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To: All State KSIS Contacts
Subject: KSIS Notification: 2027-2028 Course Codes View Now Available in the Searchable State Course Codes Database within KECS

KSIS Point of Contact: FYI - the information below was shared with course code contacts earlier today.

Dear Course Codes Contact,
The Searchable State Course Codes Database (SSCCD) within the Kentucky Educator Certification System (KECS) is now available with an updated view for the 2027-2028 school year. The Course Codes Frequently Asked Questions document also has been revised and remains an excellent resource to help new and returning course codes contacts familiarize themselves with proper course code usage.

Academic courses received minimal updates this year. Notable updates include English Language Development course description revisions, the low grade for Algebra I was changed to grade 8, and the grade bands for elementary health education and physical education courses were revised to match the grade bands in the revised *Kentucky Academic Standards for Health Education* and *Physical Education.* For example, "K-3 Primary Physical Education" is now "K-2 Primary Physical Education," and "4-5 Intermediate Physical Education" is now "3-5 Intermediate Physical Education." Please plan to adjust state course codes accordingly when copying over courses to the 2027-2028 calendar year. Finally, two new high school mathematics course codes were added: 270316 Contemporary Algebra II and 270605 Integrated Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning. These courses were designed to allow greater flexibility for students following their Individual Learning Plans to complete math courses that will prepare them for their intended future goals.

In collaboration with Kentucky Business & Industry Leaders, the CTE 2027-2028 course changes were approved to better prepare students for postsecondary experiences. Updates include modernizing course titles, refining credit recommendations, and deprecating duplicate or obsolete offerings. Revisions were made to several course descriptions, allowing for emerging technologies and alignment with industry demands. Additionally, new courses have been introduced in healthcare and JROTC Army.

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, the Alternate Academic Course Codes (600-level special education course codes) are being updated to align with the minimum high school graduation requirements in the Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR), 704 KAR 3:305 and the diploma options established in Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 156.160. These updates support Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) teams in developing individualized courses of study for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who participate in the Kentucky Alternate Assessment Program (KAAP). The revised course codes provide greater flexibility in course planning while maintaining alignment with graduation requirements and the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS). Course titles, descriptions and credit structures have been updated to better align with corresponding general education courses and support meaningful access to grade-level academic content. Additional information regarding the specific changes to the Alternate Academic Course Codes and their alignment with the diploma options available under KRS 156.160 will be released by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in the coming months.

For a detailed list of course code changes, please see the Course Code Changes spreadsheet. A Deprecated Course Codes and What to Use Instead spreadsheet is also available to help schools replace

deprecated course codes. Both sheets include historical changes from the 2016-2017 school year to the present and can be found on the Kentucky Uniform Academic Course Codes webpage.

Please contact coursecodes@education.ky.gov with any questions.

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