## Kentucky Numeracy Counts Act House Bill 162 (2024)

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## Why Mathematics?

Total number of students below proficient between 2018-2023:

- Grade 4: 140,047
- Grade 5: 140,962
- Grade 6: 150,962
- Grade 7: 154,115
- Grade 8: 159,308

| Kentucky Performance Rating of Educational Progress (K-PREP)/ Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) Mathematics Outcomes Percent Proficient/Distinguished |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Year | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
| 2023 | 42\% | 41\% | 38\% | 37\% | 36\% |
| 2022 | 39\% | 38\% | 38\% | 38\% | 36\% |
| 2021 | 33\% | 31\% | 29\% | 28\% | 27\% |
| 2020 | ------ | ------ | ------ | ------ | ------ |
| 2019 | 47\% | 52\% | 47\% | 47\% | 45\% |
| 2018 | 47\% | 52\% | 48\% | 47\% | 46\% |


| 2023 Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) <br> Grade 4 Mathematics Outcomes by Group |  |  |  | 2023 Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) Grade 8 Mathematics Outcomes by Group |  |  |  |
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| Group | Novice | Apprentice | Proficient/ Distinguished | Group | Novice | Apprentice | Proficient/ Distinguished |
| Grade 4 <br> (all students) | 33\% | 25\% | 42\% | Grade 8 <br> (all students) | 36\% | 28\% | 36\% |
| African American | 57\% | 24\% | 20\% | African American | 58\% | 27\% | 15\% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 44\% | 27\% | 29\% | Hispanic/Latino | 45\% | 30\% | 25\% |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 41\% | 27\% | 33\% | Economically Disadvantaged | 45\% | 30\% | 25\% |
| Students with Disabilities (IEP) | 53\% | 24\% | 23\% | Students with Disabilities (IEP) | 58\% | 30\% | 12\% |
| English Learner | 52\% | 25\% | 23\% | English Learner | 67\% | 25\% | 8\% |

- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) state data revealed a downward trend for grades 4 and 8 in mathematics outcomes.
- In 2022, Kentucky ranked 32nd in the nation for grade 4 math; 39th for grade 8 math.



GRADE 8 MATHEMATICS 2022
AVERAGE SCALE SCORES

| 2022 National public average scale score (0-500) |  | different than National public | jurisdictions performed significantly lower than National public | jurisdictions <br> no assessment / data not available |
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Mathematics, grade 8, Difference in average scale scores between jurisdictions, for all students [TOTAL] = All students, 2022


## Why Grades 4-8?

## Long-Term Consequences for Unfinished Math Learning (Figure 2)

The majority of students who are behind in math in elementary school stay behind in middle and high school, with the students farthest off-track the least likely to catch up.

## Likelihood of catching up

Chance of meeting 8th grade math expectations based on 4th grade math performance


On track


Off track


Far off track

Chance of meeting 12th grade math expectations based on 8th grade math performance


On Track


Off track


## Kentucky Numeracy Counts Act 2024 Regular Session: HB 162

## Comprehensive actions to improve mathematics outcomes:

- Statewide professional learning supports
- Focus on Tier 1 instruction and increased access to evidence-based highquality (HQ) instructional resources for all students
- Mathematics Improvement Plan for students needing accelerated progress toward proficiency
- Family and community engagement
- Teacher preparation and certification


## Immediate Implementation Upon Effective Date

Per Section 1, it is the intent of the General Assembly that:
Every elementary school:

- Provide comprehensive schoolwide mathematics instruction aligned to standards required by KRS 158.6453;
- Provide a multitiered system of supports to support and engage students in learning to apply mathematical content and practices at a proficient level by end of grade 5;
- Ensure quality instruction for mathematics by highly trained teachers and intervention by individuals most qualified to provide the intervention.

Every middle and high school:

- Provide a multitiered system of supports to support and engage students in learning to apply mathematical content and practices at a proficient level by end of grade 8;
- Ensure all students routinely have opportunities to experience high-quality mathematics instruction, learn challenging, grade-level mathematics content and practices and receive support to make progress toward proficiency.


## District/School Implementation Timeline

- Per Section 3(7)(a), by Jan. 1, 2025, each superintendent shall select:
- At least one (1) universal screener for mathematics that is determined by the department to be valid and reliable to be administered to all students in grades 4-8; and
- At least one (1) diagnostic assessment for mathematics that is determined by the department to be reliable and valid to be administered as part of a multitiered system of supports for students in grades 4-8.
- All teachers of students in grades 4-8 shall be trained on any mathematics screener and diagnostic prior to administration of the assessment in the 2025-2026 school year, (7)(c).
- Each superintendent shall adopt a common Tier 1 high-quality instructional resource for mathematics that is determined by the department to be reliable, valid, and aligned to math standards required by KRS 158.6453 for grades 4-8 for all schools or a subset of schools, with consultation of affected school councils, (7)(b).


## District/School Implementation Timeline

## Per Section 3, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year:

- Based on the data from the approved screener and diagnostic assessments, a mathematics improvement plan shall be developed and implemented by a mathematics improvement team for any student in grades 4-8 identified as needing accelerated interventions to progress toward proficient performance in mathematics.
- For identified students, the local district shall provide:
- Accelerated intervention for students in grades $4-8$ using evidence-based mathematics instruction;
- Intensive instructional services, progress monitoring measures, and supports to students in grades 4-8; and
- Information on how to encourage mathematics success at home to parents and legal guardians of students identified for accelerated interventions in mathematics in grades 4-8.


## Kentucky Department of Education Implementation Timeline

The department shall:

- Collaborate with AdvanceKentucky, the Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM), and the Partnership Institute for Math and Science Education Reform (PIMSER) to support educator access to high-quality, evidence-based professional learning, student engagement in grade-level learning aligned to Kentucky academic standards for mathematics, and leadership support networks for the purpose of increasing student outcomes in K-12 mathematics, (Section 1(e)(2)).
- By Sept. 1, 2025, if funds are appropriated, the department shall establish teacher academies related to evidence-based practices in instruction, instructional materials, and assessment in mathematics or coaching models for teachers of students in grades 4-8, (Section 3(12)).
The department may:
- Provide grants to local school districts for the purchase of approved high-quality, evidence-based curriculum aligned to K-12 academic standards in mathematics and expenditures for curriculumbased professional learning to implement new high-quality resources for mathematics, (Section 6(4)).


## Post-Secondary/Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) Implementation Timeline

- Requires the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to submit a report summarizing teacher preparation program alignment to the instructional requirements of Section 3 and report program data to an external evaluator for analysis of progress, (Section 2).
- Requires teacher preparation programs for elementary regular education and middle school mathematics education to include evidence-based instructional strategies, department approved high-quality instructional resources, and assessment programming and processes for mathematics, (Section 4).
- Prioritizes field experience placement with teachers who model the above, (Section 4).
- Requires the EPSB to:
- Develop and maintain a list of approved mathematics teacher preparation tests;
- Develop an evaluation rubric for observing teacher candidates with a focus on mathematics content and pedagogical knowledge; and
- Report program data to an external evaluator with the goal of increasing new teacher candidate success in mathematics instruction, (Section 4).

