



Education Professional Standards Board

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Update Memo

EPSB Mission

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

The EPSB Goals, Strategies, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan and Annual Report may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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National Board KYNT3

The Kentucky Network to Transform Teaching (KYNT3) will reimburse candidates from schools without National Board Certified Teachers an amount of \$275 for out of pocket expenses after the submission of one component, as long as funding allows. This is being done in an effort to help achieve the goal outlined in [KRS 161.131](#) of having one National Board Certified Teacher in every Kentucky school by 2020, and to overcome the barrier that teachers in schools without board-certified colleagues are half as likely to pursue National Board. To apply for the reimbursement, candidates need to complete a short survey on the KYNT3 website at <http://kynt3.org>.

KATE Presentation

Staff from the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) will be presenting information about the newly aligned Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) to KDE's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) at the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators Annual State Conference on September 25, 2015. KTIP is in its 30th year of successfully supporting teachers during their induction



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year. With the development of PGES, the EPSB has worked with the Kentucky Advisory Council on Internship (KACI) and KDE to align KTIP with PGES to ensure a continuous system from educator preparation, to induction and throughout a teacher's career. This presentation will cover the new system and explain that while KTIP and PGES are aligned, KTIP will continue to be used for certification and PGES will be used for effectiveness and evaluation.

AACTE Presentation

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) 2016 Annual Meeting will be held February, 23-25, 2016. The joint proposal from EPSB, KDE and UK, "Addressing Tough Questions about Assessment through a Statewide Career-Long Initiative that Begins with Teacher Preparation," was accepted. The conference theme is "Meeting the Demands of Professional Practice: Tough Questions, Tough Choices," supported by the four strands listed below:

- Professionalism: Values in Action
- Engagement: Hard Choices in Connecting With All Stakeholders
- Programs and Practices: Making Hard Choices Through Critical Reflection, Review, and Innovation
- Assessment: Hard Choices in Program Improvement

Online Educator Complaint System

The Online Educator Complaint System, which is part of our strategic plan, is up and running. It will assist the expediting of work within our Division of Legal Services. Superintendents now have access to the system and have the ability to assign a person within the district (e.g., a human resource director) to be her/his designee to submit items. We ask that you start using this system to report educator misconduct. When a report is submitted, the person filing the report receives a confirmation email. Access to the system is through the [EPSB web login](http://epsbportal.org/mod/feedback/view.php?id=90). We will conduct three (3) online webinars to demonstrate how to use the system. Please see the dates and times listed below and register at <http://epsbportal.org/mod/feedback/view.php?id=90>.

- 9/23/15 at 2:00 PM
- 9/25/15 at 10:00 AM
- 9/29/15 at 11:00 AM

Criminal Records Background Checks

Due to the backlog for processing criminal records checks at the FBI office, the EPSB granted a waiver to 16 KAR 2:010(2)(4) at the August 10, 2015, Board meeting. Candidates are still required to complete the criminal records background checks, but the issuance of a certificate is not being held until that background check is returned. However, action may be taken against a certificate if the candidate did



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not indicate something on the Character and Fitness form that is revealed on the criminal records background check. The agency is currently reviewing this regulation to find ways to either expedite or alter this process in the future. Please note that superintendents are required by KRS 160.380(5) to conduct national and state criminal history background checks by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on all new certified hires in the school district and student teachers assigned within the district.

Disciplinary Regulation Rewrite Committee

16 KAR 1:030 Procedures for certificate revocation, suspension, reinstatement and reissuance, and application denial was presented to the EPSB at the August 10, 2015 Board meeting for a first reading. The EPSB set a special called meeting for Monday, September 14, 2015 to further review the draft regulation and discuss any changes that may be necessary. The regulation is scheduled to be presented as an action item at the October 12, 2015, regular Board meeting. Once the Board takes action, the regulation will go through the required Legislative Research Commission process for approval.

Praxis Assessments

The ETS website now reflects all assessment changes for the 2015-2016 testing year. New assessments went into effect September 1, 2015. Please have candidates check the ETS website before registering for an assessment to verify paper-based or computer-based administration (paper-based assessments will need to undergo a special administration process). For more information, please contact Bobbie.Biby@ky.gov.

Admissions and Exit

The 2014-2015 Admission and Exit data is due by September 15, 2015. Once all data has been entered, please email Lauren.Graves@ky.gov confirming 2014-2015 data is complete.

Admission and Exit, Advanced Candidate Data and Certification

To help EPSB ensure certificates are issued to only those candidates who completed approved programs for which they were recommended, EPSB is requiring all admission and exit data be entered into the Admission and Exit system for Advanced Program candidates (Initial certification candidates are already required). This now includes those Advanced Program candidates admitted prior to fall 2014. This change is to ensure the correct certificates are only issued to candidates who complete approved programs that match EPP recommendations for certification. Candidates admitted to an advanced program fall 2014 and after should already be reported in the Admission and Exit system. The Division of Certification is working on an online system that will require Admission/Exit records to be entered into the system before recommendations can begin. This system is anticipated to launch in 2016.



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The agency is happy to work with EPPs to admit and exit these candidates into the Admission and Exit system. This can be done individually or through a batch load, both available in the Admission and Exit system.

For questions regarding Admission and Exit, please contact Lauren.Graves@ky.gov. For questions regarding Approved Programs, please contact Allison.Bell@ky.gov.

For questions regarding recommendation or the online certification system, please contact the Division of Certification. Please note the online system is still in the initial development stages. The Division of Certification will be providing more information on the system in the coming months.

If you would like us to upload historical records (prior to fall 2014) for advanced programs, contact Lauren Graves at lauren.graves@ky.gov and request a copy of the necessary spreadsheet and directions for use.

Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) Data Conference

On September 22, 2015, the KCEWS will be hosting its first full day data conference in Frankfort, KY. The goal of this conference is to present information about data use and best practices of Kentucky's Longitudinal Data System (KLDS) to policymakers, education and workforce practitioners, current and future agency data providers, researchers and anyone interested in KCEWS or KLDS. An agenda is attached as part of this newsletter email along with a list of presenters and areas of interest for different audiences. This is a free conference and all are invited to attend, but space is limited. You can register via the KCEWS website (<http://kcews.ky.gov>) or by clicking the link below.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-kcews-data-use-conference-registration-17957508391>

Hotel accommodations can be made at the Capital Plaza Hotel located within walking distance of the conference. Special conference rates are \$83 per night, which includes a free hot breakfast. When booking your hotel make sure to mention you are staying to attend the KCEWS data use conference.

Capital Plaza Hotel
405 Wilkinson Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-227-5100



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EPSB Staff Update

The EPSB would like to welcome Shuo Han and Erik Carlsen-Landy, two new attorneys, to the agency and extend congratulations to Cassie Trueblood who has been promoted to Staff Attorney II within the agency.

Meetings Across the State

9/2/2015	GRREC	Board Meeting
9/3/2015	CPE	Clinical Model Meeting
9/9/2015	NKCES	Board Meeting
9/10/2015	SESC	Board Meeting
9/14/2015	KY Rising	Steering Committee Meeting
9/14/2015	EPSB	Special Called Board Meeting
9/16/2015	CKEC	Board Meeting
9/16/2015	KEDC	Board Meeting
9/17/2015	KDE	Superintendent Summit
9/17-19/2015	CAEP	CAEPCon in Partnership with AACTE
9/22/2015	KCEWS	Data Use Conference
9/23/2015	KVEC	Board Meeting
9/25/2015	KATE	Annual Conference at WKU
9/28-29/2015		2015 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship
9/29-30/2015	WKEC	Board Meeting
9/30/2015	OVEC	Board Meeting

The EPSB will have a special called meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, October 12, 2015, at 9:00 AM (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

EPSB meeting agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp>.