



Dear Partner in Education:

The Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC), the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Aviation (KYTC), and The AOPA Foundation, Inc. (AFI) invite you to a special event on Tuesday, February 20, where a new free high school/youth workforce development aviation career preparation curriculum and valuable teacher/trainer professional development opportunities will be formally announced and discussed.

The event at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky (4029 Airport Road, Lexington, KY 40510) is free; aviation businesses, educators, administrators, counselors, workforce development service providers, and community stakeholders are all encouraged to attend to learn about these opportunities. Attendees are encouraged to [RSVP](#).



These state agencies and AFI have partnered to develop the Aviation Job Experience and Career Preparation Curriculum (CPC) for youth workforce development opportunities and high schools across Kentucky.

The CPC is a comprehensive, one-semester program designed to help prepare Kentucky youth for airline pilot, commercial drone operator, aerospace engineering, and other aerospace STEM careers. Through planning, implementation, and evaluation resources, the CPC prepares students for workforce experiences. It also helps schools and businesses document and evaluate student performance in registered apprenticeships, internships, and other work-based learning experiences.

Created to help meet the current demand of over 2,000 job openings in Kentucky’s aviation sector and its looming growth needs, the CPC helps prepare students by also developing their softer, yet as valuable, skills such as communication, cooperation, and problem-solving.

The CPC is free for businesses, workforce development, and both public and private schools in Kentucky and will be available in the 2024-25 school year. It can be used as a standalone curriculum or in conjunction with the free four-year, STEM.org-accredited [AOPA Foundation High School STEM Curriculum](#).

In addition to the CPC, this partnership and AFI will also host free professional development opportunities to support classroom instruction, foster school-business collaboration, and train aviation business owners in spring 2024.

We look forward to seeing you at this significant session.

Blue skies!

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