

1 AN ACT relating to student instruction.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A public school or public charter school shall provide instruction and*  
6 *instructional materials that are aligned with the social studies academic*  
7 *standards adopted in accordance with Section 3 of this Act and consistent with*  
8 *the following concepts:*

9 *(a) All individuals are created equal;*

10 *(b) Americans are entitled to equal protection under the law;*

11 *(c) An individual deserves to be treated on the basis of the individual's*  
12 *character;*

13 *(d) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, does not bear*  
14 *responsibility for actions committed by other members of the same race or*  
15 *sex;*

16 *(e) The understanding that the institution of slavery and post-Civil War laws*  
17 *enforcing racial segregation and discrimination were contrary to the*  
18 *fundamental American promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,*  
19 *as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, but that defining racial*  
20 *disparities solely on the legacy of this institution is destructive to the*  
21 *unification of our nation;*

22 *(f) The future of America's success is dependent upon cooperation among all*  
23 *its citizens;*

24 *(g) Personal agency and the understanding that, regardless of one's*  
25 *circumstances, an American has the ability to succeed when he or she is*  
26 *given sufficient opportunity and is committed to seizing that opportunity*  
27 *through hard work, pursuit of education, and good citizenship; and*

1        (h) The significant value of the American principles of equality, freedom,  
2                    inalienable rights, respect for individual rights, liberty, and the consent of  
3                    the governed.

4        (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed to restrict a public  
5                    school or public charter school from providing instruction or using instructional  
6                    materials that include:

7                    (a) The history of an ethnic group, as described in textbooks and instructional  
8                    materials adopted by a school district;

9                    (b) The discussion of controversial aspects of history; or

10                    (c) The instruction and instructional materials on the historical oppression of a  
11                    particular group of people.

12        (3) (a) Notwithstanding the every six (6) year schedule set forth in  
13                    subsection(2)(a)of Section 3 of this Act, no later than July 1, 2023, the  
14                    Kentucky Department of Education shall incorporate fundamental  
15                    American documents and speeches into the grade-level appropriate middle  
16                    and high school social studies academic standards and align corresponding  
17                    assessments, including but not limited to:

18                    1. The Mayflower Compact;

19                    2. The Declaration of Independence;

20                    3. The Constitution of the United States;

21                    4. The Federalist No. 1 (Alexander Hamilton);

22                    5. The Federalist Nos. 10 and 51 (James Madison);

23                    6. The June 8, 1789, speech on amendments to the Constitution of the  
24                    United States by James Madison;

25                    7. The first ten (10) amendments to the Constitution of the United States,  
26                    also known as the Bill of Rights;

27                    8. The 1796 Farewell Address by George Washington;

- 1            9. The United States Supreme Court opinion in *Marbury v. Madison*, 5
- 2            U.S. 137 (1803);
- 3            10. The Monroe Doctrine by James Monroe;
- 4            11. What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? speech by Frederick
- 5            Douglass;
- 6            12. The United States Supreme Court opinion in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*,
- 7            60 U.S. 393 (1857);
- 8            13. Final Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln;
- 9            14. The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln;
- 10           15. Declaration of Rights of the Women of the United States by Susan B.
- 11           Anthony, Matilda Joslyn Gage, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton;
- 12           16. The September 18, 1895, Atlanta Exposition Address by Booker T.
- 13           Washington;
- 14           17. Of Booker T. Washington and Others by W.E.B. Du Bois;
- 15           18. The United States Supreme Court opinion in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163
- 16           U.S. 537 (1896);
- 17           19. The August 31, 1910, New Nationalism speech by Theodore Roosevelt;
- 18           20. The January 11, 1944, State of the Union Address by Franklin D.
- 19           Roosevelt;
- 20           21. The United States Supreme Court opinions in *Brown v. Board of*
- 21           *Education of Topeka*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954) and *Brown v. Board of*
- 22           *Education of Topeka*, 349 U.S. 294 (1955);
- 23           22. Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.;
- 24           23. The August 28, 1963, I Have a Dream speech by Martin Luther King,
- 25           Jr.; and
- 26           24. A Time for Choosing by Ronald Reagan.
- 27           (b) This revision shall not delay or otherwise impact the existing schedule as set

1                    **forth in subsection (2) of Section 3 of this Act.**

2                    ➔Section 2. KRS 161.164 is amended to read as follows:

- 3                    (1) No employee of the local school district shall take part in the management or  
4                    activities of any political campaign for school board.
- 5                    (2) No candidate for school board shall solicit or accept any political assessment,  
6                    subscription, contribution, or service of any employee of the school district.
- 7                    (3) No person shall use or promise to use, directly or indirectly, any official authority or  
8                    influence, whether possessed or anticipated, to secure or attempt to secure for any  
9                    person an appointment or advantage in appointment to a position as teacher or  
10                    employee of any district board of education, or an increase in pay or other  
11                    advantage in employment in any such position, for the purpose of influencing the  
12                    vote or political action of any person.
- 13                    (4) No teacher or employee of any district board of education shall be appointed or  
14                    promoted to, or demoted or dismissed from, any position or in any way favored or  
15                    discriminated against with respect to employment because of his political or  
16                    religious opinions or affiliations or ethnic origin or race or color or sex or age or  
17                    disabling condition.
- 18                    (5) **Any instruction or instructional materials on current, controversial topics related**  
19                    **to public policy or social affairs provided to public school or public charter school**  
20                    **students, regardless of whether the individual that provides the instruction is**  
21                    **employed by the local school district or public charter school, shall be:**
- 22                    **(a) Within the range of knowledge, understanding, age, and maturity of the**  
23                    **students receiving the instruction; and**
- 24                    **(b) Relevant, objective, nondiscriminatory, and respectful to the differing**  
25                    **perspectives of students.**
- 26                    **(6) An employee of a public school district or public charter school shall not violate a**  
27                    **student's first amendment rights by requiring or incentivizing a student to**

1 *advocate in a civic space on behalf of a perspective with which the student or the*  
2 *parent or guardian of a minor student does not agree.*

3 *(7) An employee of a local school district or public charter school shall not be*  
4 *required to engage in training, orientation, or therapy that coerces the employee*  
5 *to stereotype any group.*

6 *(8)* The local superintendent shall inform all school employees of the provisions of this  
7 section.

8 ➔Section 3. KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) As used in this section:

10 (a) "Accelerated learning" means an organized way of helping students meet  
11 individual academic goals by providing direct instruction to eliminate student  
12 performance deficiencies or enable students to move more quickly through  
13 course requirements and pursue higher level skill development;

14 (b) "Constructed-response items" or "performance-based items" means individual  
15 test items that require the student to create an answer rather than select a  
16 response and may include fill-in-the-blank, short-answer, extended-answer,  
17 open-response, and writing-on-demand formats;

18 (c) "Criterion-referenced test" means a test that is aligned with defined academic  
19 content standards and measures an individual student's level of performance  
20 against the standards;

21 (d) "End-of-course examination" means the same as defined in KRS 158.860;

22 (e) "Formative assessment" means a process used by teachers and students during  
23 instruction to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students'  
24 achievement of intended instructional outcomes. Formative assessments may  
25 include the use of commercial assessments, classroom observations, teacher-  
26 designed classroom tests and assessments, and other processes and  
27 assignments to gain information about individual student learning;

- 1 (f) "Interim assessments" means assessments that are given periodically  
2 throughout the year to provide diagnostic information and to show individual  
3 student performance against content standards;
- 4 (g) "Summative assessment" means an assessment given at the end of the school  
5 year, semester, or other period of time to evaluate students' performance  
6 against content standards within a unit of instruction or a course; and
- 7 (h) "Writing" means a purposeful act of thinking and expression that uses  
8 language to explore ideas and communicate meaning to others. Writing is a  
9 complex, multifaceted act of communication.
- 10 (2) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, and every six (6) years thereafter, the  
11 Kentucky Department of Education shall implement a process for reviewing  
12 Kentucky's academic standards and the alignment of corresponding  
13 assessments for possible revision or replacement to ensure alignment with  
14 transition readiness standards necessary for global competitiveness, ~~and with~~  
15 state career and technical education standards, **and Section 1 of this Act.**
- 16 (b) The revisions to the content standards shall:
- 17 1. Focus on critical knowledge, skills, and capacities needed for success in  
18 the global economy;
  - 19 2. Result in fewer but more in-depth standards to facilitate mastery  
20 learning;
  - 21 3. Communicate expectations more clearly and concisely to teachers,  
22 parents, students, and citizens;
  - 23 4. Be based on evidence-based research;
  - 24 5. Consider international benchmarks; and
  - 25 6. Ensure that the standards are aligned from elementary to high school to  
26 postsecondary education so that students can be successful at each  
27 education level.

- 1 (c) 1. The department shall establish four (4) standards and assessments  
2 review committees, with each committee composed of a minimum of six  
3 (6) Kentucky public school teachers and a minimum of two (2)  
4 representatives from Kentucky institutions of higher education,  
5 including at least one (1) representative from a public institution of  
6 higher education. Each committee member shall teach in the subject area  
7 that his or her committee is assigned to review and have no prior or  
8 current affiliation with a curriculum or assessment resources vendor.
- 9 2. One (1) of the four (4) committees shall be assigned to focus on the  
10 review of language arts and writing academic standards and  
11 assessments, one (1) on the review of mathematics academic standards  
12 and assessments, one (1) on the review of science academic standards  
13 and assessments, and one (1) on the review of social studies academic  
14 standards and assessments.
- 15 (d) 1. The department shall establish twelve (12) advisory panels to advise and  
16 assist each of the four (4) standards and assessments review committees.
- 17 2. Three (3) advisory panels shall be assigned to each standards and  
18 assessments review committee. One (1) panel shall review the standards  
19 and assessments for kindergarten through grade five (5), one (1) shall  
20 review the standards and assessments for grades six (6) through eight  
21 (8), and one (1) shall review the standards and assessments for grades  
22 nine (9) through twelve (12).
- 23 3. Each advisory panel shall be composed of at least one (1) representative  
24 from a Kentucky institution of higher education and a minimum of six  
25 (6) Kentucky public school teachers who teach in the grade level and  
26 subject reviewed by the advisory panel to which they are assigned and  
27 have no prior or current affiliation with a curriculum or assessment

1 resources vendor.

2 (e) The commissioner of education and the president of the Council on  
3 Postsecondary Education shall also provide consultants for the standards and  
4 assessments review committees and the advisory panels who are business and  
5 industry professionals actively engaged in career fields that depend on the  
6 various content areas.

7 (f) 1. The standards and assessments process review committee is hereby  
8 established and shall be composed of the commissioner of education or  
9 designee as a nonvoting member and nine (9) voting representatives of  
10 public schools, of whom at least two (2) shall be parents of public  
11 school students, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate  
12 in accordance with KRS 11.160 as follows:

- 13 a. One (1) language arts teacher;
- 14 b. One (1) math teacher;
- 15 c. One (1) science teacher;
- 16 d. One (1) social studies teacher;
- 17 e. Two (2) school principals;
- 18 f. Two (2) school superintendents; and
- 19 g. One (1) school board member.

20 2. On making appointments to the committee, the Governor shall ensure  
21 broad geographical urban and rural representation and representation of  
22 elementary, middle, and high school levels; ensure equal representation  
23 of the two (2) sexes, inasmuch as possible; and ensure that appointments  
24 reflect the minority racial composition of the Commonwealth.

25 3. The review of the committee shall be limited to the procedural aspects  
26 of the review process undertaken prior to its consideration.

27 4. Notwithstanding KRS 12.028, the committee shall not be subject to



1 reorganization by the Governor.

- 2 (g) 1. The review process implemented under this subsection shall be an open,  
3 transparent process that allows all Kentuckians an opportunity to  
4 participate. The department shall ensure the public's assistance in  
5 reviewing and suggesting changes to the standards and alignment  
6 adjustments to corresponding state assessments by establishing a Web  
7 site dedicated to collecting comments by the public and educators. An  
8 independent third party, which has no prior or current affiliation with a  
9 curriculum or assessment resources vendor, shall be selected by the  
10 department to collect and transmit the comments to the department for  
11 dissemination to the appropriate advisory panel for review and  
12 consideration.
- 13 2. Each advisory panel shall review the standards and assessments for its  
14 assigned subject matter and grade level and the suggestions made by the  
15 public and educators. After completing its review, each advisory panel  
16 shall make recommendations for changes to the standards and alignment  
17 adjustments for assessments to the appropriate standards and  
18 assessments review committee.
- 19 3. Each standards and assessments review committee shall review the  
20 findings and make recommendations to revise or replace existing  
21 standards and to adjust alignment of assessments.
- 22 4. The recommendations shall be published on the Web site established in  
23 this subsection for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the  
24 public. The commissioner shall subsequently present the  
25 recommendations and the public feedback to the Interim Joint  
26 Committee on Education.
- 27 5. The commissioner shall subsequently provide a report to the standards

1 and assessments process review committee summarizing the process  
2 conducted under this subsection and the resulting recommendations. The  
3 report shall include but not be limited to the timeline of the review  
4 process, public feedback, and responses from the Interim Joint  
5 Committee on Education.

6 6. After receiving the commissioner's report, the standards and assessments  
7 process review committee shall either concur that stakeholders have had  
8 adequate opportunity to provide input on standards and the  
9 corresponding alignment of state assessments or find the input process  
10 deficient. If the process is found deficient, the recommendations may be  
11 returned to the appropriate standards and assessments review committee  
12 for review as described in subparagraph 3. of this paragraph. If the  
13 process is found sufficient, the recommendations shall be forwarded  
14 without amendment to the Kentucky Board of Education.

15 (h) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations  
16 in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A as may be needed for the administration  
17 of the review process, including staggering the timing and sequence of the  
18 review process by subject area and remuneration of the review committees  
19 and advisory panels described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection.

20 (i) 1. The Kentucky Board of Education shall consider for approval the  
21 revisions to academic standards for a content area and the alignment of  
22 the corresponding state assessment once recommendations are received  
23 from the standards and assessments process review committee. Existing  
24 state academic standards shall remain in place until the board approves  
25 new standards.

26 2. Any revision to, or replacement of, the academic standards and  
27 assessments as a result of the review process conducted under this

1 subsection shall be implemented in Kentucky public schools no later  
2 than the second academic year following the review process. Existing  
3 academic standards shall be used until new standards are implemented.

4 3. The Department of Education shall disseminate the academic content  
5 standards to the schools and teacher preparation programs.

6 (j) The Department of Education shall provide or facilitate statewide training  
7 sessions for existing teachers and administrators on how to:

8 1. Integrate the revised content standards into classroom instruction;

9 2. Better integrate performance assessment of students within their  
10 instructional practices; and

11 3. Help all students use higher-order thinking and communication skills.

12 (k) The Education Professional Standards Board in cooperation with the  
13 Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education  
14 shall coordinate information and training sessions for faculty and staff in all of  
15 the teacher preparation programs in the use of the revised academic content  
16 standards. The Education Professional Standards Board shall ensure that each  
17 teacher preparation program includes use of the academic standards in the pre-  
18 service education programs and that all teacher interns will have experience  
19 planning classroom instruction based on the revised standards.

20 (l) The Council on Postsecondary Education in cooperation with the Kentucky  
21 Department of Education and the postsecondary education institutions in the  
22 state shall coordinate information sessions regarding the academic content  
23 standards for faculty who teach in the various content areas.

24 (3) (a) The Kentucky Board of Education shall be responsible for creating and  
25 implementing a balanced statewide assessment program that measures the  
26 students', schools', and districts' achievement of the goals set forth in KRS  
27 158.645 and 158.6451, to ensure compliance with the federal Every Student

1 Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95, or its successor, and to ensure  
2 school accountability.

3 (b) The board shall revise the annual statewide assessment program as needed in  
4 accordance with revised academic standards and corresponding assessment  
5 alignment adjustments approved by the board under subsection (2) of this  
6 section.

7 (c) The statewide assessments shall not include any academic standards not  
8 approved by the board under subsection (2) of this section.

9 (d) The board shall seek the advice of the Office of Education Accountability; the  
10 School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council; the Education  
11 Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee, and the department's  
12 technical advisory committee in the development of the assessment program.  
13 The statewide assessment program shall not include measurement of a  
14 student's ability to become a self-sufficient individual or to become a  
15 responsible member of a family, work group, or community.

16 (4) (a) The academic components of the statewide assessment program shall be  
17 composed of annual student summative tests, which may include a  
18 combination of multiple competency-based assessment and performance  
19 measures approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.

20 (b) The annual student summative tests shall:

- 21 1. Measure individual student achievement in language, reading, English,  
22 mathematics, science, and social studies at designated grades;
- 23 2. Provide teachers and parents a valid and reliable comprehensive analysis  
24 of skills mastered by individual students;
- 25 3. Provide diagnostic information that identifies strengths and academic  
26 deficiencies of individual students in the content areas;
- 27 4. Provide information to teachers that can enable them to improve

- 1 instruction for current and future students;
- 2 5. Provide longitudinal profiles for students; and
- 3 6. Ensure school and district accountability for student achievement of the
- 4 goals set forth in KRS 158.645 and 158.6451, except the statewide
- 5 assessment program shall not include measurement of a student's ability
- 6 to become a self-sufficient individual or to become a responsible
- 7 member of a family, work group, or community.

8 (5) The state student assessments shall include the following components:

9 (a) Elementary and middle grades requirements are:

- 10 1. A criterion-referenced test each in mathematics and reading in grades
- 11 three (3) through eight (8) that is valid and reliable for an individual
- 12 student and that measures the depth and breadth of Kentucky's academic
- 13 content standards;
- 14 2. A criterion-referenced test each in science and social studies that is valid
- 15 and reliable for an individual student as necessary to measure the depth
- 16 and breadth of Kentucky's academic content standards to be
- 17 administered one (1) time within the elementary and middle grades,
- 18 respectively;
- 19 3. An on-demand assessment of student writing to be administered one (1)
- 20 time within the elementary grades and one (1) time within the middle
- 21 grades; and
- 22 4. An editing and mechanics test relating to writing, using multiple choice
- 23 and constructed response items, to be administered one (1) time within
- 24 the elementary and the middle grades, respectively;

25 (b) High school requirements are:

- 26 1. A criterion-referenced test in mathematics, reading, and science that is
- 27 valid and reliable for an individual student and that measures the depth

- 1 and breadth of Kentucky's academic content standards to be  
2 administered one (1) time within the high school grades;
- 3 2. A criterion-referenced test in social studies that is valid and reliable for  
4 an individual student as necessary to measure the depth and breadth of  
5 Kentucky's academic content standards to be administered one (1) time  
6 within the high school grades;
- 7 3. An on-demand assessment of student writing to be administered one (1)  
8 time within the high school grades;
- 9 4. An editing and mechanics test relating to writing, using multiple choice  
10 and constructed response items, to be administered one (1) time within  
11 the high school grades; and
- 12 5. A college admissions examination to assess English, reading,  
13 mathematics, and science in the spring of grade ten (10) and the spring  
14 of grade eleven (11);
- 15 (c) The Kentucky Board of Education shall add any other component necessary to  
16 comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95, or  
17 its successor, as determined by the United States Department of Education;
- 18 (d) The criterion-referenced components required in this subsection shall be  
19 composed of constructed response items and multiple choice items;
- 20 (e) The Kentucky Board of Education may incorporate end-of-course  
21 examinations into the assessment program to be used in lieu of requirements  
22 for criterion-referenced tests required under paragraph (b) of this subsection;  
23 and
- 24 (f) The results of the assessment program developed under this subsection shall  
25 be used by schools and districts to determine appropriate instructional  
26 modifications for all students in order for students to make continuous  
27 progress, including that needed by advanced learners.

- 1 (6) Each school district shall administer the statewide student assessment during the  
2 last fourteen (14) days of school in the district's instructional calendar. The  
3 Kentucky Board of Education may change the testing window to allow for  
4 innovative assessment systems or other online test administration and shall  
5 promulgate administrative regulations that minimize the number of days of testing  
6 and outline the procedures to be used during the testing process to ensure test  
7 security, including procedures for testing makeup days, and to comply with federal  
8 assessment requirements.
- 9 (7) A student enrolled in a district-operated or district-contracted alternative program  
10 shall participate in the appropriate assessments required by this section.
- 11 (8) A local school district may select and use commercial interim or formative  
12 assessments or develop and use its own formative assessments to provide data on  
13 how well its students are growing toward mastery of Kentucky academic standards,  
14 so long as the district's local school board develops a policy minimizing the  
15 reduction in instructional time related to the administration of the interim  
16 assessments. Nothing in this section precludes teachers from using ongoing teacher-  
17 developed formative processes.
- 18 (9) Each school that enrolls primary students shall use diagnostic assessments and  
19 prompts that measure readiness in reading and mathematics for its primary students  
20 as determined by the school to be developmentally appropriate. The schools may  
21 use commercial products, use products and procedures developed by the district, or  
22 develop their own diagnostic procedures. The results shall be used to inform the  
23 teachers and parents or guardians of each student's skill level.
- 24 (10) The state board shall ensure that a technically sound longitudinal comparison of the  
25 assessment results for the same students shall be made available.
- 26 (11) The following provisions shall apply to the college admissions examinations  
27 described in subsection (5)(b)5. of this section:

- 1 (a) The cost of both college admissions examinations administered to students in  
2 high school shall be paid for by the Kentucky Department of Education. The  
3 costs of additional college admissions examinations shall be the responsibility  
4 of the student;
- 5 (b) If funds are available, the Kentucky Department of Education shall provide a  
6 college admissions examination preparation program to all public high school  
7 juniors. The department may contract for necessary services; and
- 8 (c) Accommodations provided to a student with a disability taking the college  
9 admissions assessments under this subsection shall consist of:
- 10 1. Accommodations provided in a manner allowed by the college  
11 admissions assessment provider when results in test scores are  
12 reportable to a postsecondary institution for admissions and placement  
13 purposes, except as provided in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph; or
- 14 2. Accommodations provided in a manner allowed by a student's  
15 individualized education program as defined in KRS 158.281 for a  
16 student whose disability precludes valid assessment of his or her  
17 academic abilities using the accommodations provided under  
18 subparagraph 1. of this paragraph when the student's scores are not  
19 reportable to a postsecondary institution for admissions and placement  
20 purposes.
- 21 (12) Kentucky teachers shall have a significant role in providing feedback about the  
22 design of the assessments, except for the college admissions exams described in  
23 subsection (5)(b)5. of this section. The assessments shall be designed to:
- 24 (a) Measure grade appropriate core academic content, basic skills, and higher-  
25 order thinking skills and their application;
- 26 (b) Provide valid and reliable scores for schools. If scores are reported for  
27 students individually, they shall be valid and reliable;



1 (c) Minimize the time spent by teachers and students on assessment; and

2 (d) Assess Kentucky academic standards only.

3 (13) The results from assessment under subsections (3) and (5) of this section shall be  
4 reported to the school districts and schools no later than seventy-five (75) days  
5 following the last day the assessment can be administered. Assessment reports  
6 provided to the school districts and schools shall include an electronic copy of an  
7 operational subset of test items from each assessment administered to their students  
8 and the results for each of those test items by student and by school.

9 (14) The Department of Education shall gather information to establish the validity of  
10 the assessment and accountability program. It shall develop a biennial plan for  
11 validation studies that shall include but not be limited to the consistency of student  
12 results across multiple measures, the congruence of school scores with documented  
13 improvements in instructional practice and the school learning environment, and the  
14 potential for all scores to yield fair, consistent, and accurate student performance  
15 level and school accountability decisions. Validation activities shall take place in a  
16 timely manner and shall include a review of the accuracy of scores assigned to  
17 students and schools, as well as of the testing materials. The plan shall be submitted  
18 to the Commission by July 1 of the first year of each biennium. A summary of the  
19 findings shall be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by September 1  
20 of the second year of the biennium.

21 (15) The Department of Education and the state board shall offer optional assistance to  
22 local school districts and schools in developing and using continuous assessment  
23 strategies needed to assure student progress. The continuous assessment shall  
24 provide diagnostic information to improve instruction to meet the needs of  
25 individual students.

26 (16) The Administration Code for Kentucky's Assessment Program shall include  
27 prohibitions of inappropriate test preparation activities by school district employees

1 charged with test administration and oversight, including but not limited to the issue  
2 of teachers being required to do test practice in lieu of regular classroom instruction  
3 and test practice outside the normal work day. The code shall include disciplinary  
4 sanctions that may be taken toward a school or individuals.

5 (17) The Kentucky Board of Education, after the Department of Education has received  
6 advice from the Office of Education Accountability; the School Curriculum,  
7 Assessment, and Accountability Council; and the department's technical advisory  
8 committee, shall promulgate an administrative regulation under KRS Chapter 13A  
9 to establish the components of a reporting structure for assessments administered  
10 under this section. The reporting structure shall include the following components:

11 (a) A school report card that clearly communicates with parents and the public  
12 about school performance. The school report card shall be sent to the parents  
13 of the students of the districts, and information on electronic access to a  
14 summary of the results for the district shall be published in the newspaper  
15 with the largest circulation in the county. It shall include but not be limited to  
16 the following components reported by race, gender, and disability when  
17 appropriate:

- 18 1. Student academic achievement, including the results from each of the  
19 assessments administered under this section;
- 20 2. For Advanced Placement, Cambridge Advanced International, and  
21 International Baccalaureate, the courses offered, the number of students  
22 enrolled, completing, and taking the examination for each course, and  
23 the percentage of examinees receiving a score of three (3) or better on  
24 AP examinations, a score of "e" or better on Cambridge Advanced  
25 International examinations, or a score of four (4) or better on IB  
26 examinations. The data shall be disaggregated by gender, race, students  
27 with disabilities, and economic status;

- 1           3. Nonacademic achievement, including the school's attendance, retention,  
2           graduation rates, and student transition to postsecondary;
- 3           4. School learning environment, including measures of parental  
4           involvement; and
- 5           5. Any other school performance data required by the Every Student  
6           Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95, or its successor;
- 7       (b) An individual student report to parents for each student in grades three (3)  
8           through eight (8) summarizing the student's skills in reading, science, social  
9           studies, and mathematics. The school's staff shall develop a plan for  
10          accelerated learning for any student with identified deficiencies or strengths;  
11          and
- 12       (c) A student's highest scores on the college admissions assessments administered  
13          under subsection (5)(b)5. of this section.
- 14   (18) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, and every six (6) years thereafter, the  
15          Kentucky Department of Education shall implement a comprehensive process  
16          for reviewing and revising the academic standards in visual and performing  
17          arts and practical living skills and career studies for all levels and in foreign  
18          language for middle and high schools. The department shall develop review  
19          committees for the standards for each of the content areas that include  
20          representation from certified specialist public school teachers and  
21          postsecondary teachers in those subject areas.
- 22       (b) The academic standards in practical living skills for elementary, middle, and  
23          high school levels shall include a focus on drug abuse prevention, with an  
24          emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between  
25          prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as heroin and  
26          synthetic drugs.
- 27       (c) The department shall provide to all schools guidelines for programs that

1 incorporate the adopted academic standards in visual and performing arts and  
2 practical living and career studies. The department shall provide to middle and  
3 high schools guidelines for including a foreign language program. The  
4 guidelines shall address program length and time, courses offered, staffing,  
5 resources, and facilities.

6 (d) The Kentucky Department of Education, in consultation with certified public  
7 school teachers of visual and performing arts, may develop program standards  
8 for the visual and performing arts.

9 (19) The Kentucky Department of Education shall provide to all schools guidelines for  
10 including an effective writing program within the curriculum. Each school-based  
11 decision making council or, if there is no school council, a committee appointed by  
12 the principal, shall adopt policies that determine the writing program for its school  
13 and submit it to the Department of Education for review and comment. The writing  
14 program shall incorporate a variety of language resources, technological tools, and  
15 multiple opportunities for students to develop complex communication skills for a  
16 variety of purposes.

17 (20) (a) The Kentucky Department of Education, in consultation with the review  
18 committees described in subsection (18) of this section, shall develop a school  
19 profile report to be used by all schools to document how they will address the  
20 adopted academic standards in their implementation of the programs as  
21 described in subsection (18) of this section, which may include student  
22 opportunities and experiences in extracurricular activities. The department  
23 shall include the essential workplace ethics program on the school profile  
24 report.

25 (b) By October 1 of each year, each school principal shall complete the school  
26 profile report, which shall be signed by the members of the school council, or  
27 the principal if no school council exists, and the superintendent. The report

1           shall be electronically transmitted to the Kentucky Department of Education,  
2           and the original shall be maintained on file at the local board office and made  
3           available to the public upon request. The department shall include a link to  
4           each school's profile report on its Web site.

5           (c) If a school staff member, student, or a student's parent has concerns regarding  
6           deficiencies in a school's implementation of the programs described in  
7           subsection (18) of this section, he or she may submit a written inquiry to the  
8           school council.

9           ➔Section 4. This Act may be cited as the Teaching American Principles Act.