

# Updates from KSDE Mentoring Website

7/20/23

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- There are now separate pages for each type of mentoring.

### 6/21/23

The Professional Standards Board will be meeting to discuss mentoring on June 23, 2023. Minutes from the meeting will be [here](#) once they become official.

### June 21, 2023

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### June 13, 2023

No new activity

### June 5, 2023

No new activity

### May 29, 2023

No new activity

### May 24, 2023

No new activity

### April 12, 2023

After comparing mentoring plans that are currently under review with those that have been previously approved, KSDE noticed some similarities. While there are some complete and excellent plans, many did/do not provide processes for, only descriptions of, the requirements in the teacher/specialist mentoring guidelines.

Instead of dealing with this plan by plan, KSDE will create an action plan, in conjunction with the Professional Services Board and the State Board of Education, to help districts/systems improve their plans and meet teacher/specialist mentoring guidelines. For any district/system that had been waiting for a mentoring plan review and is currently marked “Working on Compliance” for KESA Compliance in the KESA authenticated application, KSDE has changed that status to “Fully”.

### **March 31, 2023**

No new Activity

**Week of March 20**-Missed updating.

### **March 15, 2023**

No new activity

### **March 8, 2023**

No new activity

### **February 21, 2023**

Unlike PD plans, which require a KSDE review every 5 years, mentoring plans, once KSDE approves them, can stay the way they are. Our scanning of plans, both those approved and those waiting approval, shows that many of them only describe what a district will do with its mentoring plan. A much smaller percentage shows the “how” of implementing the processes that the mentoring plan guidelines require.

KSDE is considering optional ways of ensuring the plans that have been and will be approved are meeting their stated purpose and will provide more details about that in the next few weeks.

### **February 16, 2023**

Need to postpone the mentoring plan information until next week.

### **February 7, 2023**

In next week’s KSDE Update, there will be information about how we will be handling the mentoring plans that are currently under review. This update should help get the plans approved a little sooner with little or no extra work on the part of the district/system.

### **January 31, 2023**

No new activity.

### **January 24, 2023**

Starting today, I will be contacting any district/system about two weeks after I send them the current review of their Mentoring Plan Report to set up an in-person/zoom call to go through their report. Many of the plans still do not include the processes ask for in the plan review checklist and there has been some confusion about or reluctance to changing the plans to match the requirements in the checklist,

**January 10, 2023**

**PD and Mentoring Plans and KESA Compliance**

Several districts have reported that during or as a result of their KESA OVT visit, they were told that either one or both of their plans was out of compliance.

**No PD or Mentoring plans are currently out of compliance.**

Some districts are "working on compliance", which, based on KESA's terminology, is "KESA Compliant". If you are being told you are out of KESA compliance, please contact Myron Melton with KESA at [mmelton@ksde.org](mailto:mmelton@ksde.org) so he can follow up for you.

**Update:**

**January 4, 2023**

Continuing reviewing PD Plans as listed in the [PD and Mentoring Calendar](#).

**Update:**

**December 28, 2022**

Reviewing PD Plans as listed in the [PD and Mentoring Calendar](#) through calendar year 2023. Included are the dates KSDE will review specific PD and Mentoring plans. Within 2 calendar weeks of that the date, the district/system will receive its report of that review. **There may be some delay because of inclement weather days on which KSDE was closed.** There are also reminders of important dates for both programs. This calendar will be updated and changed as required.

**Update:**

**December 20, 2022**

Reviewing Mentoring Plans as listed in the [PD and Mentoring Calendar](#) through calendar year 2023. Included are the dates KSDE will review specific PD and Mentoring plans. Within 2 calendar weeks of that the date, the district/system will receive its report of that review. There are also reminders of important dates for both programs. This calendar will be updated and changed as required.

**Update:**

**December 13, 2022**

This is the [link](#) to the PD and Mentoring Calendar through calendar year 2023. Included are the dates KSDE will review specific PD and Mentoring plans. Within 2 calendar weeks of that the date,

the district/system will receive its report of that review. There are also reminders of important dates for both programs. This calendar will be updated and changed as required.

**Update:**

**December 6, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**November 29, 2022:**

Reviewing data from the Leadership Mentoring Assurance Survey from March 2022 for analysis and presentation before the end of the year. Preparing the Teacher/Specialist Mentoring Checklist for use to review mentoring plans starting next week.

**Update:**

**November 22, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**November 15, 2022**

KESA Compliance information for the Mentoring and Induction Plans will be available in the KESA Authenticated App on or after November 16, 2022. All districts/systems are in KESA Compliance, including those in the process of working on their plans with KSDE.

No other activities this week.

**Update:**

**November 8, 2022**

KESA Compliance information for the Mentoring and Induction Plans will be available in the KESA Authenticated App on or after November 15, 2022. All districts/systems are in KESA Compliance, including those in the process of working on their plans with KSDE.

No other activities this week.

I will be out of the office on 11/11 and 11/14.

**Update:**

**November 2, 2022**

KESA Compliance information for the Mentoring and Induction Plans will be available in the KESA Authenticated App on or after November 7, 2022. All districts/systems are in KESA Compliance, including those in the process of working on their plans with KSDE.

No other activities this week.

**Update:**

**October 11, 2022:**

Finalizing KESA Compliance review.

**Update:**

**October 11, 2022:**

October is KESA Compliance review month. This week and the rest of the the month I will be verifying the current mentoring plan status for each district/system. For the plans that are submitted but not yet reviewed, I will continue to mark them as "working on compliance," which is KESA compliance, until they are approved.

I will be out of the office from 10/17-10/25.

**Update:**

**October 3, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**September 27, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**September 19, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**September 12, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**September 6, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**August 29, 2022: None**

**Update:**

**August 22, 2022: None**