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Feb. 11, 2025



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What is it?

A wrap-around approach to ag education that's highly engaging, using inquiry-based education with project-based learning opportunities and community involvement.



9 Ag Week Initiatives

Learn all about them at: www.kyagr.co m/agedweek











Activities	Level	Descriptions
Literacy Lesson	K-5	Using the Ag Book of Kentucky's Ag Education Week, students build skills in literacy through stations and activities. The Ag Book of Kentucky's Ag Education Week is provided by Kentucky Pork Producers and Farm Credit Mid-America.
Mystery Farm Mascots	K-5	Each grade is given daily hints about who their farm mascot is with reveal on Friday. In Flat Stanley spirit, students take their mascot on their Friday ag education journey and share using the QR code on the mascot.
Clue In on Ag Careers	K-5	Students are given 4 clues about an unexpected career in agriculture, emphasis on technology and up and coming. Reveal at the end of the day with a short video or activity about the career. Each grade level has 5 different ag careers.
The Real Ag Experience	K-5	A hands-on ag experience. This can be a field trip to tour a farm or agribusiness or with a volunteer speaker/teacher who will Bring Ag to the Classroom. Utilize KDA Real Ag Experience Map to contact local ag tour or guest speaker/teacher.
Stories About Ag	K-5	Through partnership with Kentucky Farm Bureau, volunteers read agriculture books to students in grades K-5. Virtual Read Aloud Library available for as well.
Science Lesson	K-5	Developed by KDE, students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd will learn more about pollination and its impact on agriculture. Students in grades 3rd through 5th will learn about erosion. Both use inquiry- based learning to help agriculturalists.
Ask an Aggie	K-12	Live panel of agriculturalists answer questions from students across the state. Teachers submit questions on behalf of their classroom by March 1, 2025. Panel to showcase diversity in agriculture and chaired by Miss Kentucky.
Harvest for Home	K-12	A student-led community service event with a focus on harvesting skills, resources, or time for the community. This could be a canned food drive for a food pantry, building little food pantry or libraries, starting a recycling program or a school garden, etc.
Letters for Farmers	K-12	Students write cards or letters of appreciation for farmers to be delivered to farmers during The Real Ag Experience or dropped off at UK/KSU Extension and/or Farm Bureau offices and distributed to







farmers in their community.

What does this mean for CORE content and standards?



Check the research at www.kyagr.com/

<u>agedweek</u>

Science Lesson, standards aligned ALL initiatives
support Ky
Education
Standards

Community engagement and involvement



What you can do to help

- Introduce the week to staff and encourage engagement
- Look for outreach from County Farm Bureaus
- Utilize the resources at <u>www.kyagr.com/agedweek</u>
- Check out the research
- Encourage your teachers to give feedback at the end of Ag
 Education Week
- Go in and experience Ag Education Week for yourself
- Let Bethany Mattingly know if you're planning something

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Department of
Agriculture
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Thank You

please reach out if you need us!

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Updates

Dr. Robbie Fletcher
Commissioner of Education



Kentucky Sees Gain in 4th-Grade Math Scores on 2024 NAEP, Holds Steady on Other Scores

- Kentucky's 4th-grade math students saw an increase in their scores on the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
 Only 14 other states made statistically significant gains in 4th-grade math during this testing cycle.
- The rest of Kentucky's scores in 4th-grade reading and 8th-grade math and reading held steady.
- This was the first time Kentucky students have progressed or held steady on NAEP since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Commonwealth's students also were above the national average in both 4th- and 8th-grade reading, as well as 4th-grade math.



Agriculture Education Week Announcement

- Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell and Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher announced that March 17-21, 2025, will be the first statewide Agriculture Education Week in Kentucky.
- Gov. Andy Beshear will sign a proclamation that week to officially mark this historic event.
- During Ag Education Week, every elementary student throughout Kentucky will be engaged in learning more about agriculture.
- K-2 students will be learning about pollination through an agricultural lens and students in grades 3-5 will be learning about erosion.
- Find more resources on the All in for Ag Education Week website.



New Futuriti Website Aims to Help Kentuckians Explore Education and Career Options



- During a "virtual ribbon-cutting" ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda on Feb. 4, leaders from the Commonwealth Education Continuum launched the website, <u>Futuriti.org</u>.
- This new platform aims to help Kentuckians "find their future" by providing state-specific data about the numerous career paths and education options available to them.
- The Council on Postsecondary Education has led this work, with assistance from the Kentucky Center for Statistics and KDE.
- The website is organized into three main sections that are designed to lead Kentuckians through the process of choosing a career path, continuing their education and starting their career.

Town Halls Wrapping Up in February

- Thank you to all of you who have come out and participated in one of our town halls!
- More than 400 people so far have attended one of our <u>series of town halls</u> across the state that are designed to gain feedback on the proposed assessment and accountability system framework.
- Two more town halls remain:
 - Feb. 12: Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, 5400 Old Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill, 5-7 p.m. ET
 - Feb. 27: Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, 904 W. Rose Road, Ashland, 5-7 p.m. ET



Taylor County Bus Driver Sam Graham Receives 2024-2025 KESSP Award



- <u>Taylor County bus driver Sam Graham</u> earned the 2024-2025 Kentucky Education Support Staff Professional (KESSP) Award.
- Graham has dedicated more than six decades of his life to the children of Taylor County Schools.
- As a winner of the KESSP award, Graham's name has been forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration for the national <u>2025 Recognizing</u> <u>Inspirational School Employees (RISE) Award</u>.



KDE Updates

Jennifer Ginn

KDE Director of Communications



Competitive Grants from KDE

FY25 Kentucky AED Grant

- Grant applications due: Feb. 28, 4 p.m. ET
- Award Amount: \$2,000 per AED award.
- Matching Funds Requirement: No

The Kentucky Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Grant will assist districts with the purchase of new devices when none are presently available; replace AEDs that are more than 8 years old; and increase the inventory of such devices all to improve survival rates in the event of a cardiac event.

FY25 Kentucky Numeracy Counts Grant

- Grant applications due: March 6, 4 p.m. ET
- Award Amount: \$70,000 per awarded district
- Matching Funds Requirement: No

The Kentucky Numeracy Counts Fund grant shall only be used to purchase approved high-quality research and evidence-based curriculum aligned to kindergarten through grade 3 academic standards in mathematics and expenditures for curriculum-based professional learning to implement a new curriculum.



Competitive Grants from KDE (2)

FY25 Equipment Assistance Grant

- Grant applications due: Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. ET
- Award Amount: Up to \$25,000
- Matching Funds Requirement: No

The KDE Division of School and Community Nutrition is making available the FY24 Equipment Assistance grant. The competition is open to School Food Authorities (public schools/districts, private schools, residential childcare institutions) that participate in the National School Lunch Program that are at least 50% or above free and reduced-price meals. Funds may be used to purchase new equipment, renovation of equipment or replacement of equipment.

Previously awarded districts may apply.

More information about grants can be found on the KDE Competitive Grants webpage or by emailing Jennifer Bryant.

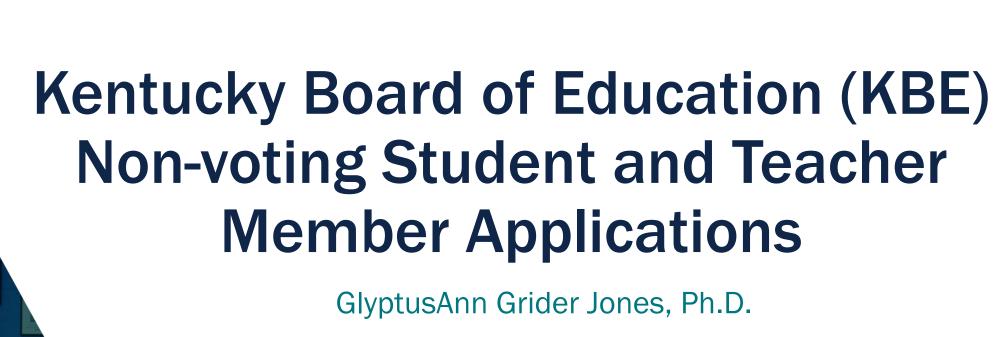


Feedback Sought on Draft Standards

- KDE is seeking feedback on the draft Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Reading and Writing, Health Education and Physical Education.
- Use this survey to provide feedback on the draft KAS for Reading and Writing. Feedback on the draft reading and writing standards. They will be collected by American Institutes for Research through March 5.
- Use this survey to provide feedback on the draft KAS for Health Education and the draft KAS for Physical Education. Feedback will be collected through Feb. 21.







Director of Education Policy, Kentucky Department of Education



2025-2026 KBE Non-voting Student and Teacher Members

Eligible Students

- 1st Congressional District
 - Adair, Allen, Anderson (part), Ballard, Boyle, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Casey, Christian, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan (part), Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McCracken, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Union, Washington, Webster

Eligible Teachers

- 3rd Congressional District
 - Jefferson County (part)

Membership rotates among the state's congressional districts in numerical order.



What Students, Teachers Gain from Board Membership







- Incredible experience and insight into educational policy in Kentucky.
- Familiarity with state laws, policies and administrative regulations as they relate to education.
- Knowledge about education issues as they relate to Kentucky and the nation.
- The ability to make a difference in Kentucky's educational policies.
- Student members also gain a mentoring relationship with a state board member and opportunities for career exploration.

Application and Selection Process

- Applications are due by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 11.
 - 2025-2026 KBE Non-voting Student application
 - 2025-2026 KBE Non-voting Teacher application
- 701 KAR 5:160 outlines the process for selection and appointment of the KBE non-voting student and teacher members.
- Contact KDE Director of Education Policy GlyptusAnn Grider Jones with questions.







Purple Star Program

Building Resiliency for Kentucky's Military Connected Youth

Kentucky Superintendent's Web Cast Meeting February 11, 2025

What is the Purple Star Award Program?



Vision: Every militaryconnected youth in Kentucky receives what they need to succeed.

Mission: Instill a sense of connection and strengthen resilience within Kentucky's military-connected youth.



The goals of the project are to:

1

Create
and sustain a
statewide support
system within
schools and
communities that
work together to
build resilience
and support for
military-connected
youth in Kentucky.

2.

Increase protective factors to help prevent substance use and behavioral health challenges among military -connected youth in Kentucky.

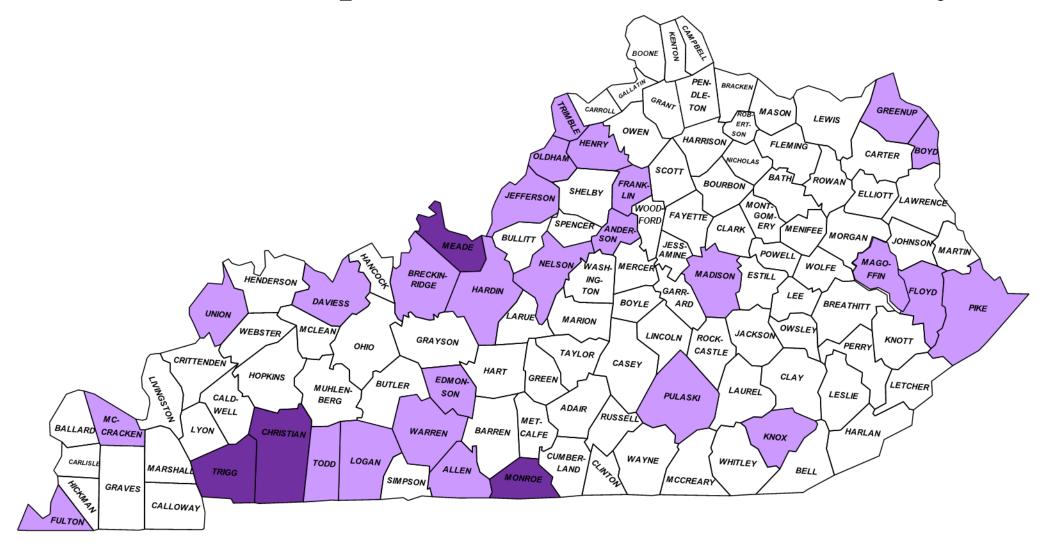
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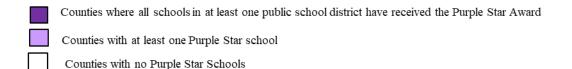
Partner
with schools
and communities to
foster diverse,
inclusive, and
supportive
environments for
military-connected
youth and families.

4.

Educate
the schools and
community on the
challenges faced by
military families.

Purple Star Schools in Kentucky

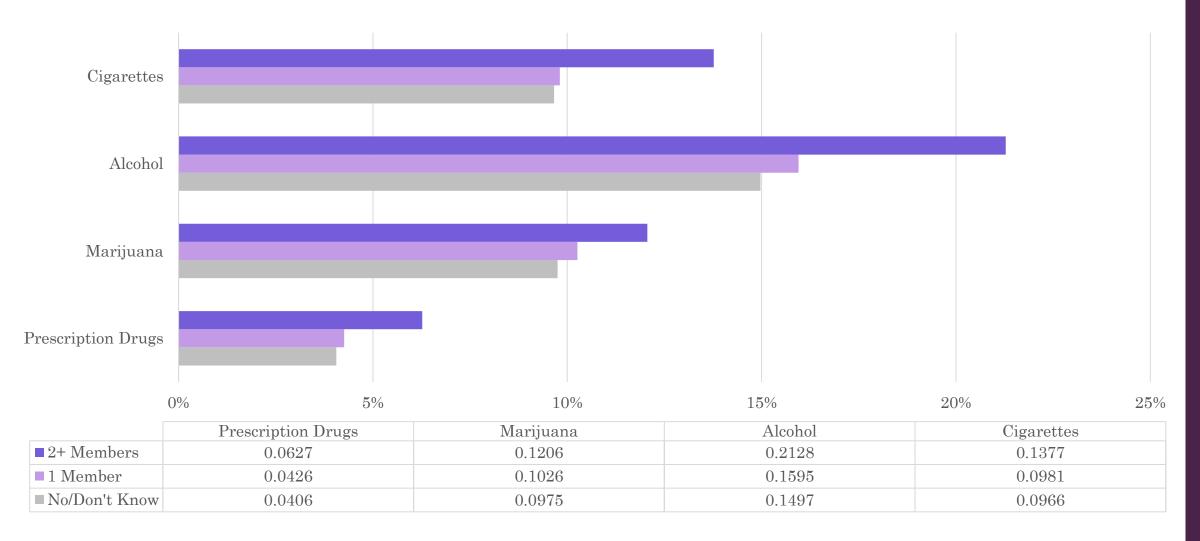




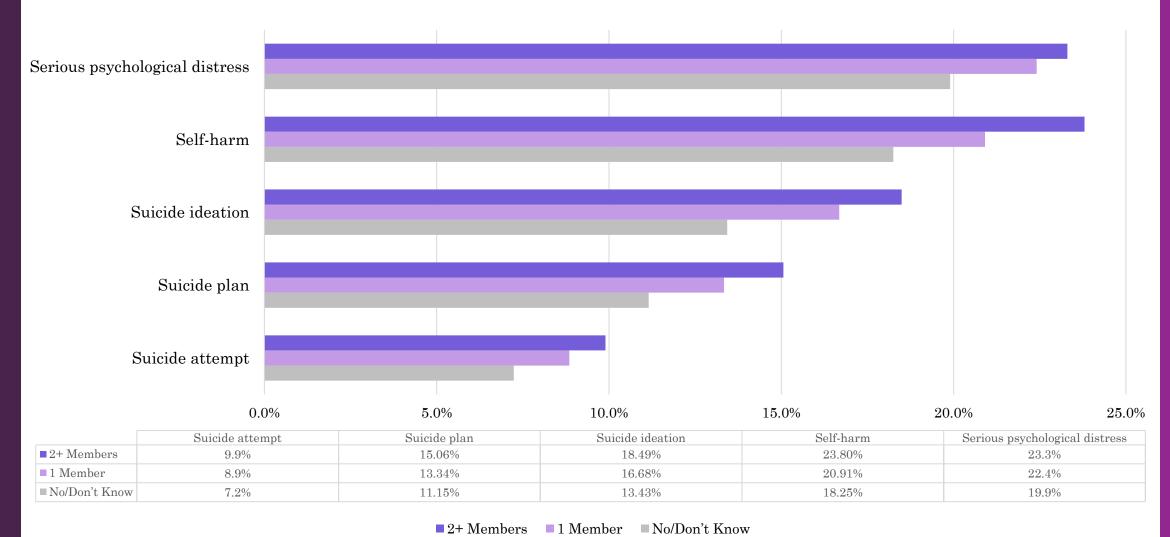
What Does the Purple Star Program Do?

- Helps military-connected youth overcome academic and socio-emotional challenges of military life (frequent moves parental, deployments).
- Provides military-connected youth with a point of contact who has been trained to deal with the unique challenges that military-connected youth face.
- Builds community-wide support for militaryconnected families.

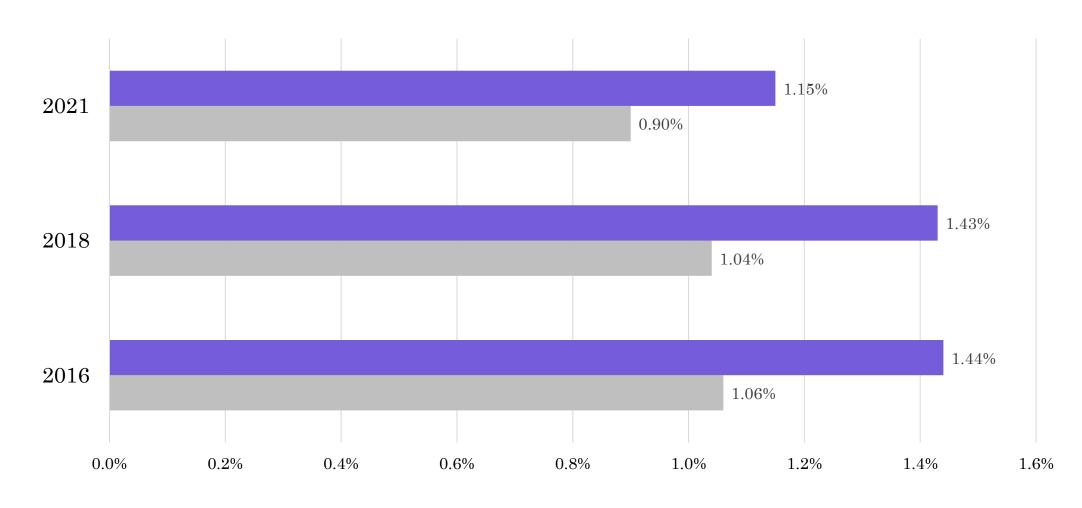
Military Youth Report Higher Rates of Past 30-Day Drug Use



Military Youth Report Higher Rates of Mental/Behavioral Health Problems



Military Youth Report Higher Rates of Peer Victimization





2019 Kentucky Teen Council Training

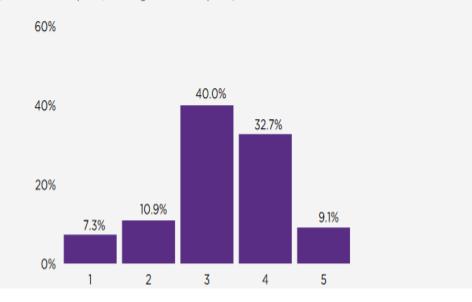
- Met with the Statewide Kentucky National Guard Teen Council during their annual training Day
- Showed them the 2018 KIP data on military connected youth
- Asked them to assess strengths and weaknesses within their schools and communities that impact the data results.

How Do We Know it Works?

Graph 7

"How would you rate the impact of the Purple Star program on the academic progress of military-connected children at your school?"

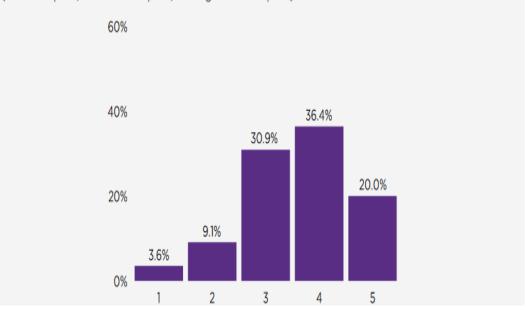
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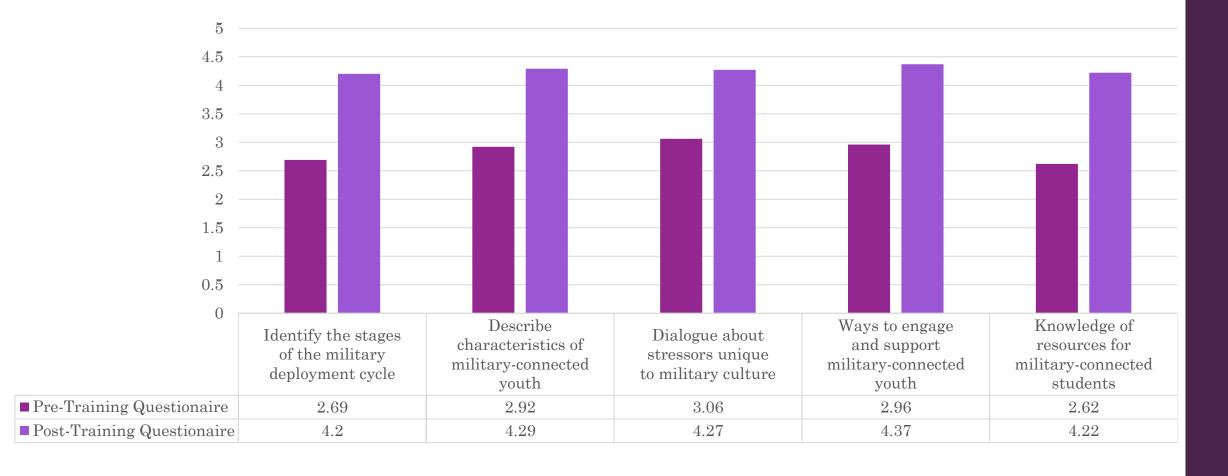
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"How would you rate the impact of the Purple Star program on the socio-emotional development of military-connected children at your school?"

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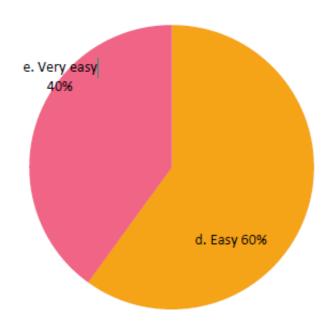


Purple Star Liaisons Report Increased Knowledge

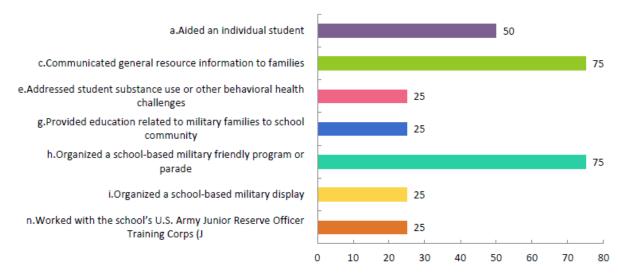


Preliminary State-Level Evaluation Results

How challenging has it been to maintain the Purple Star program at your school?



Below are some activities considered best practices to support military-connected youth and families by Purple Star schools across the United States. Please select all of the activities you have helped to facilitate in the past six months.



Purple Star Award Requirements

Identify

a military family liaison

Attend

the professional development training focused on military families

Complete

at least one additional military recognition activity

Create

a resource page on the school website

How to Apply for the Purple Star Award



Visit www.kypurpleschools.org



Submit application to the Advisory Board



Advisory Board reviews application and notifies the school



School receives Purple Star Designation



Schools must reapply every two years



Meet the Team















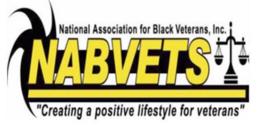
















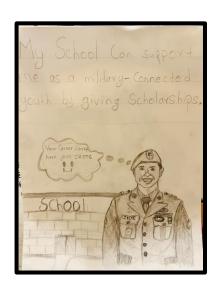


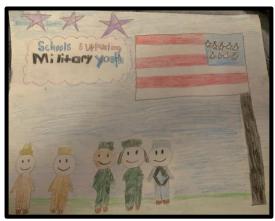




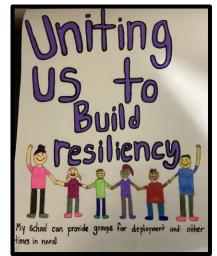


The Purple Star Military Youth Art Contest





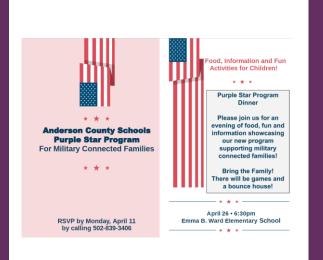
















Military Recognition Events

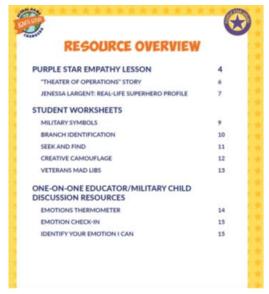


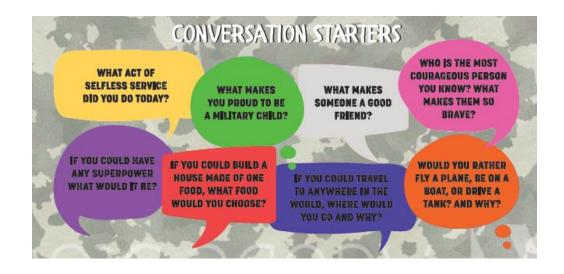


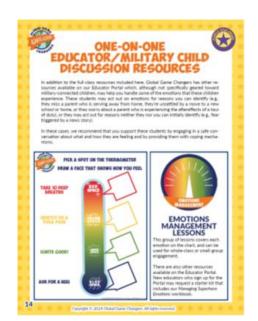
Other Resources













Purple Star Award Ceremonies













Call to Action

- Submit applications by February 15
- Applications can be accessed online at the Kentucky Purple Star Award Website www.kypurplestar.org
- Be our Next All Purple School District!





Purple Star Award Applications DUE February 15!





For More Information

Visit www.kypurplestar.org

Or

Contact georgianne.johnson@ky.gov



Education Apprenticeship

Mary Taylor

KDE Division of Technical Schools and Federal Programs







Regional Sessions on Educator Apprenticeships

REGISTER NOW!

MAR 10

MAR 11

MAR 13

Monday, March 10 | Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, Springfield Campus
Tuesday, March 11 | Hopkinsville Community & Technical College
Thursday, March 13 | Big Sandy Community & Technical College

9 a.m. -12:30 p.m. local time

Regional Sessions on Educator Apprenticeships

Regional information sessions for school districts, postsecondary education preparation providers and community colleges to learn more about how to implement K-12 Educator and Early Childhood Education Apprenticeships.

- Discover how apprenticeships are being utilized to create a sustainable pipeline of new K-12 and pre-school educators.
- Learn from districts, community colleges and education preparation providers on how they created partnerships to implement their successful models.
- There also will be breakout session on how Teaching and Learning and Early Childhood Education programs play an important role in this initiative.
- Information will be provided regarding funding opportunities.

Note: Due to venue space constraints, we ask that you limit registration to two attendees per organization. Thank you for understanding.

Contact: Mary Taylor

• ElLA credit available: 3.5 hours



Breakout session topics:

- Practitioner Presentations:
 - ✓ Nelson County Schools and Western Kentucky University
 - ✓ Bullitt County Schools and the University of Louisville
- Early Childhood Education Apprenticeships
- Teaching and Learning Pathway Implementation



THANK YOU!

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March Leadership Meeting 2025

Micki Ray
Chief Academic Officer
Office of Teaching and Learning



March Leadership Meeting 2025

- Academic Standards Review Process Update
 - O Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Reading and Writing, Social Studies and Mathematics
 - O New KAS for Visual and Performing Arts Resources
- TNTP Opportunity Makers Report (2024)
- KDE Resources to Support MTSS and Trajectory-Changing Practices
 - Intellectual Preparation Guidance Documents
 - Instructional Practice Guides
 - Integrating Deeper Learning and HQIR to Strengthen Tier 1 Instruction Modules



Meeting Logistics

- Intended audience: Superintendents, Chief Academic Officers, District Curriculum and Instruction Leads, District MTSS Coordinators and School Administrators
- Held <u>in-person</u> in partnership with the regional cooperatives (most sessions will accommodate 50-100 attendees)
- Sessions from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. local time



2025 March Leadership Dates

Date	Time	Cooperative Location
Thursday, March 6	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	SESC
Monday, March 10	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	NKCES
Thursday, March 13	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	KVEC
Friday, March 14	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	KEDC
Tuesday, March 18	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	OVEC
Friday, March 21	9 a.m 3 p.m. CT	GRREC
Tuesday, March 25	9 a.m 3 p.m. ET	CKEC
Friday, March 28	9 a.m 3 p.m. CT	WKEC

Click dates to access registration information.

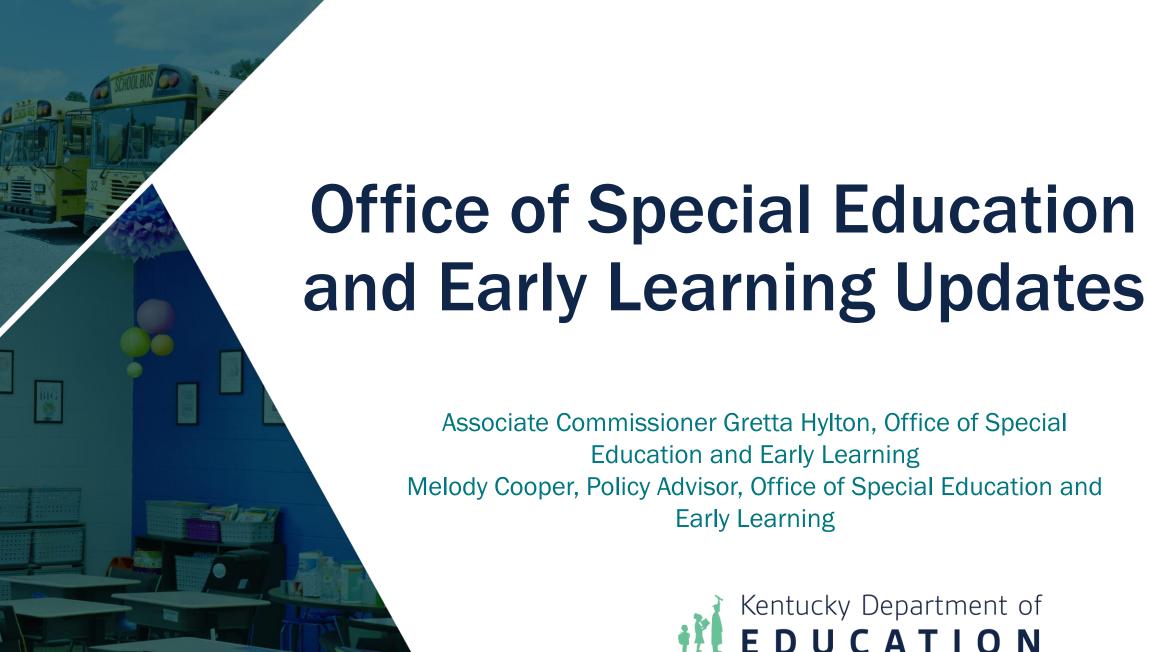


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State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)

- There are vacancies in these role groups.
 - Parents of individuals with disabilities
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Teachers, representatives of institutions of higher education, administrators of programs for children with disabilities



- * Listed as Children, Kentucky State Advisory Panel for Exceptional
- A majority of members must be individuals with disabilities or parents of individuals with disabilities (ages birth through 26).



Governor's Boards and Commissions website



Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Project

- Age of Learning is offering a no-cost, online educational experience for preschool-aged learners who may not be attending state-funded preschool programs.
- This work is the result of House Bill 695 (2024), sponsored by Rep. Kevin Jackson.
- Children whose families have a household income of no more than 200% of the federal poverty level are prioritized in the application requirements.
- District and school staff may contact <u>Kay Vines</u> at Age of Learning with questions.
- Families may apply for this opportunity on the <u>Age of Learning website</u>.
 - * A flier is available to share with families.







Important Dates

Education Professional Standards Board Feb. 18

Commissioner's Student Advisory Council Feb. 25

Superintendents Advisory Council Feb. 26

Principals Advisory Council
March 4

Educators Rising Kentucky State Conference, Louisville March 5

Teachers Advisory Council March 11

Superintendents Webcast March 11

