

Teacher Preparation, Certification, & Field Experiences

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Spring 2025 Student Teaching Information

Welcome to your student teaching semester!

Here is some important information regarding upcoming student teaching tasks and materials:

Student Teaching Orientation - Attendance, Agenda, Fall Calendar

If your program coordinator requires students in your program area to attend the ST orientation please sign the attendance sheet circulated during the session. Also, note info about the orientation breakout sessions AND important dates for spring semester on the enclosed ST calendar.

Career Center

Be sure to make use of the resources at UK's Stuckert Career Center and set up a *Handshake* account through their website: https://www.uky.edu/careercenter/students. Our career center liaison Jacob Murphy will speak at the ST orientation.

Certification Application Information

In order to obtain your KY teaching certification, you must submit an application via the Kentucky Educator Credentialing System (KECS): https://wd.kyepsb.net/Epsb.WebApps/Login/Login.aspx Instructions and supplemental information are online: https://education.uky.edu/accreditation/certification/.

Day Tracking in KFETS

A passing grade cannot be assigned to a student who has not recorded enough time in the classroom to meet the state's 70-day minimum requirement. Time spent in the student teaching classroom will be documented as full ("6") or half ("3") days online in the KFETS system for a required minimum total of "420". Post entries daily! Login is available at http://www.epsb.ky.gov/. Several KFETS instructional resources are available on our website (see link in final paragraph below), and our team can assist you throughout the semester as we continue to transition to this tracking system.

Performance Evaluation of Student Teacher

Your CT(s) and US(s) should evaluate your progress as a student teacher throughout the semester. We will announce more information about our assessment data storage system as the semester gets underway.

Professional Organizations – Consider joining KAPE or KEA. You can visit their websites for more information: www.kea.org and www.

Shaping Effective Teaching – Student Teaching Handbook

If you haven't already, **please read the updated handbook**. It outlines expectations and guidelines for all members of the student teaching triad, and it also contains helpful resources (click link in 4th bullet of "All" section): https://education.uky.edu/ocp/resources/.

Website – Other Resources

The "Resources for Student Teaching" page https://education.uky.edu/ocp/resources/ is divided up by audience to whom each resource pertains. Most items of interest to you will be under the sections marked "All" and "Student Teachers".