TEDS Monthly Notes

CTE Technical Education Database System
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"The RIVER of Dreams"
- Billy Joel -

It's all over but the shouting. We have made it through the first year coming out of COVID-19 and much has changed. Many have felt as though dreams were deferred or even crushed during the past two years. We can now rethink our dreams. Our students started their high school careers with ideas about what they might want to do. They are now prepared to move on with plans that, hopefully, we helped to nurture. Rest assured that one day one of your kids will come back and tell you "Thank you". Even if they don't, you can revel in the fact that our graduates are now swimming in a river of dreams. Dreams that will take them very far. Keep dreaming!

"Take Me to the RIVER"

- Al Green -

Training Opportunities

"Now I got to take you to the woodshed". When I was a boy growing up in the country, when we got in trouble, we heard this (some of us more than others). In CTE, we don't have a woodshed (even though we do have carpentry). Regardless, we can run into a few problems if we don't have accurate data. We sink or swim based on the accuracy of our data. Rather than risk the problems, simply ask, "Take me to the river". There you will have the opportunity to learn how not to run into problems with data. We all need to go to the river occasionally. if you're feeling a bit dry, log into TEDS and look in the upper right-hand corner for your last training date. If it's time, you can register for training on the **TEDS website**. TEDS training date are posted the Monday after the most recent training session and, as always, registration is on a first come basis. Come learn how to safely and accurately plunge into the data stream of CTE. Remember, there are only two more opportunities this school year (May and June).

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"Cool Change"

- Little RIVER Band -

Adding New Pathways and Modification Requests for 2022-2023

Yes, I cheated a little with the title. But it is possible that you have reviewed your labor market information and student interest and decided it was time for a cool change. That new pathway you are thinking about needs to be added toy your TEDS for your kids (and your schools) to get credit for their hard work. As it should be, cool changes are easy. We have provided a step-by-step guide for how to Request to ADD or REMOVE a Pathway. Just remember you will need to request this change before September 1, 2022. Now is your chance. Now that your life is so prearranged, I know that it's time for a cool change.

"Cry Me A RIVER"

- Justin Timberlake -

No Data Hostages

"So, you took a chance and made other plans, but I bet you didn't think that they would come crashing down". John Lennon even says, "Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans…" We must make sure part of our plans include keeping our data clean. Our kids are counting on it. Sometimes OCTE is seen as the "Big Bad" because a school or district feels like they need to cry me a river when something is forgotten. So… as we teach our students to time manage, we can lead by example. Don't let your kids miss out on opportunities. OCTE is not a Big Bad, but we do have to maintain fidelity in the data. Besides, you don't want to have to explain to a family that their student did not get an earned opportunity because of other plans. Remember, there's no crying in CTE!

"RIVER So Wide"

- Phil Collins -

Upcoming Deadlines

"We all sink or swim in the same ocean…" I guess the same can be said as we try to cross the river so wide that is TEDS data. Wouldn't it be nice to know just when the tide will rise and how long we have to get across? Guess what? The Secondary Schools Timeline on the main TEDS website is the perfect early warning system. Sorry, there are no flags, bells or whistles, but they are easy reads.

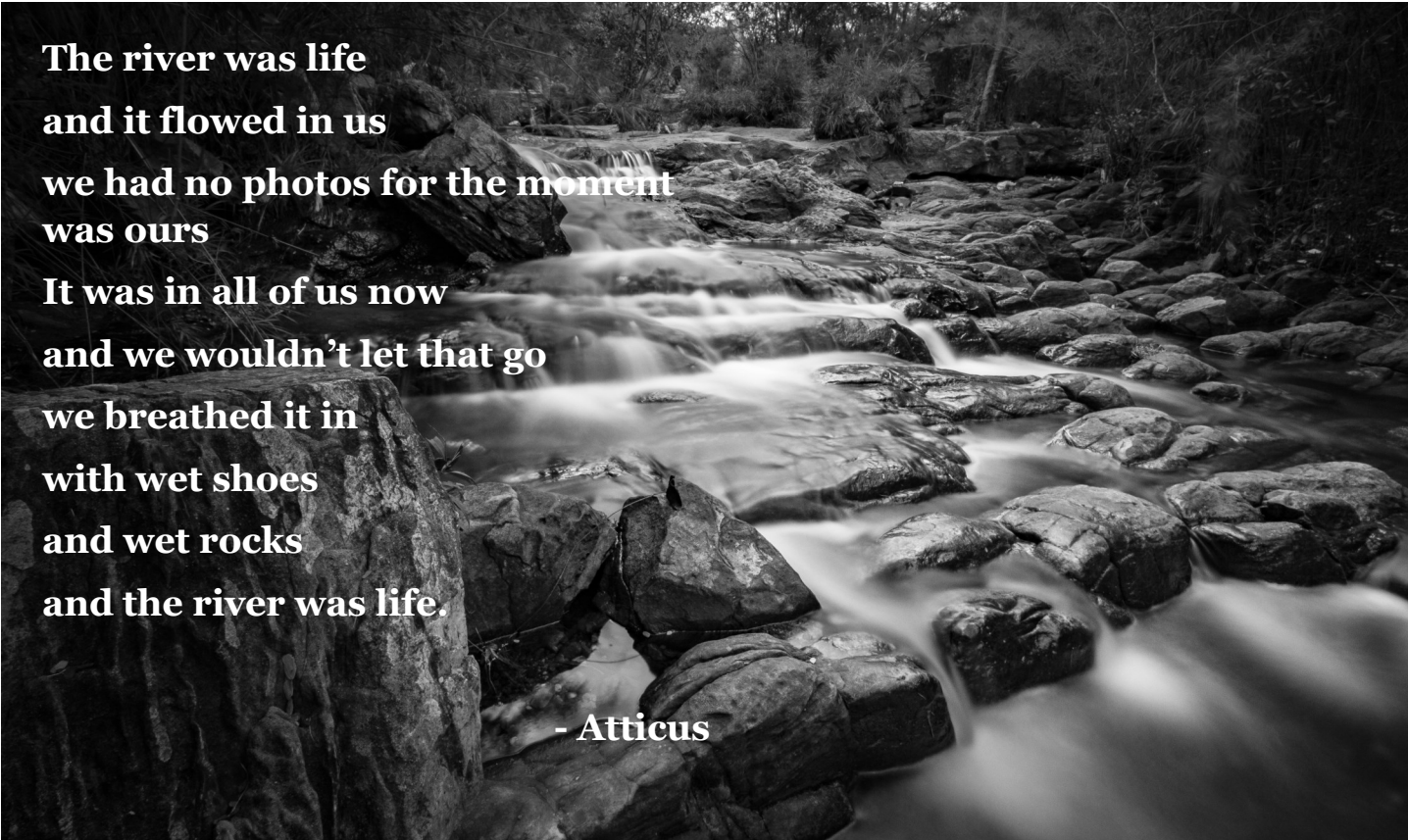|	

June 15	• TEDS End of Year Data entered in IC and imported to TEDS. Remember to check
	  • ALL students, not just active
	  • Semester Data (credits, student objectives, etc.)

June 30	• Career Readiness Data Entered Where Possible

How Clean Is Your Data?

"There's a hole in the river where a memory lies. From the land of the living to the air and sky".

Fidelity R' Us. We all know that data can tell any story. We need to make sure that our data tells the right story about what we are doing in Kentucky. We have so much free flowing data that we must control the flow. The last thing we need is a hole in the river. Our funding helps us make sure our programs stay in the land of the living where they can be most beneficial to our students. As CTE data stewards, there are some things we can do to direct the flow of our river. For example:

- When students are enrolled in pathways,

    ◊ They should know they are in that pathway (no surprises)

    ◊ The correct credit hours must be posted. Then, **they must be updated when anything about the student record changes.**

- When a student earns an industry certification for their chosen pathway, it should be properly entered in TEDS the same school year it is earned.

- Once a student meets the definition of concentrator, that should be properly noted in IC and **imported** into TEDS when it happens.

- **You must review and update the data one last time at the end of the school year (before your local IC is locked for the year) to ensure data accuracy**

The river was life
and it flowed in us
we had no photos for the moment
was ours
It was in all of us now
and we wouldn't let that go
we breathed it in
with wet shoes
and wet rocks
and the river was life.

- Atticus

Closing Tasks

"Me, my thoughts are flower strewn. Ocean storm, bayberry moon. I have got to leave to find my way."

Before you run off to find your way, don't forget to close everything down correctly. We advise each school to have at least two users and the district to have two different users for TEDS so you can ensure that even if someone gets lost you can still find the river. Besides, it's good to have a "partner in crime" watching your back. It is incredibly important that you check and double check your data. Someone else looking along with you can help ensure you are on an enjoyable journey down that river. TEDS automation will take the strewn flowers you have arranged and process them just as you provided. Find the river. Plant your flowers. Commit to checking their viability by verifying the following:

- **School Deadline**. Do you know when your school's Infinite Campus will close for the year? If you don't know, find out. You need to complete your last export before that date.

- **Credits.** Make sure what is in TEDS has been updated to match the transcript (through your final export/import process) at the end of the year BEFORE you leave for the summer.

- **Student Objective.** Again, make sure what is in TEDS has been updated to match the TEDS tab in IC (through your final export/import process) Is this student exploring or a concentrator? Are you sure?

- **Industry Certifications.** Have all attempts at industry certifications been entered in TEDS? Have all the teachers verified that they have provided all information?

- And, finally, **DON'T FORGET THE SMALL PRINT**

SMALL PRINT, PART 1: YOU CANNOT REMOVE AN END DATE ON THE TEDS TAB IN IC UNLESS THE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A CLASS IN THAT PATHWAY.

SMALL PRINT, PART 2: IF YOU DO REMOVE THE END DATE ON THE TEDS TAB IN IC THEN TRY TO PUT IT BACK, IT WILL NOT STOP THE STUDENT FROM BEING ACTIVE IN TEDS AND WILL BE COUNTED AS A DATA VIOLATION AND POSSIBLY A FUNDING VIOLATION

"Ol' Man RIVER"

- Paul Robeson -

Contact Us

We have become accustomed to being told, "No" that we often don't want to ask. What if, instead of hearing, "You can't do that", you heard, "You can't do it like that"? Give us a call. We are ready and waiting to help. Remember, it's always wise to check your maybes.

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