



# Education Professional Standards Board

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Update Memo

## **EPSB Mission**

*The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.*

The EPSB Goals, Strategies, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan and Annual Report may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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## **Happy Holidays**

During this time of reflection and celebration, the staff at EPSB wishes everyone a joyful, blessed and restful season.

## **KTIP Spring Interns and Training**

EPSB has available slots for spring interns in the KTIP program this year. All Confirmations of Employment (COE) for new teachers with 70 or more instructional days but fewer than 140 instructional days must be submitted and approved so new interns will begin KTIP in January 2017.

The COE beginning date of internship will be the first instructional day of the district’s Spring 2017 semester. Interns will receive a provisional internship certificate effective on the COE approval date; however, the internship will not begin until January 2017.

New hires with fewer than 70 instructional days remaining must be emergency certified.

Please secure trained resource teachers and verify that principals are current with KTIP training. Training dates are posted and can be viewed on the EPSB website at:

<http://www.kyepsb.net/epsb.webapps/ims/imstraining/IMSTrainingInfo.aspx>.



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All new KTIP-qualified hires should be notified that they will be participating in spring KTIP. For questions, contact [sherri.henley@ky.gov](mailto:sherri.henley@ky.gov) or [sharon.salsman@ky.gov](mailto:sharon.salsman@ky.gov).

## **KTIP Timesheets**

To ensure new teachers are provided the opportunity to complete KTIP during the first-year, budget bill language has once again allowed for reducing **out-of-class hours to 40 mentoring hours** for 2016-2017. Fall Resource Teacher timesheets are due by December 20, 2016.

The Resource Teacher, Intern, Principal, and District KTIP Coordinator must all review and electronically sign the timesheet in order for payment to be processed. Any timesheets not submitted with all signatures by January 15, 2017, will be changed to full year and payment will be made in the spring.

## **Assessment**

Educational Testing Service (ETS) recently sent an email to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) that included a list of candidates who have been reported as non-completers for five to seven years. IHEs were asked to review the list and let ETS know the names of any of the students who were not officially enrolled in their program between 9/1/2015 and 8/31/2016. As institutions complete that task, they should also update the EPSB system with accurate information.

## **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation**

In December, the Division of Educator Preparation (DEP) is hosting two sessions to help institutions better prepare for accreditation with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The first will be December 8, 2016, and is for the non-NCATE accredited institutions. This session is designed to help them better understand and prepare for the CAEP accreditation process. On December 9, 2016, the second session will feature CAEP representatives who will discuss the CAEP standards, EPP evidence of the standards, and CAEP's decision making processes. The audience for this session will be members of the Accreditation Audit Committee and the EPSB Board Members.

## **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**

Effective December 1, 2016, Kentucky is a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. As described on their website (<http://nc-sara.org/>), the "State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four regional education compacts."



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The Education Professional Standards Board has the authority and responsibility to “set standards for, approve, and evaluate college, university, and school district programs for the preparation of teachers and other professional school personnel” for Kentucky pursuant to KRS 161.028(1)(b). The EPSB’s process for approving educator preparation programs is generally set forth in 16 KAR 5:010 with the general requirements for all educator preparation programs set forth in 16 KAR 5:020 and 16 KAR 5:040. Specific requirements for educator preparation programs located out-of-state and on-line are set forth in 16 KAR 4:030.

Prior to December 1, 2016, in order for an out-of-state education preparation provider (EPP) to operate in Kentucky, that EPP also had to comply with 13 KAR 1:020. Due to the passage of KRS 164.540, allowing Kentucky to become part of SARA, member state EPPs do not have to comply with 13 KAR 1:020. However, P-12 educator preparation programs and any clinical/practicum as part of those programs require the approval of EPSB, and thus are not covered under SARA (see SARA Policies and Standards Section 3.8. and Section 5.3.a. [http://nc-sara.org/files/docs/NC-SARA\\_Policies\\_Standards.pdf](http://nc-sara.org/files/docs/NC-SARA_Policies_Standards.pdf)). Accordingly, any SARA member state EPP desiring to operate in Kentucky must request permission from the EPSB, demonstrate how it will meet the state regulations listed above, and be approved by the EPSB.

Staff has already received inquiries from numerous SARA member state EPPs. However, at this time, none have submitted paperwork to be reviewed and presented to the EPSB for approval. Therefore, the only currently approved education preparation providers for residents of the state of Kentucky are: Alice Lloyd College, Asbury University, Bellarmine University, Berea College, Boyce College, Brescia University, Campbellsville University, Centre College, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Jefferson County Public Schools ACES Program, Kentucky Christian University, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson College, Midway College, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Spalding University, Teach for America, Thomas More College, Transylvania University, Union College, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Pikeville, University of the Cumberland, and Western Kentucky University.

We do anticipate receiving requests from SARA member state EPPs soon, and each of them will have to go through the approval process.

Superintendents and human resource directors may have staff that have been contacted by an out-of-state EPP stating that the EPP can offer programs to Kentucky residents. However, if the EPP is not listed above, then the program has not been approved by the EPSB.

## **Meetings Across the State**

12/1/2016	KDE	Accountability Steering Committee Meeting
12/1/2016	KASA/CEL	Maximizing Achievement Interactive Web Conference
12/1/2016	KASA/CEL	The Leadership Challenge Workshop Day 1



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12/2/2016	KASA/CEL	The Leadership Challenge Workshop Day 2
12/4-7/2016	KASS	Winter Conference
12/6/2016	KCEWS	Board Meeting
12/7/2016	KBE	Board Meeting
12/7/2016	GRREC	Board Meeting
12/8-9/2016	EPSB	Accreditation and Audit Committee Training
12/8/2016	SESC	Board Meeting
12/12/2016	EPSB	Board Meeting
12/14/2016	WKEC	Board Meeting
12/14/2016	OVEC	Board Meeting
12/14/2016	NKCES	Board Meeting
12/23/2016		All state government offices closed
12/26/2016		All state government offices closed
12/30/2016		All state government offices closed
1/2/2017		All state government offices closed
1/3-6/2017	NASDTEC	Ted Andrews Winter Symposium
1/4/2017	GRREC	Board Meeting
1/6/2017	NASDTEC	Executive Board Meeting
1/9/2017	KASA/CEL	Certified Evaluation Training - Day 1
1/9-10/2017	KDE	Accountability Steering Committee
1/10/2017	KASA/CEL	Certified Evaluation Training - Day 2
1/11/2017	NKCES	Board Meeting
1/12/2017	SESC	Board Meeting
1/16/2017		All state government offices closed
1/18/2017	CKEC	Board Meeting
1/18-19/2017	KEDC	Board Meeting
1/19/2017	KASA/CEL	Motivating Today's Students
1/25/2017	OVEC	Board Meeting
1/25/2017	KVEC	Board Meeting
1/25/2017	KASA/CEL	Rural Safety: It CAN Happen to Us
1/27/2017	KASA/CEL	Employee Discipline in an Education Environment - Module 2
1/30/2017	KASA/CEL	Maximizing Achievement Onsite Training

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, December 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM (Eastern Time) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

EPSB meeting agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at

<http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp>.