2705 Old Hodgenville
Road
- **July 18** – “Roles and
Responsibilities,”
Frankfort, Kentucky
Department of
Education, 300 Sower
Blvd.
- **July 22** – “Council's
Role with Continuous
Improvement,” Murray,
Murray Middle School,
801 Main St.

[Registration Is Open for Continuous Improvement Summit](#)

Join AdvancED|Measured Progress and the Kentucky Department of Education at the [Continuous Improvement Summit Sept. 16-17](#) for practical information and inspiring stories to drive improvement.

Learn how Kentucky educators and administrators apply research-driven insights to their unique educational environment. Connect school quality to better outcomes for learners. The featured keynote speaker will be education author Anthony Muhammed.

The conference will be 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Lexington Convention Center. Visit the [AdvancEd website](#) to register. For additional information, [see this flyer](#).

[KDE Offering Evaluation Training for Administrators](#)

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English Learner/Title III Beginning of the Year Training

Regional trainings for English Learner (EL) and Title III coordinators have been scheduled. The sessions will focus on providing guidance to district coordinators of all levels. Topics covered during training will include changes under the Every Student Succeeds Act for ELs, the civil rights requirements that must be met by all districts regardless of its EL population or funding received, and requirements under federal programs such as Title I, Part A and Title III.

English Learner, Title III and Title I coordinators are strongly encouraged to attend. However, at least one person from each district should attend one of the six training locations regardless of whether the district receives a Title III subgrant or the number of ELs currently enrolled in the district.

Each training will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. local time. Sessions may be canceled if registration is low. If your training location is canceled due to low registration, you will be contacted in order to select another training location. Register early to help ensure you get the location of your choice.

The dates and locations of each training are listed below along with the registration links.

- **July 26** – Shelbyville, Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 100 Alpine Drive
- **July 30** – Bowling Green, Green River Regional Educational Cooperative, 230 Technology Way
- **July 31** – Lexington, Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, 118 James Court, Suite 60
- **Aug. 1** – Ashland, Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, 904 Rose Road

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is the official provider for the 2019-2020 Initial Certified Evaluation Training for administrators newly assigned to the role of evaluator of certified personnel. The two-day training, including the assessment, is required per KRS 156.557 and 704 KAR 3:370.

All new evaluators of certified personnel are required to attend. Visit the [Principal Partnership Project website](#) for information about dates and locations, and to register.

KDE also will provide a separate, one-day, six-hour update training for experienced administrators. Districts may choose to fulfill the requirement by applying for their own EILA certificates and providing the training in their district, but KDE is providing regional options for districts that choose not to do their own in-house training. Six hours of update training is required annually for all experienced administrators per KRS 156.557 and 704 KAR 3:370.

Any experienced evaluator of certified personnel who has completed the two-day Initial Certified Evaluation Training is qualified to attend. Visit the [Update Evaluation Training webpage](#) for more information about dates, locations and to register.

There is no fee to participate in either training and the appropriate number of EILA credit hours – six for the update or 12 for the initial – will be awarded. Multiple training sites are located across the state. Advance registration is required.

All trainings are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. local time.

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- **Aug. 2** – Richmond, Eastern Kentucky University, Perkins Building, 4436 Kit Carson Drive
- **Aug. 5** – Eddyville, West Kentucky Educational Cooperative, 435 Outlet Ave.

For questions, email [Jessica Sanderson](mailto:jessica.sanderson@kentucky.gov) or call her at (502) 564-3791, ext. 4004.

Those receiving this at KSB and KSD, please make sure all employees receive it. Also, ATC principals are asked to forward it to their staffs.

Please send your questions, comments and suggestions on Monday Message to [Jennifer Ginn](mailto:jennifer.ginn@kentucky.gov) by 10 a.m. Friday to be published in the upcoming week.

