



TEDS Monthly Notes

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This month, I turn to the poets...

Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

- Edgar A. Guest -

*Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?*

*Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?*

*Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?*

*Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?*



Our Mission: Student Success

*2020 Career and Technical Education Summer Program
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The Invitation

- Oriah Mountain Dreamer -

Taking Multiple EOP Assessments

*"It doesn't interest me what you do for a living.
I want to know what you ache for and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing..."*

If a student has already passed another EOP or completed an industry certification, they are considered transition ready. However, we must consider their heart's longing (or that of their parents). If there are additional EOPs for which the student is eligible, let the student and parents decide whether to take the assessment. They may simply ache to not pay tuition when a test can exempt them. And no, it doesn't interest me what they eventually do for a living, as long as we have done our best to prepare them. If you have questions concerning EOP, please contact Sherri Craig at Sherri.Craig@education.ky.gov.

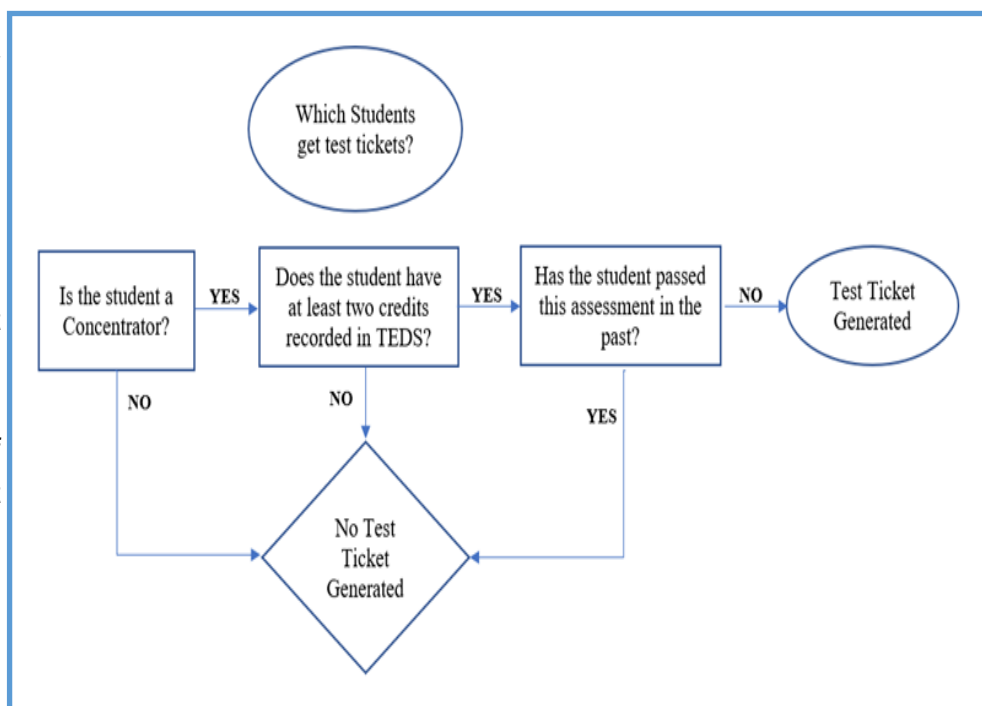
Dreams

- Langston Hughes -

Why Am I Missing EOP Test Tickets?

*"Hold fast to dreams. For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly...."*

After three years of nagging/cajoling/begging users to verify the accuracy of their data, we have begun automating some processes and validating others. The test tickets are one of those points of validation. All students who generate a test ticket must meet all requirements for the ticket. The flow chart shows how tickets were generated. If your students did not get a test ticket because of user error, hold fast to your dreams. Don't become that proverbial broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Acknowledge the error and work



for a solution. It is too late to make changes to test tickets based on school or district errors. However, students can still take industry certifications to meet requirements to become state transition ready. And remember: if the student is an underclassman, there is always next year.

Still I Rise

- Maya Angelou -

Moving Forward, Doing Better

*"You may write me down in history, with your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt, but still, like dust, I'll rise..."*

This year, you were granted an additional two weeks to review and verify your TEDS data in preparation for test tickets. This extra time provided an excellent opportunity for you to verify and clean data. We are now past that window and the dust has settled. If you find that you missed something, don't tread me (or yourselves) in the very dirt. Let us use this as a learning opportunity knowing that like dust, we can still rise.

Be prepared to talk with students, parents and administrators to explain what happened. More importantly, be prepared to move forward with a plan to ensure that we all rise. Remember: the deadline has passed, and we can no longer make changes or add tickets. Let's write a new history...

Live Your Creed

- Langston Hughes -

Leading by Example

*"I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.
I'd rather one walk with me than just to show the way...."*

Please understand that we are not being hardnosed or obstinate just because. Our responsibility to the integrity of the data we use to represent the success and challenges of our state has a great impact on our funding. We feel it is important that we "walk the walk" and "talk the talk". In other words, we feel the need to live our creed. We place on ourselves the same expectations of accuracy and punctuality we place on our students and children. When we make mistakes, we correct them as quickly as we can (when we can), endure the consequences and move forward.

As we continue to ensure the fidelity of this most important data, we ask that you help us help you. Lead your students and colleagues by example. Show them the importance of the work that is required. If you aren't sure why it's important, reach out to us. We are willing to help.

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If

- Rudyard Kipling -

Closing Data Reviews

*"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too..."*

Measure twice and cut once is sound advice, particularly if you have a shortage of materials. Our primary material is time. What we do with it when dealing with data can make difference. We advise each school to have at least two users and the district to have two different users for TEDS. We trust ourselves, but we have to allow for doubt. Each TEDS Monthly Note goes through at least three editing reviews before it is posted. Why? Because my mind will autocorrect anything written by me to say exactly what I intended. Fresh eyes can bring to light errors in my logic, syntax and grammar. Likewise, remember the importance of checking and double checking your data. Automated end of year processes will work with whatever data exists. It is up to each school and district to ensure that we are not dealing with garbage in, garbage out. Yes, we trust you and your work, but allow for doubt and plan to have someone else check everything before you put paid to your data.

Somebody Said It Couldn't Be Done

- Edgar A. Guest -

Upcoming Deadlines

*"Somebody said it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one who wouldn't say so till he'd tried..."*

Impossible is nothing. You should at least try before you accept it. For starters, since it might not be quick, you should check your timeline. Certainly, you don't want to be accused of closing the barn door after the horses are out, do you? Don't start the impossible without referring to the Secondary Schools Timeline on the main TEDS website. What is impossible is turning back time. Don't be late!

Thinking

- Walter D. White -

Contact Us

"If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't..."

Don't be "scurred". If you think it is too hard, it is. But, we are here to show you how easy or at least doable it can be. If you are uncertain about what to do to ensure your CTE, TEDS, Perkins or transition readiness data is accurate, we are here to help. Don't start off thinking you are beaten. Be daring. Pick up the phone (or a keyboard). Reach out to us.

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