

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Update Agenda Item: 2025-26 Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Tuition Setting Timeline

Background: Prior to 2023-24 year, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Board approved an in-state tuition rate increase of no more than \$7 per student credit hour over two years (i.e., a 3.85% total increase over two years) and an in-state tuition rate increase of no more than \$4 per student credit hour in any one year (i.e., a 2.20% increase in any one year). The KCTCS Board of Regents approved a \$4 per student credit hour increase for 2023-24 and a \$3 per student credit hour increase for 2024-25.

2024-25 Tuition Rates

In-State Students	\$189
Out-of-State Students	\$260

The primary source of funds to support the KCTCS operating budget is tuition revenue, followed by State Appropriations. Each \$1 increase in the KCTCS tuition per semester credit hour rate for Kentucky residents (with corresponding rate increases for students from out-of-state) will produce approximately \$1.2 million in new net tuition revenue.

Tuition Setting Timeline

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Board will review the *Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy for Academic Year 2025-26* and recommend a 2025-26 tuition and mandatory fee ceiling for Council action on April 18, 2025.

KCTCS' deadline for submitting tuition and fee rate proposals to CPE is May 23, 2025. The CPE Board will review tuition and fee rate proposals for Council action on June 13, 2025.

Relevant Legal Authority: Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164.020 gives the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) the authority to determine tuition rate ranges for Kentucky's state-supported universities and KCTCS.

CPE and the institutions believe that nonresident students should pay a larger share of their educational cost than resident students. As such, published tuition and fee levels adopted for nonresident students shall be higher than the prices for resident students enrolled in comparable programs. In addition, every institution shall manage its tuition and fee rate structures, price discounting, and scholarship aid for out-of-state students, such that in any given year, the average net tuition and fee revenue generated per nonresident undergraduate student equals or excess 130% of the annual full-time tuition and fee charge assessed to the resident undergraduate students (i.e., the published in-state sticker price).

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