




Program Review

With the passing of Senate Bill 1 in 2009, practical living, which includes health and physical education, was removed from the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS). Also removed were career studies, arts and humanities, and the writing portfolios. The accountability for these areas has been replaced with program reviews. KRS 158.6453 (1) (i) states that a program review is “a systematic method of analyzing components of an instructional program, including instructional practices, aligned and enacted curriculum, student work samples, formative and summative assessments, professional development and support services, and administrative supports and monitoring.”

The goals of the program reviews are:

-  To improve teaching and learning for all students in all programs
-  To allow equal access for all students to the skills that will assist them in being productive citizens
-  To allow students to demonstrate their understanding beyond a paper and pencil test

Beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year, the Kentucky accountability system will include program reviews for the arts and humanities, practical living and career studies, and writing programs. The results of the program review required under this subsection shall be included in the accountability system required by KRS 158.6455. Through careful review, schools will be able to identify strengths, which can be shared with other programs in the building. A careful review will also allow for the identification of weaknesses and areas of growth. The review of a program is an on-going, year-round, reflective process. New tools and resources will be provided in the future through the Kentucky Departments of Education’s website at:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Program+Reviews>