



KENTUCKY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KTAC)
January 13 (11a.m.- 4 p.m. ET) and January 14, 2026, (11a.m.- 4:00 p.m. ET)
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The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and recommendations relating to the development and modification to the assessment and accountability system, development of administrative regulations governing the assessment and accountability system, and the setting of standards used in assessment and accountability.

AGENDA

January 13, 2026

Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Stafford Ed.D, Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Review Agenda and Approve Minutes from January 28, 2025, Meeting

The Center for Assessment Staff

Science Standard Setting Review from September 4-5, 2025

Tracy Gardner, Senior Measurement Advisor, Pearson

Likun Hou, Senior Research Scientist, Pearson

Science Standard Setting Independent Review

Erika Landl, PhD, Senior Associate, The Center for Assessment

Questions about the Standard Setting Process or Independent Review

Tracy Gardner, Senior Measurement Advisor, Pearson

Likun Hou, Senior Research Scientist, Pearson

Erika Landl, PhD, Senior Associate, The Center for Assessment

Breakdown of Released Science Items

Abraham Rudnick, Science Content Specialist, Pearson

Denise Stiglich, Test Development Manager, Pearson

Study on Including Text to Speech and Accommodations into Equating

Likun Hou, Senior Research Scientist, Pearson

2026 Item Bank Review

Denise Stiglich, Test Development Manager, Pearson

Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council Update

Susan Strange, Strategic Plan Program Manager, Kentucky Department of Education

Future TAC Meeting Plans

Adjourn

January 14, 2026

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Jennifer Stafford, Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Review of Agenda

The Center for Assessment Staff

KDE Update

Office of Assessment and Accountability Staff, Kentucky Department of Education

HumRRO Research and Reports 2025-2026

Art Thacker, Chief Scientist, Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO)
Emily Dickinson, Principal Scientist, Human Resources Research Organization

EL Growth/Progress

The Center for Assessment Staff

Growth in Accountability

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TAC Priorities and Discussion

Summary and Next Steps

The Center for Assessment Staff

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