SAAR

1. This year, how will we add in the 5 additional low attendance days that the legislature has granted districts?

    There will be a new SAAR report submission (SAAR 10) to get the 10 low attendance days. It will follow all the same SAAR cleanup and submission processes - it will just drop 10 days instead of 5.

2. Will we be able to see the difference in transportation funding doing 5 and 10 days prior to submission? What is the potential loss to transportation?

    Unfortunately, no. You will be able to see the difference in AADA in the two reports but transportation is calculated outside of the SAAR system and uses additional data. KDE cannot say how the lower number of days will affect transportation.

3. Would there be any benefit to not using the SAAR 10 if our district did not use the 5 Disaster days? I noticed it said districts COULD use the SAAR 10, so I wanted to make sure there wasn't any drawbacks to using the SAAR 10 report.

    Using the original SAAR report or the SAAR 10 report (granted by HB 241) is a district decision. The SAAR 10 will drop the 10 low attendance days and affect ADA. You will be able to run both reports and see the difference. However, KDE cannot specifically say how this lower number of days will affect transportation funding.

Calendar

4. Since the 170-day requirement has been relaxed for this year. I assume the formula will reflect less than 170 days for some districts.?

    The formula for SAAR uses the district's number of days attended minus 5 low attendance days (or 10 if you decide to drop 10 this year). The calendar will reflect the actual number of days attended if less than 170.

5. For the upcoming school year my school month 10 has 0 days. Is this going to be okay or will it be denied? We will be on the variable calendar, correct?

    There must be ten months with days in the calendar. You should have twenty days of school per school month. There should be days left in the 10th month. District will always have 10 School Months. Month 1-9 must have 20 School Days, Month 10, may have less. All School Calendar MUST have 185 School Days. This includes 1- Opening, 1- Closing, 4- PD, and 4 – Holidays, districts my enter G: Planning Days to reach 185 requirements.

6. When will the recording be available?

    The videos should be available tomorrow and possibly late this afternoon on the KDE Media Portal Archive tab for April and on the KDE KSIS Training webpage.

7. How do you mark Memorial Day? Make-up Day? Break Day??

    Please choose the correct day for how your district wants to count those days. Below is the list of choices: E: Teacher Equivalency, G: Planning, H: Holiday, K: Break, M: Other, U: Makeup

8. We use Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day as our 4 holidays. Do we need to change MLK to a holiday for our amended calendars? If so, which holiday do I remove and should it then be marked as an "Other" day?? Does MLK day need to be marked as a holiday or school day?

    KRS §158.070(5)(c) provides: "All schools shall be closed on the third Monday of January in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther Kind Jr. Districts may:

1. **Designate the day as one (1) of the four (4) holidays permitted under subsection (3)(d) of this section; or**
2. **Not include the day in the minimum school term specified in subsection (1) of this section."**

KRS §158.070(1)(b) provides: "Minimum school term" or "school term" means not less than one hundred eighty-five (185) days composed of the student attendance days, teacher professional days, and holidays."

Per KRS §158.070, KDE agrees that MLK day can be designated as either one of the four holidays or just not be included in the minimum school term and be designated as a break day.

9. For school schedule changes, are those approved by SBDM or District BOE??

    If the Start and End times are changing, then the Local Board will have to approve the change at the board meeting. If period schedules times are changing within the start and end times, then the SBDM would approve those changes.

10. If our calendar committee has already approved our next year calendar, do they have to meet again to make this update? Sorry for all the questions!?

    No, Per KRS §158.070, KDE agrees that MLK day can be designated as either one of the four holidays or just not be included in the minimum school term and be designated as a break day.

11. Are you guys going to publish a new guidance document for all the changes??

    Guidance will be sent out on the SAAR 10 option for dropping the 10 low attendance days.

Behavior Data Standards and Reporting

12. Are all behavior events pulled by KDE? For instance, if we enter minor events like a student being tardy to class or other minor events. Is there a downside to tracking that in IC?

    No, only safe schools events of bullying/harassment, assault/violence, weapons, drug, alcohol or tobacco OR another type that results in one of the state resolutions required to be reported.

13. Is there a way to filter Safe Schools or an ad hoc report we can run to ensure our schools have used the Nicotine Cessation Information Resolutions correctly without having to individually check each event?

    Yes, you can run the Safe Schools Report, filter on SubReport = Tobacco and then on ResolutionType
    = Nicotine Cessation Information Resources (or whatever name the district gave to the local resolution)

Homeless Data Standards and Reporting
    No Questions

SPED Exiting and SDRR

14. Could you please repeat the page 115 items about what needs to match what? The exit status?

    The best place to look is in Appendix C of the Special Education Reporting Manual beginning on page 31.
    The 3 items to look at are:
    The Enrollment End Status.
    The Special Ed Exit Status in the Special Ed Fields in the Enrollment tab.
    The Diploma Type.

These should all logically match up. For example, if the Enrollment End Status says, "w24: Moved whereabouts unknown", but the Special Ed Exit Status says, "Moved, known to continue", these don't match. The Special Ed Exit Status would need to be changed to "Dropped Out", or the Enrollment End Status needs to changed to w22.
Feel free to email me if you have additional questions. amy.patterson@education.ky.gov .

Data to Decision: Navigating Infinite Campus Insights Dashboards

15. Is there a charge for the district training for insights?
    There is not a charge for training from KDE staff or the recorded webinars on the IC Community site.

KDE Updates

16. Can we report KYOTE scores on transcripts? I've had questions from my high schools about this.
    eTranscript only includes assessments that have the necessary settings.

17. Could you repeat what you just said about a PPRA and a survey requirement, please?
    Don't forget about PPRA (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment), it affords parents of students' certain rights regarding, among other things, participation in surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. Consent must be obtained in advance for 8 protected areas and schools must provide notice with the option to opt out of applicable activities. Senate Bill 150 from 2023, also includes a requirement of parent consent for well-being questionnaire or surveys - bill.pdf (ky.gov)

18. Does the KEN include .edu domains?
    No, KEN is for K-12 public schools.

19. Don't we need SSN numbers for current high school students to qualify for KEES?
    Correct; we do not expect the SSN to be removed for current students who are reported to KHEAA.

20. Will you be sending the Kentucky End-of-Year Checklist out?
    Links to the checklists are available on KSIS Other Information - Kentucky Department of Education.

21. On the SSN what about our Medicaid Students?
    The Medicaid service used by the majority of districts does not include SSN in the data extracts.