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## Snow Day

*Lisa Loeb*

I know. The new four-letter word that has become the scourge of our day-to-day existence: SNOW. I think we (adults) have had enough snow days to last us a lifetime. But look on the bright side: as the snow clears out, we can see the sun finally shining through. For some of us, it is a preview of what is to come in May! Each year we strive to ensure that our sun shines through and helps prepare our students to graduate. When it comes time, they may remember the snow day and the struggles that came along for the ride, but what will stick with them is the help they received during and after the storm that made riding it out all the more worthwhile. While anyone can say, "It could be worse", it is our responsibility to ensure that they always see better. By the way, Happy Mardi Gras (February 17 this year)! Laissez les bons temps rouler!! Let the Good Times Roll!!!

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## Snow White

*Boyz II Men*

## TEDS Training

This storm has caused many of us to lose track of our day-to-day responsibilities. As things get back to normal, we hope that we can all get back in stride. While Snow White had seven little people depending on her, the data we are responsible for supports many more. If you are not sure whether you might lose access to the data for those little human beings, log in and look in the upper right-hand corner for the date of your last training. If you are locked out, you may need to register for a TEDS training session. Dates are posted on the TEDS website the Monday following the currently posted session.

## Amid the Falling Snow

*Enya*

## EOP and TRACK Test Tickets Review

The window for verifying available EOP and TRACK test tickets has now closed. We urge you to check your EOP Test Ticket and TRACK Test reports. Remember: For a student to generate a test ticket, they must meet **ALL** requirements for the ticket. If you find that a test ticket has not been correctly identified the only remaining option, as we are now amid the falling snow of the testing window, is to take an industry certification assessment for their pathway in order to meet requirements for state-level postsecondary readiness. If the student is an underclassman, there is always next year.

## Snowbird

*Anne Murray*

### Pathway Additions and Modifications

It's that time of year when we must decide whether to add new pathway options, remove old pathway options or alter existing pathways for our school. So, while we dig out of the recent snow and ice and the unborn grass lies waiting for its coat to turn to green, we have decisions to make. Don't wait until it's too late and you find the thing that you want most in TEDS is no longer possible. Make sure you have the pathway updates and removals you need. Don't let the opportunity, like the snowbird, spread its tiny wings and fly away.

**REMEMBER:** If it is not in the published Program of Studies for a specific pathway (not just program area) you will need to submit a modification request.

The instructions for how to Request to ADD or REMOVE a Pathway for the 26-27 school year can be found on the TEDS Step-by-Step website at <https://www.education.ky.gov/CTE/teds/Pages/TEDSStepbyStep.aspx>.

## Roses in the Snow

*EmmyLou Harris*

### Co-Op Rules

Sometimes getting the right information is like trying to find roses in the snow. Don't give up. It's not impossible. You just need the proper instructions for navigating the co-op rules. [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:

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

I know we are tired of the snow by now, but finding a rose by any other name will be just as sweet!

## Clear as the Driven Snow

*Doobie Brothers*

### How Clean Is Your Data

Clear as the driven snow is not exactly a great analogy when I look outside after these past few days. However, there was work to be done while that snow drove us under wraps. It gave us time to verify our digital data and ensure it was clean. Still on snow day lockdown? This is a great time to verify some steps to drive that snow/data plow with confidence:

- When you enroll students in pathways,
  - The students 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.
- NO DATA HOSTAGES. Clean data is happy data.



## First Snow in Kokomo

*Aretha Franklin*

### Upcoming Deadlines

The Beach Boys never saw it coming, but Aretha was prepared. Just because it doesn't happen often doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Be prepared for that first snow in Kokomo by reviewing your **TEDS Secondary Schools Timeline** on the main **TEDS website**.

<b>February 1</b>	Deadline for students to be marked Concentrator for EOP and TRACK
<b>February 1</b>	Window opens for adding new pathways and requesting modifications to existing pathways for 2026-2027
<b>March 31</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Enrollment Data completed in TEDS

## When Snow Flakes Fall in the Summer

*Julie London*

### Contact Us

Don't run from knowledge. Don't engage in a race of doom. Ask your friends at KDE CTE Data Services. Doom and gloom not allowed. For a bright spot in your day, give us a call.

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## Upcoming Conferences



**Kentucky Association for Career &  
Technical Education**

<https://kyacte.org/kentucky-cte-summer-program/>



**National Association for Career &  
Technical Education Information**

<https://nactei.org/conference/>