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The World Isn't Fair

Randy Newman

While this may be true, it is not all bad. How often have we not been penalized for something when we were expecting it? We are usually rather thankful that we did not get what we “deserved”. As small children we often felt anything that did not go our way was not fair. As we grew, we learned that this statement was not as cut and dried as we once believed. We learned that many things factored into what happened in our lives. We also learned (hopefully) how to work through those things that still did not seem fair in our eyes. AND... we have survived! One part of our task now is to help our students build up these bits of knowledge, strategies and understanding to navigate life even when the world isn't fair. We can provide them with meaning. Moreover, we can teach them to understand what Marcus Aurelius meant when he said, “You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.” Teach them to stay strong!

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In Fair Light

Big Wreck

TEDS Training

Ensure your active status in TEDS is more than just a thought while time is still in fair light. Don't risk playing out static plans only to find out your account is locked when you need it most. 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.

The Fair's Moving On

Elvis Presley

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. Don't wait until it's too late. Don't wait until it's late and no prizes are left to be won. Make sure you have the pathway updates and removals you need before the fair's moving on. 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>.

It's Hard But It's Fair

Joe Bonamassa

How Clean Is Your Data?

It is important that your data be accurate. As some have noticed in the past, inaccurate data has led to loss of test tickets, accountability points and even funding. We do our best to keep you up to speed, but the final results are up to you. We hold our students to certain expectations about their responsibilities for class work and homework. We hold them to deadlines as well. Be the example. Don't let a deadline cause you grief. I know, it's hard but it's fair.

Verify your data often:

- Know who your partners (e.g., Infinite Campus Coordinator, EOP Assessment Coordinator, CTE teachers) are and communicate with them. They are the source of much of your data
- 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.

A Fair Wind

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Closing Tasks EARLY REMINDERS

It's not here yet, but the end of the year is quickly approaching. We are past Daylight Savings. Spring Break will be here soon. Don't let a fair wind slip past you. Work with your other TEDS coordinator (I hope you're not trying to do this all alone). A second set of eyes is not just helpful - it's essential. Check and double-check your data. As you prepare to close out your TEDS data, make sure to review the following:

- **School Deadline.** Do you know when your school's Infinite Campus will close for the year? If you don't know, find out. You need to complete your last export before that date.
Remember:
 - You cannot remove an end date on the TEDS tab in Infinite Campus unless the student is currently enrolled in a class in that pathway.
 - If you remove the end date on the TEDS tab in Infinite Campus during the current Infinite Campus year (2025-2026), the student will remain active in TEDS. If the student is NOT in a course in a valid pathway during the current school year this will count as a data violation and potentially a funding violation as well.
 - If you remove the end date on the TEDS tab in Infinite Campus AFTER YOUR IC HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (2025-2026), the student will be active in Infinite Campus for 2026-2027 even if they are NOT in a course in a valid pathway in 2026-2027, this will be counted as a data violation and potentially a funding violation
- **Credits.** Make sure what is in TEDS has been updated to match the transcript (through your final export/import process) at the end of the year BEFORE you leave for the summer.
NOTE: If you are a **postsecondary institution** and you are providing courses for SECONDARY students:
 - The correct count is ONE credit for the SECONDARY transcript and in TEDS.
 - Yes, they can still get 3 credits on their POSTSECONDARY/COLLEGE transcript (just NOT in TEDS)
- **Student Objective.** Again, make sure what is in TEDS has been updated to match the TEDS tab in IC (through the export/import process) Is this student exploring or a concentrator? Are you sure?
NOTE: If you are a **postsecondary institution** and you are providing courses for SECONDARY students:
 - A secondary student MUST complete 2 courses in a single program of study to be a concentrator
 - In Kentucky, a course is defined as 1 secondary credit on the student's official transcript.
- **Industry Certifications.** Have all attempts at industry certifications been entered in TEDS? Have all the teachers verified that they have provided all the information?

If you have any questions concerning the completion of this is data, please reach out to your school-level TEDS coordinator.

It Might As Well Be Spring (from State Fair)

Richard Rodgers

EOP and TRACK Test Tickets

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. Don't get "restless as a willow in a windstorm" or as "jumpy as a puppet on a string." Remember: For a student to generate a test ticket, they must meet **ALL** requirements for the ticket (see #4 of the EOP [Critical Deadlines](#)) or speak with your EOP Coordinator for more details. You won't be "giddy as a baby on a swing" if you find that a test ticket has not been correctly identified. The only remaining option then will be 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.

Fairly Odd Parents

Butch Hartman (Nickelodeon)

Co-op Rules

While we try to prepare our kids for the future, we need to make sure the way we provide opportunities for them is fair and, well, legal. That means when we send them off on a job, we must be sure to follow 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 they sometimes see us as fairly odd parents, but we must stand and be true to their needs and their success.

Scarborough Fair

Simon and Garfunkel

Upcoming Dadtlines

"Are you goin' to Scarborough Fair?..." Sorry for giving you that earworm. While you may be able to "remember me to one who lives there..." doesn't mean you will remember everything. For the bits of everything that involve activities in TEDS, be sure to review your [TEDS Secondary Schools Timeline](#) on the main [TEDS website](#).

March 31	2 nd Semester Enrollment Data completed in TEDS
June 15	TEDS End of Year Data entered in IC and imported to TEDS (Remember to check ALL students, not just active) - Semester Data (credits, student objectives, etc.) ** MUST be completed BEFORE local IC End of Year Script is run

Fair Game

Dayglow

Contact Us

We don't want you to become disillusioned, and you shouldn't lose your mind trying to understand the way things work in TEDS. Remember, all questions about TEDS are fair game. We at KDE CTE Data Services will do our best to help sort out any issues. Give us a call.

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Upcoming State and National 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/>

Career and Technical Student Organizations Conferences

TSA State Conference

March 16-17

Downtown Louisville Marriott

HOSA State Leadership Conference

March 18-21

Louisville Crowne Plaza

FCCLA State Leadership Conference

March 24-27

Galt House, Louisville

SkillsUSA State Conference

March 30-April 2

Louisville Crowne Plaza

FBLA State Conference

April 27-29

Galt House, Louisville