

Good Afternoon,

After evaluating KDE's pilot process, the Kentucky Department of Education has determined that the visual and performing arts pathways best compliment and contribute to the college readiness curriculum versus our state's description of career readiness certification criteria. Career ready pathway completion/certification must hold to the following criteria:

1. Recognized, endorsed, or required by industry;
2. Written and verified by national or state industry;
3. Curriculum and certification aligned with state and/or national standards;
4. Certification must be an end-of-program assessment related to the student's identified career pathway achieved through a sequence of courses.

The Arts Pathways and Capstone Assessment Plan that have been developed do not satisfy the first two criteria for career ready certification described above. For complete details, see *"Update on Arts Pathways and Assessments"* in the [October 16, 2015 Commissioner's Fast Five on Friday](http://education.ky.gov/CommOfEd/fri/Pages/October-16-2015.aspx) (<http://education.ky.gov/CommOfEd/fri/Pages/October-16-2015.aspx>)

In light of this determination, the following Visual and Performing Arts pathways will no longer be monitored for career readiness in the Technical Education Database System (TEDS).

Pathway	CIP code
Dance Technique	50.0301.00
Music Instrumental Ensemble	50.0903.00
Music Vocal Ensemble	50.0908.00
Theatre Performance	50.0506.00
Theatre Technical	36.0117.00
Visual Arts	50.0702.00

OCTE will continue to follow discussions relative to next steps for the Arts Pathways. For 2015-2016, we will address the above pathways as follows:

- ✓ If you **HAVE NOT** enrolled students on the TEDS tab in IC
 - **DO NOT** add any students to these pathways in IC
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- ✓ If you **HAVE** enrolled students in these pathways on the TEDS tab in IC or completed your import into TEDS
 - **DO NOT DELETE** any students from these pathways
 - Leave the students as they are at this time.

OCTE and TEDS staff will address students currently enrolled in these pathways at the end of the school year. As the year progresses, we will keep you apprised of any pertinent changes.