

1 AN ACT relating to vision examinations.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 156.160 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) With the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, the Kentucky Board
5 of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing standards
6 which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and operational
7 performance. These regulations shall comply with the expected outcomes for
8 students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Administrative regulations shall be
9 promulgated for the following:

10 (a) Courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools
11 identifying the common curriculum content directly tied to the goals,
12 outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645,
13 158.6451, and 158.6453 and distributed to local school districts and schools.

14 The administrative regulations shall provide that:

15 1. If a school offers American sign language, the course shall be accepted as
16 meeting the foreign language requirements in common schools
17 notwithstanding other provisions of law; and

18 2. If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the
19 course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement
20 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law;

21 (b) Courses of study or educational experiences available to students in all middle
22 and high schools to fulfill the prerequisites for courses in advanced science and
23 mathematics as defined in KRS 158.845;

24 (c) The acquisition and use of educational equipment for the schools as
25 recommended by the Council for Education Technology;

26 (d) The minimum requirements for high school graduation in light of the expected
27 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Student scores

1 from any assessment administered under KRS 158.6453 that are determined by
2 the National Technical Advisory Panel to be valid and reliable at the individual
3 level shall be included on the student transcript. The National Technical
4 Advisory Panel shall submit its determination to the commissioner of education
5 and the Legislative Research Commission;

6 (e) The requirements for an alternative high school diploma for students with
7 disabilities whose individualized education program indicates that, in
8 accordance with 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414(d)(1)(A):

- 9 1. The student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessment; and
- 10 2. An appropriate alternate assessment has been selected for the student
11 based upon a modified curriculum and an individualized course of study;

12 (f) Taking and keeping a school census, and the forms, blanks, and software to be
13 used in taking and keeping the census and in compiling the required reports.
14 The board shall create a statewide student identification numbering system
15 based on students' Social Security numbers. The system shall provide a student
16 identification number similar to, but distinct from, the Social Security number,
17 for each student who does not have a Social Security number or whose parents
18 or guardians choose not to disclose the Social Security number for the student;

19 (g) Sanitary and protective construction of public school buildings, toilets, physical
20 equipment of school grounds, school buildings, and classrooms. With respect
21 to physical standards of sanitary and protective construction for school
22 buildings, the Kentucky Board of Education shall adopt the Uniform State
23 Building Code;

24 (h) Medical inspection, physical and health education and recreation, and other
25 regulations necessary or advisable for the protection of the physical welfare
26 and safety of the public school children. The administrative regulations shall set
27 requirements for student health standards to be met by all students in grades

1 four (4), eight (8), and twelve (12) pursuant to the outcomes described in KRS
 2 158.6451. The administrative regulations shall permit a student who received a
 3 physical examination no more than six (6) months prior to his initial admission
 4 to Head Start to substitute that physical examination for the physical
 5 examination required by the Kentucky Board of Education of all students upon
 6 initial admission to the public schools, if the physical examination given in the
 7 Head Start program meets all the requirements of the physical examinations
 8 prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education;

9 (i) 1. ~~[A—]~~Vision examinations~~[examination]~~ by an optometrist or
 10 ophthalmologist that shall be required by the Kentucky Board of
 11 Education.

12 2. **For a child's initial enrollment in a public preschool or Head Start**
 13 **program.** the administrative regulations shall require evidence that a
 14 vision examination that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky
 15 Board of Education has been performed. This evidence shall be
 16 submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first year that a
 17 ~~[three (3), four (4), five (5), or six (6) year old]~~ child is enrolled in a
 18 ~~[public school,]~~public preschool~~[,]~~ or Head Start program.

19 3. **For a child's initial enrollment in kindergarten, the administrative**
 20 **regulations shall require evidence of a vision examination that has**
 21 **been conducted within the past year be submitted to the school. If the**
 22 **vision examination is conclusive, then the evidence shall satisfy the**
 23 **enrollment requirement. If evidence of an inconclusive vision**
 24 **examination is submitted to the school, then the administrative**
 25 **regulations shall allow for the student's enrollment, but require**
 26 **subsequent annual vision examinations until evidence of a conclusive**
 27 **vision examination is submitted.**

1 4. The same vision examination may be submitted to satisfy the
 2 requirements of both subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph if all
 3 other requirements are met.

4 5. For a child's initial enrollment into grade six (6), the administrative
 5 regulations shall also require evidence of a vision examination that
 6 has been conducted within the past year be submitted to the school;

- 7 (j) 1. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, a dental screening or
 8 examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse,
 9 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant that shall be
 10 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative
 11 regulations shall require evidence that a dental screening or examination
 12 that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education
 13 has been performed. This evidence shall be submitted to the school no
 14 later than January 1 of the first year that a five (5) or six (6) year-old
 15 child is enrolled in a public school.
- 16 2. A child shall be referred to a licensed dentist if a dental screening or
 17 examination performed by anyone other than a licensed dentist identifies
 18 the possibility of dental disease;
- 19 (k) The transportation of children to and from school;
- 20 (l) The fixing of holidays on which schools may be closed and special days to be
 21 observed, and the pay of teachers during absence because of sickness or
 22 quarantine or when the schools are closed because of quarantine;
- 23 (m) The preparation of budgets and salary schedules for the several school districts
 24 under the management and control of the Kentucky Board of Education;
- 25 (n) A uniform series of forms and blanks, educational and financial, including
 26 forms of contracts, for use in the several school districts; and
- 27 (o) The disposal of real and personal property owned by local boards of education.

- 1 (2) (a) At the request of a local board of education or a school council, a local school
2 district superintendent shall request that the Kentucky Board of Education
3 waive any administrative regulation promulgated by that board. Beginning in
4 the 1996-97 school year, a request for waiver of any administrative regulation
5 shall be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education in writing with
6 appropriate justification for the waiver. The Kentucky Board of Education may
7 approve the request when the school district or school has demonstrated
8 circumstances that may include but are not limited to the following:
- 9 1. An alternative approach will achieve the same result required by the
10 administrative regulation;
 - 11 2. Implementation of the administrative regulation will cause a hardship on
12 the school district or school or jeopardize the continuation or
13 development of programs; or
 - 14 3. There is a finding of good cause for the waiver.
- 15 (b) The following shall not be subject to waiver:
- 16 1. Administrative regulations relating to health and safety;
 - 17 2. Administrative regulations relating to civil rights;
 - 18 3. Administrative regulations required by federal law; and
 - 19 4. Administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with KRS
20 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, and this section, relating to measurement
21 of performance outcomes and determination of successful districts or
22 schools, except upon issues relating to the grade configuration of
23 schools.
- 24 (c) Any waiver granted under this subsection shall be subject to revocation upon a
25 determination by the Kentucky Board of Education that the school district or
26 school holding the waiver has subsequently failed to meet the intent of the
27 waiver.

- 1 (3) Any private, parochial, or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum,
2 certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of
3 Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.
- 4 (4) Any public school that violates the provisions of KRS 158.854 shall be subject to a
5 penalty to be assessed by the commissioner of education as follows:
- 6 (a) The first violation shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) week's revenue
7 from the sale of the competitive food;
- 8 (b) Subsequent violations shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) month's
9 revenue from the sale of the competitive food;
- 10 (c) "Habitual violations," which means five (5) or more violations within a six (6)
11 month period, shall result in a six (6) month ban on competitive food sales for
12 the violating school; and
- 13 (d) Revenue collected as a result of the fines in this subsection shall be transferred
14 to the food service fund of the local school district.