



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(KDE)**

Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC)

SUMMARY

May 27, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kirk Biggerstaff, Vice Chair Harry Burchett, Thom Cochran, David Cox, Sheila Mitchell, Henry Webb, Russ Tilford, Brian Alexander, David Trimble

Agenda Item: Work-Based Learning Placements for State Accountability

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D.

Summary of Discussion: Hargis explained that KRS 158.6455 allows for cooperatives that are not offered as a high school course or during the regular school day, week or year be included as a postsecondary readiness indicator for state accountability if they are aligned to a credential or associate degree and include a minimum of 300 hours. These work-based learning placements must be brought forth to LSAC prior to being considered by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) for approval. Hargis reported that for 2024-25, the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) received 12 applications and recommend five for approval. In 2023-2024, the OCTE received 42 applications and recommended eight for approval. The percentage of approval increased from 19% in 2023-2024 to 42% in 2024-2025. While fewer applications were submitted, the quality of applications improved. Hargis provided the rubric questions used as part of the evaluation of applications and asked the committee if they had any input regarding the applications before taking them to the KBE. No input from the committee was provided.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the recommended work-based learning placements to receive career and readiness status in the accountability system. The motion was made by Trimble and seconded by Tilford. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with the Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher, Ed.D., and staff, this item will be presented to the members of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Perkins Policy and Procedure Manual

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and Lori Looney

Summary of Discussion: Hargis and Looney shared that the Perkins Policy and Procedure Manual was developed for all stakeholders to allow for full transparency of how the OCTE administers Perkins funding. The handbook is in alignment with current operations. Hargis also shared that they received the 2026 federal Perkins allocation and while it went down \$7,388 from the previous year's allocation, \$22,018,247 was still received.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the Perkins Policy and Procedure Manual and corresponding Time and Effort Certification form. The motion was made by Cochran and seconded by Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 704 KAR 8:080, Required academic standards in career studies and financial literacy

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., Sharon Collins and Lauren Graves, Ph.D.

Summary of Discussion: Hargis, Collins and Graves provided an overview of the Career Studies and Financial Literacy revision process, timeline and the individuals that participated. Collins shared that the standards are organized by three domains (essential skills, careers, and financial literacy) and arranged by grade bands (primary, intermediate, middle school and high school). The standards went out for public comment and comments were taken into consideration during the revision process. Graves explained that 704 KAR 8:080, Required academic standards in career studies and financial literacy, was amended to include language from 2025 House Bill 342 for the financial literacy course and the revised required academic standards for career studies and financial literacy are incorporated by reference.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 8:080, Required academic standards in career studies and financial literacy. The motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Tilford. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 704 KAR 4:010, Physical education

Presenters: KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli and Policy Advisor Sarah Medley

Summary of Discussion: Tucker, Marinelli and Medley discussed proposed amendments to 704 KAR 4:010, Physical education. 704 KAR 4:010 provides requirements for local boards of education in authorizing substitutions or exemptions to the requirements provided in 704 KAR 8:050, Kentucky Academic Standards for Physical Education, and the half credit physical education requirement for high school graduation pursuant to 704 KAR 3:305 in cases of physical conditions or religious objection. All proposed amendments to 704 KAR 4:010 are non-substantive in nature and provide technical changes to reflect accurate statutory and regulatory language and references as currently provided in law. LSAC members were provided with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed amendments. No feedback or questions were received.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 4:010, Physical education. The motion was made by Trimble and seconded by Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher, and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health, Amendments to 704 KAR 8:050, Required Academic Standards for Physical Education

Presenters: KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, Division of Program Standards Director, Chrystal Rowland and Policy Advisor Sarah Medley

Summary of Discussion: Tucker, Marinelli, Rowland and Medley discussed proposed amendments to 704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health, and 704 KAR 8:050, Required Academic Standards for Physical Education. Per KRS 158.6453(18)(a), the KDE is required to implement a process for reviewing and revising Kentucky's academic standards every six years. In order to conform to statutory requirements, the KDE implemented the standards review process for health education and physical education which resulted in a new material incorporated by reference for each regulation. As authorized under KRS 156.160 and KRS 158.6453(18)(a), 704 KAR 8:030 adopts into law the standards for health education and 704 KAR 8:050 adopts into law the standards for physical education. Members heard a presentation detailing the standards review process for both health education and physical education which included updates to clarify language and improve the architecture of the standards documents. The KDE also shared the results of two public comment surveys which received favorable responses from a broad range of stakeholder groups with 88% accepting the revised health education standards "as is" and 95% accepting the revised physical education standards "as is." LSAC members were provided with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed amendments. No feedback or questions were received.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health. The motion was made by Cochran and seconded by Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Biggerstaff then asked for a motion

to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 8:050, Required Academic Standards for Physical Education. The motion was made by Tilford and seconded by Trimble. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross, Chay Ritter and Lindsey Swartz

Summary of Discussion: Ross, Ritter and Swartz provided an overview of the proposed changes to the regulation. LSAC members did not raise any concern regarding the proposed regulation amendment.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to approve the amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for. The motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Kentucky United We Learn Assessment and Accountability Framework 4.0

Presenters: Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher, Ed.D., and Division Director Jennifer Stafford, Ed.D.

Summary of Discussion: Fletcher and Stafford gave an overview of "Framework 4.0, The Future of Assessment and Accountability in Kentucky." Framework 4.0 incorporates two changes to a previous version of the framework that were requested by the Kentucky Board of Education during its regular March meeting. The first change is to the title of the two-part assessment and accountability systems. In previous versions, the components were titled Local Accountability and Federal Accountability. Federal Accountability was changed to "State Accountability Indicators" that meet federal requirements. The second change was made within the technical document, modifying social studies and writing testing from every year 3-10 to "Districts are encouraged to develop and administer their own competency-based or other authentic local measures for social studies, or they may use the state-provided measures once per grade band (elementary, middle, high) at grades 5, 8 and 10." LSAC had no comments or questions about the changes.

Action Taken: N/A

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for review.