



TEDS Monthly Notes

CTE Technical Education Database System December 2019

Many Happy RETURNS

- ABC -

Happy Fall! For the first time in a long time, I went home to New Orleans for my college homecoming celebrations and to celebrate with my fraternity brothers the anniversary of when we joined Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc. While I was there I was amazed that as much as we have changed over the years, we are still the same. We were happy to see each other AND some of our college professors as well. It was a grand time, and to be honest, some of it is still a blur (what can I say? New Orleans...). What mattered most as we reconnected after so many years was the way we once again left each to return home: wishing each other many happy returns. As I reflected on my rare return home, I had a big takeaway: how many of our students would be happy to see us after they graduate? How many of them would we be happy to see? You're probably smiling thinking about that one kid, but here is an even cooler thought: What if there were so many you wanted to remember that you couldn't? What an impact. What a legacy. What a gift to the future. Even if you are preparing for retirement, I wish you all many happy returns... and memories.

TEDS Training

*TEDS training is required every two years and users are required to log in at least once every four months. The next training session is **December 4, 2019** in Frankfort. Yes, there will be other dates throughout the year. No, they are not scheduled yet.*

As always, any dates that are posted are first come, first served. Training dates are posted on the [TEDS Website](#) and on the [KDE Professional Learning Bulletin Board](#).

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RETURN of the Mack

- Mark Morrison -

Industry Certifications Now Available for Secondary Schools

Although it seems like forever since you could enter industry certifications, it's only been a few months. But here it is, the return of the Mack. Industry certifications have been cleaned up and are now active in TEDS. Don't rush off just yet, there's more. The instructions for entering industry certs have been updated. The process is familiar but different. Make sure you get the new version of the instructions on the [TEDS Step-by-Step website](#).

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- An industry certification must be valid the year it is taken, and the results must be entered in TEDS the year it is taken.
- Once an industry certification is earned, it will always count for the student toward transition status.
- Industry certifications, like any other license, are valid for a specific length of time. If earned early in the students' career, the actual value of the certificate as a license may expire before the student graduates.

Don't get caught unaware. Remember the first rule of TEDS: **Read everything before you do anything.**

RETURN to Sender

- Elvis Presley -

End of Program (EOP) Test Tickets

You can now begin to review your EOP test tickets. There are two ways to do this. You can look at individual pathways and click on the EOP Test tickets link. This will let you see all students who show two credits in TEDS and are eligible to take the EOP. You can also run the EOP Test Ticket Report. This will show you which students have generated EOP test tickets. To generate a test ticket the student must be a concentrator (have at least two credits on their transcript) and have never passed that EOP.

These records update nightly. If you do not see a test ticket you expect to see, make sure to run the student assessment summary report to see if the student has already passed that EOP. If you have questions concerning EOP, please check the [EOP website](#), where you can find a list of pathways with EOPs, or contact Sherri Craig at Sherri.Craig@education.ky.gov.

Keep in touch with your schools' EOP Coordinator. You don't want to ask for help and hear, "Return to sender, it is too late for us to fix this issue". When you/they get the notice to make a check of the final test tickets, check them then. Don't wait until the last minute. Check your tickets.



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No RETURN

- The Kinks -

The “No Pathway” Pathway

Businesses, among other things, look at ROI (return on investment). What matters then, is in what we invest. Even if it is a strong product, if the investment is not solid, there will be no return. In our case, our product is our students. They are indeed strong. What we invest in them is time, effort, encouragement and guidance. The goal is to guide them toward their passion. Some aren't sure about their passion yet and that's OK. If that's the case, we still invest in them. If they make it all the way through four years and they are still not sure, you might consider using the “No Pathway” pathway. If you make this choice, be aware of what “no pathway” carries with it.

There are important rules for using a pathway that is not a pathway. If you use this pathway:

- The student must be entered on the TEDS tab in Infinite Campus in the pathway with **zero credits** and **zero attend hours**. The student record would then be imported to TEDS through the normal import process.
- Once the student is showing in the pathway titled “No Pathway” in TEDS, you can follow the normal process for entering industry certifications or exceptional work experience information for the student in TEDS.
- **Industry Certifications earned through this process do not count in Perkins accountability**
- **Enrollments in No Pathway (99.9999.00) do not count towards Perkins funding**
- **Attend hours do not count towards state CTE funding**
- **Perkins funds cannot be used to fund the industry certifications**

REMEMBER: If the student is going to take an industry certification assessment, and the school intends to use it for state accountability, the student **must** be enrolled in a pathway through Infinite Campus and the results **must** be entered in TEDS. Career counseling is best. Don't invest a plan with no return.

Point of Know RETURN

- Kansas -

Automation to the Rescue

Some say ignorance is bliss, but there's a limit. The most recent updates to TEDS have included several automated processes. Many are still asking what happened to the things they used to do. Well, we are now at the point of “know” return. You can no longer do the following:

- Terminate student records in TEDS
- Complete follow-up for secondary students
- Change federal indicators for secondary students

What you can do is make sure that the information you can maintain is as accurate as possible. If you enter inaccurate info, your reports will reflect it. For more information, please review the previous three TEDS Monthly Notes. That is all.

RETURN Journey

- David and Steve Gordon -

EOP Testing: “Eligible” vs. “Must”

If at first you don't succeed... Great concept. As long as it is your idea. When we want something and we don't get it, we are often willing to take the return journey to try again. When someone else is making us make the journey, it is a little different story. We implore you to consider this as we enter the testing season. By definition, a concentrator is any student that has completed 2 courses in a single program of study (career pathway). In Kentucky, a course is defined as 1 credit on the student's official transcript.

There is a difference between “eligible” and “must”. For a student to be eligible to take an EOP, they must be identified as a concentrator in TEDS before the deadline of February 1. Being eligible does not constitute a must.

- Any student identified as concentrator in a pathway where a CTE EOP Assessment is available may test as an option to meet Career Readiness and earn articulated credit.

What we must remember is this is an end of program assessment. Rushing a student to take the assessment before they are ready is not likely to encourage them to look forward to a return journey if they are not successful the first (or second) time they were made to take the test simply because they were “eligible”. The only “must” situation is this:

- Any SENIOR concentrator MUST test in a CTE EOP Assessment (when available), **IF** the student has not previously tested in a CTE EOP Assessment and is not planning to take an industry certification.

So, plan the journey well. Returns are not as big an issue if the student has chosen the path. When that test ticket comes around, consider how close the student is to completing the pathway before trying to prematurely end the journey. Let them enjoy the scenery and live to test the tale.



Save the Date

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Can't Wait for You to RETURN

- Fred Hammond -

Upcoming Deadlines

Sometimes surprises are fun. Deadlines, not so much. Even less so if they are surprises. We may never grow to like deadlines, but they become bearable when we can say, "Can't Wait for You to Return". If for no other reason than that we know it is coming up, we can be better prepared. Don't let the deadlines of TEDS sneak up on you. Keep an eye on the [Secondary Schools Timeline](#) on the main [TEDS website](#).

December - January	Suggested Time for Student Data Cleanup (ALL Students) ⇒ Verify enrollment status, pathway credits and student objectives (in preparation for EOP and TRACK assessments)
February 1	Deadline for students to be marked Concentrator for EOP and TRACK

RETURN to Me

- Chris Isaak -

Contact Us

I know, I know. You already know how to do that. Been doing it since before I was knee-high to a gnat. I get it. Guess what. Things change. When you find that you can't do it the way you used to, just return to me. We are here to help, and we promise we won't remind you about how long it was since I was knee-high to a gnat.

OCTEST website

<https://education.ky.gov/CTE/Pages/default.aspx>

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Next Year!!

