

# Policy Connection

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

**Employee Handbook** – Owen County Board of Education

**Coaches' Handbook** – Owen County Board of Education

**Substitute Teacher Handbook** – Owen County Board of Education

**eMeeting** – Livingston County Board of Education, Menifee County Elementary School

## DOMESTIC/DATING VIOLENCE

House Bill 309 created new sections of KRS 209A that require all school personnel to report acts of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse to a law enforcement officer upon the request of the victim. In addition, school personnel must report if they believe that the death of a victim with whom they have had a professional interaction is related to domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse. This new language also requires school personnel to provide educational materials to a person with whom they have had a professional interaction, if they have reasonable cause to believe the person is a victim of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse. The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence has released the required “educational materials” that school personnel must provide to suspected victims of domestic or dating violence pursuant to HB 309 and KRS 209A.100. To access this material see the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/kcadv>

*Policy References 03.13253/03.23253/09.425*

## COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE RESOURCE

Deborah Arnold, executive director of the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) spoke to the Kentucky Organization of Superintendents' Administrative Assistants at their meeting in conjunction with the KSBA Summer Leadership Institute in July. KCCRB is a state agency that provides free crisis intervention response services statewide. You may find more information on its website at <http://kccrb.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>.

*Policy References 05.4 Areas/09.22*

## SOLAR ECLIPSE

Kentucky schools are preparing for the Aug. 21 solar eclipse, whether they plan to close for the day, provide special lessons and viewing at school, or bus students to optimal coverage sites. Districts that remain open will also want to take into account that their schools may be going through regular dismissal during the eclipse and students may be on buses headed home. As one point of reference, the eclipse begins 11:54 a.m. CT in Paducah and ends there at 2:49 p.m. CT. The time span in the total eclipse area is shown on a NASA map located here: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-maps>

Whatever the plans for that day, please carefully research methods for keeping students safe during this event and devise a communications plan for conveying this information to students and their parents, teachers and staff.

NASA's website offers safety information: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>. NASA also endorses a



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list of manufacturers that meet international standards for safety glasses and provides details on the “pinhole projection” method, which allows students to view the eclipse safely without special equipment. Other resources may be found at <http://www.eclipse2017.org/> and at <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com>.

*Policy Reference 05.4*

## OUTSTANDING POLICY/PROCEDURE UPDATES AND HANDBOOKS

With the start of the new school year just around the corner, it is important to have updated policies/procedures and handbooks in place for the information of the board, students, staff and the community. Additionally, KRS 160.340 requires that board policies be kept up to date by filing annual amendments thereto by August 15. Please send the update checklists to us so that we may process your local board's policies and procedures for use by your district.

*Policy Reference 01.5*

## MILEAGE RATE UPDATE

If your district reimburses for mileage at the state rate, be advised that the rate per mile effective July 1 through September 30, 2017, is forty cents (40¢) per mile. This information can be reviewed quarterly via this link: <http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/travel.aspx>

*Policy References 03.125/03.225*

## SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING KSBA CONFERENCES

We have purposefully structured this year's Fall Regional Meetings program to give every school board member the opportunity to get involved. We want input from all our members as we craft the KSBA legislative agenda for 2018, using feedback from our legislative survey along with information gathered through instant polling at each Regional Meeting.

KSBA staff will provide the program, for which board members will earn 1.25 hours of training credit for attending the entire program. The same evening, KSBA staff also will be facilitating regional KOSAA (Kentucky Organization of Superintendents Administrative Assistants) meetings – at selected sites.

### REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Date . . . . .KSBA Region

Monday, Aug 28 . . . . .First  
Tuesday, Aug 29 . . . . .Second  
Thursday, Sept. 7 . . . . .Upper Ky. River  
Tuesday, Sept. 12 . . . . .Fifth  
Tuesday, Sept. 26 . . . . .Middle Cumberland  
Thursday, Sept. 28 . . . . .Eastern Ky. North  
Tuesday, Oct. 3 . . . . .Northern Ky.  
Monday, Oct. 23 . . . . .Third  
Tuesday, Oct. 24 . . . . .Fourth  
Thursday, Oct. 26 . . . . .Central Kentucky  
Monday, Oct. 30 . . . . .Eastern Ky. South  
Thursday, Nov. 2 . . . . .Upper Cumberland

December 1-2, 2017

*Winter Symposium (Marriott Louisville East)*

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