

***KENTUCKY  
SCHOOL UPDATES:***

***A Parent/Citizen Guide***

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# INTRODUCTION

*Kentucky School Updates: A Parent/Citizen Guide*, is a publication of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. It is intended to help parents and citizens stay up-to-date on education issues. Individual chapters are updated as needed and will be noted at the bottom of those pages.

This document is a reference for parents and citizens. In most sections you will find the basics of the law, what progress has been made, what you can do to get involved, and how to get additional information.

We believe parents and citizens should communicate with elected officials who make decisions about education. We will leave it to you to find your local school board members, but we include information in the chapter on parent involvement called “Stay in contact with your state legislators.” We hope you will talk with them about the good things in your schools as well as problems you observe.

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We believe informed and involved parents and citizens are critical to school success. Educators cannot help all students reach high achievement goals without the support of families and communities. Your interest and support are important. We hope this guidebook will provide you with the information you need to be involved in education in your community. I invite you to send additional questions, comments or suggestions.

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