

What do laws say about curriculum?

Supporting Question #1

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What is the difference between laws and regulations?



Voting and Elections

As established in [KRS 158.6450](#) it is essential for all Kentucky students to acquire the knowledge of procedures for voter registration and participation in elections. Instruction in election procedures should be consistent with the goals of responsible citizenship established in [KRS 158.6451](#).

Every secondary school shall provide students in the twelfth grade information on:

- (a) how to register to vote;
- (b) how to vote in an election using a ballot; and,
- (c) how to vote using an absentee ballot.

A school may provide this information through classroom activities, written materials, electronic communication, Internet resources, participation in mock elections and other methods identified by the principal after consulting with teachers.

Holocaust and Other Cases of Genocide

In 2018, the Kentucky General Assembly passed [House Bill 128 \(2018\)](#). HB 128 (2018) amended KRS 156.160 to require every public middle and high school's curriculum to include instruction about the Holocaust and other cases of genocide, as defined by the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, that a court of competent jurisdiction, whether a court in the United States or the International Court of Justice, has determined to have been committed by applying rigorous standards of due process. For more information, visit the [Required Instruction of the Holocaust and Other Cases of Genocide webpage](#).

Civics Test

Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) [158.141](#) establishes that beginning in July 2018, a student must pass a civics test composed of 100 questions in order to graduate from a public high school with a regular diploma. For more information on the Civics Test, visit the [KDE Civics Test webpage](#).