

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET
Kentucky Board of Education
Department of Education
(Amendment)

704 KAR 8:020. Required academic standards for reading and writing.

RELATES TO: KRS 156.070, 156.160, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 160.290

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 156.070(1), 156.160(1), 158.6453

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 156.160(1)(a) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to establish courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools, with the courses of study to comply with the expected goals, outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645, 158.6451, and 158.6453. KRS 156.070(1) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to manage and control the common schools and all programs operated in the schools. KRS 160.290 authorizes local boards of education to provide for courses and other services for students consistent with the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education. KRS 158.6453(2) requires the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a comprehensive process for reviewing Kentucky's academic standards and the alignment of corresponding assessments for possible revision or replacement every six years. This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing, which contain the general courses of study and academic content standards of reading and writing, for use in Kentucky's common schools.

Section 1. Before graduating from a Kentucky public high school, a student shall meet the minimum content requirements established in the Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing.

Section 2. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The "Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing", October 2025, is incorporated by reference.

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COMPILER'S NOTE: 2025 RS HB 6, enacted by the General Assembly on March 27, 2025, altered the information to be provided at the time an administrative regulation is filed. Aside from formatting changes necessary to upload the regulation into the LRC's publication application, this regulation has been published as submitted by the agency.

This is to certify that the chief state school officer has reviewed and recommended this administrative regulation prior to its adoption by the Kentucky Board of Education, as required by KRS 156.070(5).

DR. ROBBIE FLETCHER, Commissioner

SHARON PORTER ROBINSON, Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: October 6, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: October 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held December 23, 2025 at 10am, in Room 516, Fifth Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at

this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through December 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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