

Articulation Agreement

Kentucky Department of Education

And

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 502 Joint Educational Trust

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and the **Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 502 Joint Educational Trust** (hereafter "Program") enter into this Articulation Agreement on the **1st day of October in the year 2025**. KDE and the Program will work together to provide postsecondary opportunities for the Career & Technical Education (CTE) students with the Program.

General Agreement

The parties agree that Direct Interview will be awarded as follows, with the Program, provided a participating student:

1. Meets apprenticeship eligibility criteria;
2. Properly completes the online application process;
3. Has earned a high school diploma as prescribed by Kentucky law;
4. Has achieved a grade of "C" or better in Algebra or a higher math course;
5. Provides an instructor recommendation;
6. Completes the HVAC-R Pathway, and receives the HVAC-R Pathway Industry Certification (KY Journeyman HVAC-R License Exam)

The parties further agree:

1. Any applicant who has completed the requirements listed above will be awarded full reimbursement of the current year application fee, and;
2. Any applicant accepted into the apprenticeship program will be awarded full reimbursement for all yearly tuition fees required by the program (\$200/yr; \$1,000 max), disbursed yearly for 5 years.

The parties further agree:

- That the KDE personnel and the Program will strive to maintain relationships that will permit continued development, refinement, and implementation of all components of the program, including evaluation, marketing, counseling, recruitment, and retention plans.
- Neither KDE or the Program shall discriminate against any applicant or student on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, disability, national origin or any other classification protected by Federal or applicable State constitutional/or Statutory Laws.
- That this agreement is exclusive to KDE and the Program, and no assurance is given that courses awarded credit through this agreement will transfer to any other post-secondary institution.

Program Responsibilities

- Maintaining a United States Department of Labor federally registered apprenticeship program that remains in good standing.
- Tuition and other fees for courses shall be outlined in writing and provided to each student prior to enrollment.

CTE Program Responsibilities

- Promoting articulated credit opportunities among qualified high school students, parents, and high school faculty.
- Scheduling at least one classroom visit per year with a representative of the apprenticeship program.

Duration of Review

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective from the date of affixing signatures and is subject to annual review by all parties of signature. Any changes must be written and reflected in a new agreement. If no changes are indicated by the annual review, continuance of this Agreement will remain in effect until terminated. Either party may terminate this agreement immediately for cause or may terminate without cause on 30 days written notice. In the event this agreement is terminated, students who are impacted shall have the opportunity to obtain credit according to the terms herein.

This agreement shall become effective immediately and shall continue until termination as provided herein. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Kentucky law. Any suit, action or other proceeding regarding the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, or performance of this Agreement shall be filed in the Franklin Circuit Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This Agreement shall be subject to the general bylaws and/or policies or procedures of the entities entering into this Agreement that impact its subject and purpose. This Agreement shall not be modified or amended except in writing and signed by both parties. All attachments hereto shall be considered part of this Agreement. This Agreement further shall not be assigned without the express written consent of the parties.

In testimony thereof, witness the duly authorized signatures of the parties hereto:

Kentucky Department of Education



Dr. Robbie Fletcher
Commissioner of Education
Kentucky Department of Education

10/02/2025

Date

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 502 Joint Educational Trust



Nick Brown
Training Coordinator/Program Sponsor
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 502 Educational Trust

9/22/2025

Date