

### **158.810 Definitions for KRS 158.810 to 158.816.**

For purposes of KRS 158.810 to 158.816:

- (1) "Advanced manufacturing" means manufacturing that uses technology and knowledge-based processes that leverage human, intellectual, and financial capital to create globally competitive products;
- (2) "At-risk" means a student who is academically unprepared, has inadequate academic preparation for the next educational level, or who is in danger of dropping out of school;
- (3) "Career academy" means a small learning community within a larger high school that:
  - (a) Consists of a heterogeneous group of students taking classes together for at least two (2) years who are taught by a team of teachers from different disciplines;
  - (b) Provides a college-preparatory academic curriculum based on a career theme that helps students see relationships and connections between academic subjects and their applications in specific career pathways and in broad career areas such as health science, business, pre-engineering, agribusiness, and advanced manufacturing; and
  - (c) Provides opportunities through partnerships with employers, colleges, and the community for students to engage in internships and work-based learning with adult mentors to motivate students to achieve;
- (4) "Career and technical education" means a program of study that leads to the development of academic and specialized occupational skills in career fields;
- (5) "Career guidance coach" means a counselor who is assigned one hundred percent (100%) of his or her time to:
  - (a) The development of students', teachers', and parents' understanding of broad career themes and opportunities through career pathways;
  - (b) Academic advising and career counseling;
  - (c) Assisting students in the development of individual learning plans; and
  - (d) Providing assistance to other teachers;
- (6) "Career pathway" means a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career-related courses, commencing in ninth grade and leading to an associate degree, an industry-recognized certificate or license, or a baccalaureate or higher degree. A career pathway is developed, implemented, and maintained in partnership among secondary and postsecondary education institutions, businesses, and employers. Career pathways are available to all students, including adult learners, and are designed to lead to rewarding careers;
- (7) "Career pathway program of study" means a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career and technical education courses, including dual credit opportunities, that prepares secondary students for postsecondary study leading to postsecondary degrees, industry certifications, or licensure;
- (8) "Evidence-based instructional model" or "evidence-based model" means the

application of valid and relevant knowledge to education activities and programs, which are based on the findings from systematic and empirical methods including observations, experiments, and rigorous data analyses;

- (9) "Industry certification" means certification that is awarded to a student who has passed a standardized, valid, industry-based examination that measures the knowledge and skills recognized nationally by employers or by an industry group or association within Kentucky as representing the level of proficiency that is needed to enter a specific field;
- (10) "Technical literacy" means a student's ability to read and comprehend the language of a field of study, understand the major technical concepts of that field, and apply the appropriate mathematics concepts to typical problems encountered in the workplace;
- (11) "Secondary area technology center" or "secondary area center" means a school facility dedicated to the primary purpose of offering five (5) or more technical preparation programs that lead to skill development focused on specific occupational areas. An area center may be called a "magnet technology center" or "career center" or may be assigned another working title by the parent agency. An area center may be either state or locally operated; and
- (12) "Career and technical education department" means a portion of a school facility that has five (5) or more technical preparation programs that lead to skill development focused on specific occupational areas.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note** (4/19/2012). 2012 Ky. Acts ch. 150, sec. 10, provides that the Act, which included an amendment to this statute, shall be known as the "Career Pathways Act of 2012."