

Kentucky Association for Gifted Education

**Proclamation Signing Ceremony for Gifted Education Month in Kentucky
Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 12:00 p.m. Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY**

CULTIVATING EXCELLENCE: GIFTED EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY

Join KAGE when the month of February is proclaimed as *Gifted Education Month in Kentucky*. Take advantage of being in the Capitol by arranging for students to watch state government in action. Visits with legislators, attendance at committee meetings, watching the action on the chambers' floors from the House or Senate galleries, and/or arranging for students to be legislative pages can be organized. The following information will help you plan an exciting day in the state capitol.

Proclamation Signing Ceremony February 8, 2017, 12:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. The ceremony will last about an hour.

The Capitol Tour desk # is 502.564.3449.

Committee Meetings:

Committees are an essential part of the legislative process for both representatives and senators. Committees monitor on-going governmental operations, identify issues suitable for legislative review, gather and evaluate information, and recommend courses of action to their respective bodies. Each legislator sits on a number of committees. Usually, these committees are in areas of interest to the legislator. New senators and representatives will be assigned committees after they are sworn in in early January. At that time, there may be a shifting of some other committee positions as well. To find out what committees your senator or representative may be on, go to the Kentucky Legislature Home page at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov>. Click on the Organization & Administration tab, then the Committees tab. From there you can explore the different committees.

Appointments with Legislators:

Having your students study issues in which your legislators are interested and then have prepared questions is a good way to engage the legislator in conversation. An appointment can be arranged by calling 502.564.8100. Ask the operator for your senator or representative. Make your request with the scheduling secretary clerk, and the clerk will get back with you. The scheduling clerks are friendly and helpful.

Since a new representative or senator has not been sworn in yet, you may have to contact him/her directly at the current place of work or wait until January and call the number above. Follow the same procedure as above for making an appointment.

Senate and House in Chambers:

The Senate and House go into chambers at 2:00 p.m. This is where the action on bills is taken. Bills will be sent to committees or voted on or other action taken. **Tickets for the viewing galleries need to be ordered in advance.** You can do this by calling one of your legislators and asking him or her to reserve the seats. Call the 502.564.8100 number and follow the same procedure as before.

Student Pages:

You can also request that a student be a page on the House or Senate floor for the legislator. Please see the documents *Kentucky Senate Page Program* or *House of Representative Legislative Page Program* for more information. Your students can be made honorary pages if you request that from your legislator as well.

Lunch:

There is a cafeteria in the Capitol Annex. However, sack lunches from school are highly recommended. It's cheaper and quicker, especially if you have a large group. If you decide to do sack lunches, you can eat on the bus. There are fast food restaurants about 10-15 minutes away.