



# **2025 Legislative Session Public School Advocacy Day Toolkit**

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# MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

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# KEA'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



The Kentucky Education Association is the  
Preeminent Voice for Quality Public Education.

Our Mission is to **Unite, Organize, and Empower**  
members to Advocate for Themselves, and to  
Ensure A **Quality Public Education** for  
**Every Kentucky Student.**

## KEA'S HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Ensure a free, appropriate, inclusive, and fully funded public education for ALL Kentucky students.
- Increase state revenue through non-regressive tax reform and other appropriate means
- Fully fund a defined benefit in all public pension plans

## KEA'S LEGISLATIVE GOALS

- Advocate for equitable & adequate funding for P-12 education.
- Advocate for a high-quality education for every public school student in the Commonwealth.
- Advocate for strong professions.
- Advocate for adequate school employee compensation, sufficient retirement benefits, and affordable health insurance for public school employees, and their dependants.

# WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Scan the QR Code shown here to be taken to a form where you can tell us about your meeting(s) with the Legislators.

If you'd prefer, please answer the questions in the included Day of Learning Report, and send it to **[mwilson@kea.org](mailto:mwilson@kea.org)**



If you have any questions, please contact  
KEA President **Eddie Campbell** - 606-483-7051  
or KEA Vice President **Joel Wolford** - 502-229-2508

Don't forget to tag us in any photos of your meetings on Social Media! Use the hashtags **#ILOVEMYKYPUBLICSCHOOL**, **#EMPOWEREDEDUCATOR**, and **#KEAProud**

# KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

## GENERAL TIPS

- Free guided tours of the Kentucky State Capitol are available Monday through Friday, beginning at the tour guide desk in the Rotunda. Call 502-564-3449 if you would like to schedule a tour.
- Legislative committee meetings year-round are open to the public, and no special passes are needed.
- If you're visiting during a legislative session (roughly January through April 15th, depending on the year,) you may also want to contact your legislators to see if they can arrange for gallery passes that allow you to watch the House or Senate proceedings.
- Always check the Legislative Calendar at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov) before making a trip to Frankfort to see if there has been any last-minute changes.

## ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

- All visitors may continue to attend legislative committee meetings in person. For more information, visit [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).
- All committee meetings are livestreamed so that people who cannot attend meetings may view them online at [www.ket.org/legislature](http://www.ket.org/legislature) or on the LRC YouTube channel.
- The first floor and the basement of the Capitol Annex are open to visitors, but citizens must have a scheduled appointment to access the second, third and, fourth floors of the Annex where lawmakers' offices are located.
- Access to the tunnel from the parking structure to the Annex and from the Annex to the Capitol now require an active security badge.
- Visitors attending legislative committee meetings should enter the Capitol Annex through the visitor's entrance, located at the central doors on the front of the building.
- TTY Message Line - 1-800-896-0305  
En Español - 1-866-840-6574

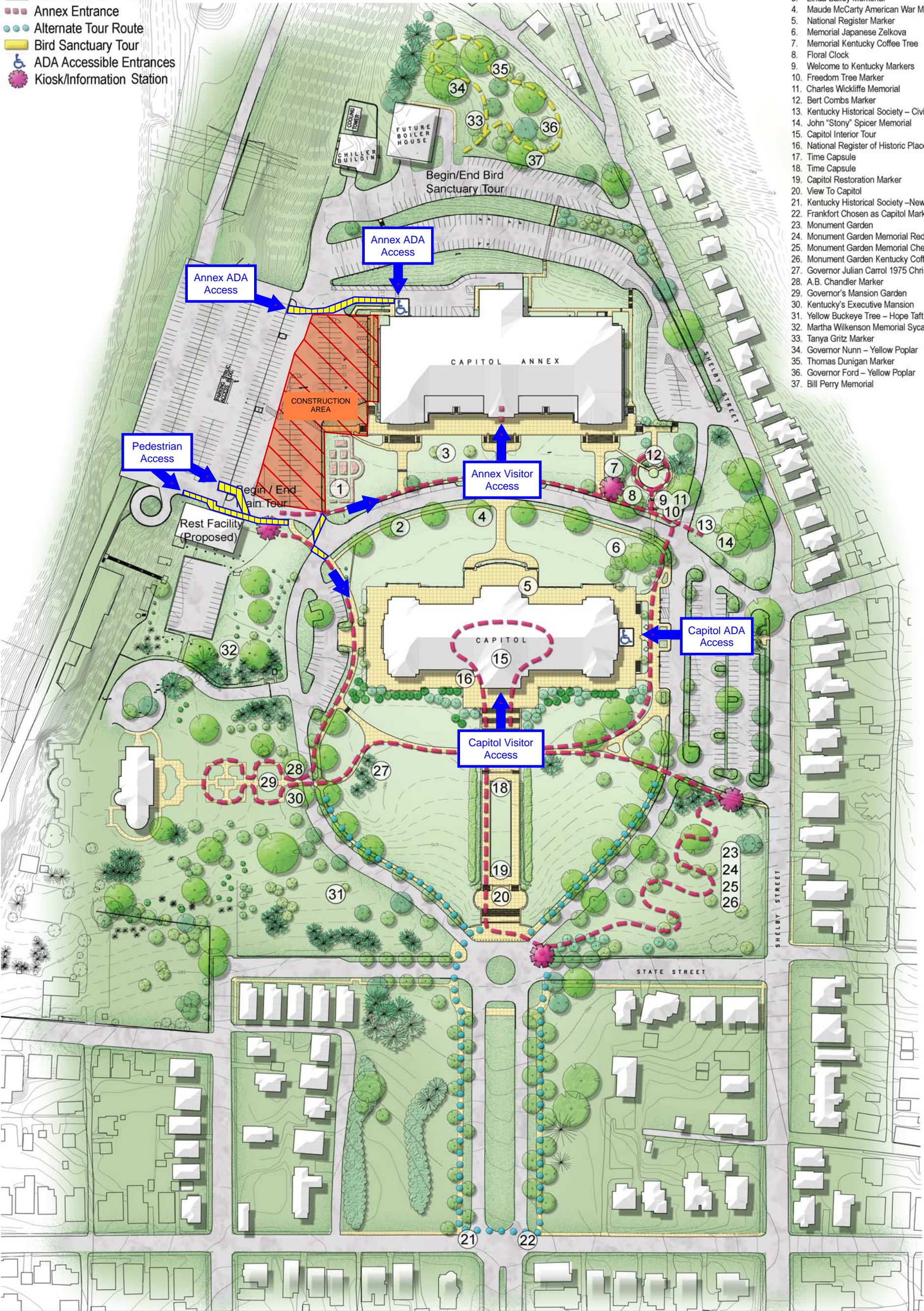
## VISITOR PARKING & INFO

- **Due to limited parking during ongoing construction, it is recommended to carpool and park in the garage.**
- During legislative sessions of the General Assembly and on other committee meeting days, often there are large crowds arriving at the Capitol and Capitol Annex to watch proceedings.
- The **Capitol Parking Garage** can be accessed via Old Lawrenceburg Rd., or from Capitol Ave. There are some public parking and handicap accessible parking on the surface lot on the east side of the Annex. There is also a ramp leading to floors 4-6 of the garage for additional public parking. Floor 2 and half of Floor 3 are reserved for parking by permit only.
- Planning ahead and knowing where to park and the location of public entrances will help make your visit more successful.
- There is a handicap accessible entrance in both the Capitol and the Capitol Annex

# CAPITOL CAMPUS ACCESS AND TOUR MAP

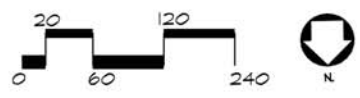
- LEGEND
- Main Tour Path - 1.25 miles
  - Annex Entrance
  - Alternate Tour Route
  - Bird Sanctuary Tour
  - ADA Accessible Entrances
  - Kiosk/Information Station

1. The Capitol Rose Garden
2. Sweetgum Tree
3. Linda Bailey Memorial
4. Maude McCarty American War Mothers Memorial
5. National Register Marker
6. Memorial Japanese Zelkova
7. Memorial Kentucky Coffee Tree
8. Floral Clock
9. Welcome to Kentucky Markers
10. Freedom Tree Marker
11. Charles Wickliffe Memorial
12. Bert Combs Marker
13. Kentucky Historical Society – Civil War Marker
14. John "Story" Spicer Memorial
15. Capitol Interior Tour
16. National Register of Historic Places Capitol Marker
17. Time Capsule
18. Time Capsule
19. Capitol Restoration Marker
20. View To Capitol
21. Kentucky Historical Society –New Capitol Marker
22. Frankfort Chosen as Capitol Marker
23. Monument Garden
24. Monument Garden Memorial Red Maple
25. Monument Garden Memorial Chestnut Tree
26. Monument Garden Kentucky Coffee Tree
27. Governor Julian Carroll 1975 Christmas Tree
28. A.B. Chandler Marker
29. Governor's Mansion Garden
30. Kentucky's Executive Mansion
31. Yellow Buckeye Tree – Hope Taft
32. Martha Wilkenson Memorial Sycamore
33. Tanya Gritz Marker
34. Governor Nunn – Yellow Poplar
35. Thomas Dunigan Marker
36. Governor Ford – Yellow Poplar
37. Bill Perry Memorial



Tour Route

## Capitol Grounds Walking Tour



# MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

## REASONS TO MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

- Legislators are sincerely interested in getting their constituents' views on legislation. They want to hear from you!
- The legislator may have a number of ideas and suggestions to help you focus your efforts.
- Meeting with your legislators can help you gauge their support or opposition to the issues that matter most to you about education.
- Meeting with a legislator and providing information allows you to become a resource to him or her. As a result, the legislator's staff may call on you for input in the crafting of legislation or for input on helping to shape their positions on legislation in the future.

## SCHEDULING THE MEETING

- Prior to your PSA Day, you should call in advance to schedule a meeting for you and your group. Keep in mind that legislators are busy so you may need to be flexible.
- It is always more effective if you, as a constituent, ask for an appointment, rather than having your organization's staff make the request.
- On the day of your visit, it is important to keep an eye on your email and notifications for last minute changes to scheduled meeting times.

## DURING THE MEETING

- Be prepared. Bring any simple and easy to understand materials with you. Prepare your remarks ahead of time, and start the conversation off with a couple minutes of small talk to build some rapport, but make sure you get to the point rather quickly. Most visits last twenty minutes or less.
- If you visit in a group, have one person take the lead. She/he can introduce the group, make a brief statement about why you're there, and then call on various people in the group to talk about their particular concerns.
- Be certain that members of your group agree on the objectives for the meeting and on the points to be addressed. Plan to meet ahead of time.

# MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

## PRESENTING YOUR POSITION

- Present your view with conviction, but don't put the legislator on the defensive.
- It helps to cover your issue from the legislator's perspective, tying it in with his or her past votes or interests.
- Listen attentively.
- The legislator's opening discussion with you will often give you clues about how to connect your issue with his/her concerns.
- If you don't have the answer to a legislator's question, say so. Tell the legislator you will provide the information, and then be certain that you do.
- Be prepared to address concerns raised by legislators about your issue, but make sure you do not become defensive if you disagree with them. Respond to their concerns with facts in a calm manner and ask them to consider the points you've raised.
- Follow up with information, both when speaking and in a fact sheet that you can leave or send to the legislator.
- Include a brief description of your issue in the fact sheet, why it is important to your organization, and the action that you want the legislator to take.

## AFTER THE VISIT

- After the visit, write a letter of thanks to the legislator. Be sure to remind him/her of any agreements reached, and provide any information that you promised. Be sure to fill out the KEA Public School Advocacy Day Reporting Form. Complete the online version or scan printed version and send to [mwilson@kea.org](mailto:mwilson@kea.org)

