



Silent Scream

Anna Blue

*Just let me be who I am
It's what you really need to understand
And I hope so hard for the pain to go away
And it's torturing me but I can't break free
So I cry and cry, but just won't get it out
The silent scream...*

As we welcome our students back to school, it's worth remembering that it's been a long summer filled with very different experiences. Some students started new jobs, discovered new opportunities, built new friendships, or experienced difficult losses. And despite what they may say ("Don't walk so close to me," "Stop embarrassing me," or "Leave me alone"), they still need us.

The lyrics, "Just let me be who I am... it's what you really need to understand," remind us that young people often carry struggles we cannot see. Behind a smile, a burst of energy, or even a quiet withdrawal, there may be a "silent scream" longing to be heard.

As we begin this school year, let's make room for our students to be who they are. Let's choose understanding before judgment, patience before assumptions, and presence before solutions. A kind word, a listening ear, or a simple check-in can make a lasting difference.

Let's help every student feel seen, valued, and supported. Sometimes hope begins when one person takes the time to notice. Here's to a great school year ahead!

Scream and Run Away

The Gothic Archies

TEDS Training

The August training rush is over. Do I want to scream and run away? Maybe... For what it's worth, beginning in September, there will be ONE session per month. If you are new to TEDS, I will do my best to make the sessions as informative as possible. If you are signing up for the required update, you can scream, but you have already chosen not to run away. At any rate, whether you are new or experienced in TEDS, I will do my best to keep the screams to a minimum. Remember, each session date will be posted on the TED website the Monday following the currently posted session.

 Your account will lock in 56 day(s) unless you register and attend a mandatory TEDS training. Please contact the Kentucky Department of Education TEDS Coordinator to schedule training immediately.

One last thing: When you are within 4 months of your two-year access, a bright orange bar will pop up each time you log into TEDS. Missed the deadline? Don't scream. TEDS tried to tell you.

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Places For People That Scream

Powerman 5000

Making Good Use of the Open House District and School Directory

Nothing makes sense and nowhere to run.

This is the place for people that scream.

Hiding away nothing is quite what it seems...

The [Kentucky Department of Education Open House District and School Directory](#) can be a perfect place for finding how to contact your local who's who. Alas, it does require some periodic attention. When we use the school directory to find out who to contact and find a blank or the name of someone who retired two years ago, the directory becomes one of the places for people that scream. Those screams are often unrepeatable. If you are reading this, take a moment to click on the link to the directory and make sure what is listed is correct. If not, tell somebody, maybe your WAAPOC (Web Administration App Point of Contact) so the screams can stop.

Scream of Anger

Europe

Enrollment Do's and Don'ts (Learning from Our Mistakes)

There are times when mistakes make me want to scream. Fortunately, I sometimes learn from my mistakes. Occasionally, the end result is a better experience with TEDS. Let us avoid the all-too-common scream of anger by exposing some common mistakes that have brought us thus far on the way.

1. READ EVERYTHING BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING

- a. Don't add details
- b. Don't change anything that is preset unless the instructions tell you to.

2. DO NOT REMOVE END DATES UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN A CLASS FOR THE PATHWAY IN THE CURRENT YEAR

- a. An end date on the TEDS tab in IC stops the record from being exported to TEDS.
- b. If you remove the end date and click save, the student will be active for the rest of the year and will remain active the whole year even if you put the end date back. WHY? Because the only end date that counts is the one that is entered on the enrollment tab by the school or district level Infinite Campus coordinator AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR as part of the IC rollover process.
- c. If a student is identified as active for 26-27 and NOT in a course for the pathway, that is a FUNDING VIOLATION, as you are claiming to provide service to a student when you are not.

3. DO NOT ENROLL A STUDENT IN EVERY PATHWAY THAT COUNTS JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE TAKING A CERTAIN CLASS

- a. There is no viable reason to enroll the student in every possible pathway just because the class counts.
- b. Encourage CAREER COUNSELING. Ask the student what their interests are and enroll them in that pathway. If the student later changes his/her mind, enroll them in a different pathway.
- c. If you are not the one who advises the student, pass this message on to those who do.

4. READ EVERYTHING BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING

Make Me Wanna Scream

Blu Cantrell

Home School Report and T1 Attend Hours

"Day after day you're telling me your story ..."

We trust every word of your story. Until we find we can't verify it. That is when it makes me wanna scream. To streamline processes, we have combined deadlines. The deadline for first semester enrollment in TEDS is **December 1**. Also, the T1 Attend Hours and the Home School Reports (for ATCs and KCTCS) will lock on December 1. If you are an ATC or KCTCS school, you have until **December 15** to submit SIGNED versions of your Home School Reports.

IMPORTANT: You can't review your data in a report until the day after import, so don't wait until the last day to upload your data. Thanksgiving is the week before the deadline. Maybe make Thanksgiving a personal deadline so you are not rushing. Just thinking out loud...

Scream

Michael Jackson vs Janet Jackson

Patience Is a Virtue: When Do I Enroll Students in Pathways?

*"Peek in the shadow, come into the light.
You tell me I'm wrong, then you better prove you're right..."*

Occasionally, a question deserves additional questions. When that happens, don't. Scream. Questions can help you be sure you are doing things decently and in order.

Does the course this student is enrolled in count for the pathway they have chosen? Yes.

Is that specific course code part of a schoolwide requirement for graduation?

- If YES, wait. Do not enroll the student in that pathway until they are enrolled in a second, non-school-required course that counts for the same pathway. THEN you can count the CREDIT earned from the required course (but not the attend hours if the course was taken in a previous year).
- If NO, proceed as usual. Enroll the student in the pathway, count attend hours and credit hours scheduled to be earned.

Don't scream. We peeked into the shadow and brought you into the light. If you tell me TEDS is wrong, be prepared to prove you're right. I promise we'll listen. Help us keep our data accurate.

When the Eagles Scream

Motörhead

What to do When Your Students Take CTE Classes at KCTCS

*"I'll tell you what it was that drove us on.
The certainty that we were right, and the enemy was wrong..."*

There really aren't any enemies here; just various allies that help our kids reach their goals. Some of us partner with ATCs, and others with KCTCS. ATCs are in Infinite Campus, and their work can be easily tracked and validated. KCTCS enter data separately. As the students' home high school, you are empowered to verify the information that your KCTCS partners are required to enter. Grades, industry certifications, updates to credits and/or student objectives should be provided in TEDS in a timely manner. If you feel it is not happening or you need to check the status of the data input, you can reach out to KCTCS directly for information. The current KCTCS contact for all campuses, Alyse Bergman, has provided her email - alyse.bergman@kctcs.edu and phone number - (615) 293-7655 for your convenience. Feel free to copy kdedctedataservices@education.ky.gov if you have issues with getting your KCTCS data in a timely manner.

This Is Usually the Part Where People Scream

Alesana

How Clean Is Your Data?

Welcome to part 1 of our annual diatribe on data accuracy. Yes, your data may start out a bit rough, but it can get better. Honestly, this is usually the part where people scream. But not you. You have the digital fortitude to stay on top of your data and you refuse to let it struggle. The year has just begun, so let's start with this:

- Know who your partners (e.g., Infinite Campus Coordinator, EOP Assessment Coordinator, CTE teachers) are and communicate with them. Regularly. 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.

Scream and Shout

Britney Spears/Will.i.am

Pathway Course Identification: What Are You Teaching Those Kids?

Once again, we need to know what courses you are offering for each of your pathways. Before you decide to scream and shout and let it all out, know that this is different from before. We do not need to know any specific four-course sequence. All we need is for you to identify the courses you are offering this year (by state course code) for each of your pathways. There are very easy to follow instructions for how to **Identify Pathway Course Offerings** on the [step-by-step website](#). Prior to TEDS unlocking for 26-27, we will also provide a link in a separate email to a short video on course identification. Did someone say update your district and schools directory? There is one catch: You must identify your courses BEFORE you test or attempt a full import. Otherwise, you will get an import error. If you don't fix the errors, you will have a new reason to scream and shout because TEDS won't let identified errors in.

Scream It Out

Ellie Goulding

Co-op Rules

"I think I'll let fate just take me home..."

Fate is a fickle companion. Sometimes it works in our favor and other times not so much. Make sure your co-op students never have to scream it out because they have been touched by the fickle finger of fate. Share with them, and follow, the co-op rules. Co-op guidance is a legislative mandate. The co-op regulation, [705 KAR 4:041](#) gives very specific ways a student can legally co-op. They are as follows:

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.

If your student does not meet one of these criteria, they cannot legally co-op. Don't let the co-op experience end with screaming!

Shout and Scream

Teddy Pendergrass

Upcoming Deadlines

New school year. Fresh start. Our students have deadlines, and we hold them responsible for meeting them. We have deadlines, and we should do the same. No data hostages. No excuses. No "Get Out of Jail Free" cards. No calling in favors. Let's vow to set the example we want our students to emulate. No need for them or us to shout and scream. Review the [TEDS Secondary Schools Timeline](#). No excuses.

October 1	TEDS unlocked for 2026-2027
December 1	1st semester/1st trimester/Fall semester enrollment data for all ATC, high school and postsecondary schools due in TEDS Home School Reports Lock (ATCs and postsecondary schools) T1 Attend Hours Lock (ALL secondary and postsecondary)

Scream My Name

Thomas LaRosa

Contact Us

School has begun, and we must be adults again. What comes first? Review the Step-by-Step instructions. Still not sure? Scream my name. Well, not MY name. More like my team's name. Don't be scared. Contact us.

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