

TEDS Monthly Notes

CTE Technical Education Database System

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“Some of our children are our justifications and some are but our regrets.”

- Khalil Gibran, Sand and Foam -

Why do you do what you do? Why are we in schools? We (I) justify my work because it helps our children prepare for the future. When it comes to them, dying on a hill for them is worth it. It is when I feel like I have not done enough that I feel regret. Can I (we) save them all? No, but did I try? That is the question that keeps me going. I hope it is the same for you, at least some of the time. What I do can be justified by the success of those I impact. It is also tarnished. Not by those I didn't save, but by those I didn't at least try to save. It is my goal to ensure that my justifications far outweigh my regrets. How is your beam balancing today? Let's make a difference!

“In that moment I understood that the cruelest words in the universe are if only.”

- Lisa See, Peony in Love -

TEDS Training

Training dates are posted each month for sessions from August through June. It would not be good to find yourself locked out when there is a looming deadline. Each time you log into TEDS, you should check your training date. As a reminder, we inserted a countdown clock to run from 120 days before your time is up. It is good to find yourself a TEDS buddy to share the load. Don't fall into the trap of “if only I weren't locked out of TEDS...” You shouldn't have to explain why a deadline was missed, Particularly if it affects a students' outcomes...

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“There are two kinds of guilt: the kind that drowns you until you're useless, and the kind that fires your soul to purpose.”

- Sabaa Tahir, An Ember in the Ashes -

4-Course Identification for Valid Pathways Is Open

The window is now open for schools to identify the primary 4-course sequence that will be offered to claim a valid, fundable pathway. Training for this process will begin in March. This training is SEPARATE from your required TEDS training and should last less than an hour. In the meantime, we have posted an [FAQ for Course Identification](#). Accurate course identification determines whether your pathway can be funded. Last year, I erred on the dates for this process and have since been spurred to purpose. Don't drown, join us in purpose. Watch for the posting of a few short training sessions. In the meantime, you can find instructions on how to [Identify Courses for Each Valid Pathway](#) on the [TEDS Step-by-Step](#) web page.

“Four things do not come back: the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity.”

- Ted Chiang, The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate -

Where Are My Test Tickets?

From November to February 1 test ticket records were updated daily and all schools had the opportunity to verify the accuracy of that data. We hope it was not a neglected opportunity. Here are some important things to know about EOP and TRACK test tickets:

1. If your students passed the Horticulture and Plant Science EOP in the past, they may get a test ticket again. This is because the name changed and TEDS now sees it as a new test. Don't worry. They do not have to take the test again. Simply securely destroy the ticket.
2. The window for verifying your test tickets has closed. Remember, you still must verify that you got the tickets you should have gotten. As of February 1, the test ticket report will not update. Unfortunately, we cannot find a way to make updates for incorrect information.
3. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure data is entered correctly. If the student is unable to take an EOP assessment due to inaccurate data entry, it is the responsibility of the data entry staff and the school. If those students are not seniors and they take a course next year (the 2024-2025 school year), their data can be updated at that time, and they would then be eligible to take an EOP assessment in the spring of 2025. If they are seniors, they are eligible to take an [industry certification assessment](#).

“Regret is mostly caused by not having done anything.”

- Charles Bukowski, You Get So Alone at Times That it Just Makes Sense -

How Clean Is Your Data?

- ◇ “But that was next on my list.” Don't let the list catch up to you. Good intentions do not make good paving material. Check your data often and ensure it is clean. Clean data is happy data. There is no joy in saying, “Your data is not clean and cannot be fixed at this point.” No regrets. If you want clean data:
- ◇ When you enroll students in pathways,
 - ◆ The student should know they are in that pathway (no surprises).
 - ◆ The correct credit hours must be posted. Then, **credit hours must be updated whenever they change on the official transcript** (e.g., end of semester/trimester).
- ◇ When a student earns an industry certification for their chosen pathway, it should be properly entered in TEDS as soon **as the information is received from the instructor** and in 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**.
- ◇ **NO DATA HOSTAGES. Clean data is happy data.**

Miscalculations or forgetfulness can hurt the school, the district and most importantly, the student. That is a mistake that can last a long time. **NO DATA HOSTAGES.**

“Only sometimes when we pick and choose among the rules we discover later that we have set aside something precious in the process.”

- Helen Simonson, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand-

Co-Op Rules

Rules is rules. Grammatically incorrect? Yes, and yet, the words still ring true. Co-op guidance is a legislative mandate. It is, in fact, the rules. The co-op regulation, [705 KAR 4:041](#) gives very specific ways a student can legally co-op. They include the following:

A student must fit one of these categories: .

- a. Be enrolled in a course included within the student’s chosen career pathway within the same academic year;
- b. Be a completer in the career pathway they are co-oping in by the end of their junior year; or
- c. Be Enrolled in an approved pre-apprenticeship program.

If your student does not meet one of these criteria, they cannot legally co-op.

“Sometimes I wish life was written in pencil so we could erase it and write it all over again.”

- Thisuri Wanniarachchi, COLOMBO STREETS -

Upcoming Deadlines

If you could go back in time and do that over, would you? It is amazing how many say, “No”. even when the original outcome was not the greatest. Why? Because what we do in life echoes in eternity. No pencils. No erasers. It all matters. Not remembering about it does not change it. I have found, however, that following a timeline like the TEDS [Secondary Schools Timeline](#) on the main [TEDS website](#) helps. Go ahead. Start your echo.

March 1	Window opens for basic 4-course identification for pathways for 24-25
March 31	2nd Semester Enrollment Data completed in TEDS

“I just wish I’d asked you sooner. We could’ve had ages... months... years maybe...”

- J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince -

Contact Us

Well... Maybe not years, but you had asked sooner, it might have hurt less. Don’t waste the time you are given. Learn from others when you can. We don’t know everything, but we know a good bit. Give us a call. We are waiting.

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2024 State Career and Technical Student Organization Competitions

(All Events in Louisville unless indicated)

FCCLA - March 27, Galt House

SkillsUSA - April 17-20, Crowne Plaza

FBLA - April 8-9, Galt House

FFA - June 5-7, Central Bank Center (Lexington)

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