

## April 2025 KY K-12 CIOs/EdTech Leader's agenda

- Final preparations and announcements for the upcoming 2025 KY K-12 STLP State Championship on 23 April 2025.
- Quick Reminder about the summer EdTech professional learning calendar of events. Lots of events already scheduled and available...
- The annual 2025 Front Door collection window is now open and will remain open throughout the month. This collection coincides each year with Earth Day, April 22, and can be used as a learning opportunity for students finding their schools on the map. Please ensure the geographic coordinates for all schools and district offices in your district are up to date. If your district has added or relocated a school or office, designate someone to submit the updated coordinates to KDE. Instructions are available on the [KDE Front Door Project webpage](#). Kentucky's K-12 public schools' geographic data is publicly accessible on platforms such as [The Commonwealth Map, Kentucky Geoportal](#), [ArcGIS.com](#), [School Report Card](#), and [Open House Directory](#).
- The Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) at the U.S. Department of Education (Department) sent their [annual notification to local educational agencies \(LEAs\)](#), March 28, regarding educational agencies' obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98). The annual notification is required by 20 U.S.C. § 1232h(c)(5)(C). The SPPO Notice includes a new Assurance of Compliance requirement on page 3. KDE must confirm by April 30th that the State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are complying with the provisions of FERPA and PPRA. Annually, each district signs assurances that include FERPA/PPRA compliance. It's a good opportunity for a reminder that it is best practice to have these annual notices available in a prominent location on school and districts webpages. More information is available via the student privacy website at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/annual-notices>.

## Data

- School Report Card (SRC) Suite

The SRC Finance Collection tool is open to districts financial officers until May 14 to review district-level finance data, enter school-level spending per student calculations, and enter financial narratives. Finance SRC Domain documentation is available under Other Resources on the [SRC Resources](#) web page.

Late May - The SRC Dashboard Financial Transparency will open to districts.

Help drive future improvements; reach out to the applicable [KDE point of contact](#) or submit suggestions through the [SRC feedback tool](#).

Thank you to everyone at the school, district and state levels who helped to complete the 2023-2024 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) reporting. All Kentucky LEAs successfully completed the reporting!

## Kentucky Student Information System (KSIS/IC)

- KSIS/IC End of Year Training will be on April 17.
- IC's SSN Purge Tool for KY K-12 school districts for KY K-12 student SSNs in their district's IC system is planned for the May release.
- Classic view will be retired with the July 23 release. All users will be required to use the New Look of Campus.
- Campus annual invoices will be sent at the end of April.
- At this time, districts must arrange for their payment for Campus Learning Management System and Online Registration (OLR) to continue usage beyond 30 June 2025. Infinite Campus initially worked with OET to get a reduced price for a Statewide Solution. To ease the burden for districts, Infinite Campus is offering a reduced price to individual districts for the 25-26 school year. On April 9, Infinite Campus emailed quotes to the district CIOs, DPPs, and KSIS contacts. Districts are requested to respond by May 15 so that contracts can be finalized and invoices issued for these products. You can also reach out to Lisa DeGaris at [lisa.degaris@infinitecampus.com](mailto:lisa.degaris@infinitecampus.com).

## Training Opportunities:

For details on the following training opportunities, go to the [KSIS Training webpage](#).

Date	Title	Training Provider	Location
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April 17	KSIS Infinite Campus End-of-Year Ky. Specific Training	KDE Data Governance	Teams
April 16	<a href="#">FERPA 101 and Data Security Best Practices</a>	PTAC	Online
April 23	<a href="#">FERPA 201 and Transparency</a>	PTAC	Online
April 30	<a href="#">Incident Response and Vetting Educational Technology</a>	PTAC	Online

### Upcoming OET School Data Services career opportunities:

- Data team analyst
- KSIS/Infinite Campus support team position coming soon

### District Technology Plans – Update

- SY26 Plan Submission Site opened the week of January 15, 2025, and plans are due from Districts by April 15<sup>th</sup> .
- Changes for SY26: Districts are no longer asked to provide a pdf copy of the plan as part of the submission, but to submit a URL to the plan that is in one of the following formats: PDF, MS Word or GDoc. Be sure permissions are correct before submitting.
- As of 4/11/25 54 districts have submitted their SY26 District Technology Plan

### KETS Offers of Assistance – Awareness

- Total SY24-25 Offers of Assistance are \$21/ADA as has been the case over the last few years

1st Offers of \$12/ADA

Issued to 171 districts , KSB, KSD and Model Lab for a total of \$6,995,263 and all have submitted acceptance documentation

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offers of \$9/ADA

3/10/25 -172 districts/entities issued for a total \$5,051,022 with a 5/9/25 due date

3/13/25-1 district issued for a total of \$2,228 with a 5/12/25 due date

As of 4/8/25 125 districts/KDE Orgs submitted acceptance documentation with funding to districts anticipated the end of April.

**Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) Test Windows** – Awareness- Established starting on April 21, 2025, and will run through June 13, 2025, for elementary, middle, and high schools in the districts and are based on the current district calendar.

## Contracts/Bids – Awareness

- Grant Management Application and Planning (GMAP) Contract Award to EMS LINQ LLC, MA-758-2500001027, eff. 3/21/25, initial exp. 3/20/28 and 5 - 1yr renewals available with a potential final exp. of 3/20/33- KDE launched the GMAP system, already in eleven other state education agencies at that time, in Spring 2016 to help districts to maximize the use of their grant dollars from federal non-competitive programs. This system allows school districts to apply for and manage grant applications while providing KDE staff monitoring, approval, and reporting functionality.
- KY legislative session regs/laws that made it across the finish line that are OET/EdTech related: AI, student smartphones & social media, virtual online, and traceable/inspectable communications.
- Impact to KY K-12 EdTech services for all KY K-12 districts and KDE organizations, regarding the loss of \$4.3M in federal Education Support Funds (aka ESSER) for SY2025-2026 for OET shared services to all districts and KDE organizations (e.g., IC online registration, IC Campus Learning, Cybersecurity, CUES, e-Transcripts).
- Impact to OET and KY K-12 EdTech on the elimination or significant reduction of federal agencies and federal services. USDOE eliminating the USDOE's OET, NCES, federal data submission/assistance, university research-data requests/MOUs. Possibly federal CISA cybersecurity services for KY K-12. PBS Learning Media & Kentucky Educational Television KET will be significantly impacted if federal funding for the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, who funds PBS, is cut.

- KY is one of the top 5 states whose overall government budget relies the most on federal funding aid. Impact of US DOE announcements to other KY K-12 funding sources (Title1 & IDEA) & KDE offices/districts. Montana leads the states with the highest proportion of federal funding to the overall budget at 31.8%, followed by New Mexico (30.7%), Kentucky (30.1%), Louisiana (29.8%), and Alaska (29.0%). [Which states rely the most on federal aid? | USAFacts](#)
- E-rate: (1) \$54M in federal e-rate rebates was applied by KY K-12 (\$44M by districts and \$10M by KDE) for the next fiscal year (i.e., 1 July 2025-30 June 2026). (2) US Supreme Court hearing on E-rate. [Supreme Court Appears Unlikely to Strike Down School E-Rate Program](#)
- KY Court of Appeals regarding the 2017 contract between Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA) and OpenFiber (aka Accelecom). Appeal to KY Court of Appeals was filed on March 20<sup>th</sup> by OpenFiber (aka Accelecom). Can follow at [Case View 2025-CA-0354 | C-Track Public Access](#).
- Update on GoGuardian, the new KY K-12 Internet Content Management System in districts and KDE organizations. “Value added services” pricing on optional GoGuardian products.
- Finish sharing the feedback, recommendations, and major themes from the 23 tables of KY K-12 CIOs regarding KY K-12 cybersecurity, KY K-12 Internet safety and KY K-12 Technical Learning Network that were covered last month at the KY K-12 CIO Summit at the annual KY K-12 EdTech Conference hosted by KySTE (now called the Kentucky Association for School Technology (KAST)).
- Reminder: Originally announced in Oct 2024 the transition of virus protection for Microsoft Windows computers from an OET shared service to districts no later than 1 July 2026. Upcoming special webcast on this topic.
- Reminder: Upcoming special webcast on the transition of OET’s shared services completely off Microsoft Active Directory NLT December 2026.