

Kansas Education Commission Subcommittees

College and Career-Ready Students

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First sub-committee meeting scheduled for July 13 (webinar at 2 p.m.)

Great Teachers and Leaders in Every School

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Equity and Opportunity for All Students

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Raise the Bar and Reward Excellence

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Promote Innovation and Continuous Improvement

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First sub-committee meeting scheduled for July 14 at KASB in Topeka (virtual thereafter)

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