

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FRESHMAN CLASSES 2018-2019 THROUGH 2020-2021

YEAR	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS	ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS	SOCIAL STUDIES	MATH	SCIENCE	OTHER CREDITS	GRADE 10 EXAMS	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
GRADE NINE STUDENTS ENTERING 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR	22 credits	Four credits: English I, II, III, and IV	Three credits	Three credits: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II; A math course or equivalent will be taken each year of high school	Three credits	1/2 credit: Health 1/2 credit: Physical Education One credit: visual/performing arts	Counts only toward accountability spring of 2020	Civics test; demonstrated performance based competency in technology; seven elective credits
GRADE NINE STUDENTS ENTERING 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR	22 credits	Four credits: English I, II, and two other personalized credits covering the standards	Three credits	Four credits: Algebra I, Geometry, and two other personalized credits covering the standards	Three credits	1/2 credit: Health 1/2 credit: Physical Education One credit: visual/performing arts	Counts only toward accountability spring of 2021	Civics test; Complete of least one graduation qualifier listed in 704 KAR 3:305; demonstrated performance based competency in technology; six elective credits
GRADE NINE STUDENTS ENTERING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR	22 credits	Four credits: English I, II, and two other personalized credits covering the standards	Three credits	Four credits: Algebra I, Geometry, and two other personalized credits covering the standards	Three credits	1/2 credit: Health 1/2 credit: Physical Education One credit: visual/performing arts	For graduation and accountability spring of 2022 (This is only one option for demonstrating the prerequisites)	Civics test; Financial literacy standards program or course; Complete at least one graduation qualifier and meet at least one graduation prerequisite listed in 704 KAR 3:305; demonstrated performance based competency in technology; six elective credits

All required courses must be aligned to the Kentucky Academic Standards. These are state minimum standards. Standards may vary by district.



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4 ENGLISH CREDITS

English I
English II

FOUNDATIONAL

Additional English aligned with ILP
Additional English aligned with ILP

PERSONALIZED

Additional course options could include, but are not limited to:
English III, English IV, AP Language, AP Literature, dual credit English, etc.

4 MATH CREDITS

Algebra I
Geometry

Additional Math aligned with ILP
Additional Math aligned with ILP

Additional course options could include, but are not limited to:
Algebra II, Precalculus, College Algebra, AP Calculus, dual credit math, dual credit CTE math, etc.

3 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS

Social Studies
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Social Studies aligned with ILP

Additional course options could include, but are not limited to:
Government (or AP), U.S. History (or AP), World Civilizations/History (or AP), dual credit social studies, etc.

3 SCIENCE CREDITS

Lab-based Science
Lab-based Science

Science aligned with ILP

Additional course options could include, but are not limited to:
Chemistry (or AP), Physics (or AP), Biology (or AP), CSI Forensics, dual credit science, etc.

OTHER CREDITS

1/2 Health; 1/2 PE
Visual/Performing Arts

6 credits aligned with ILP

Additional course options could include, but are not limited to:
Chorus I, Orchestra I, Visual Arts I, Theatre I, Band I, etc.

GRADUATION QUALIFIERS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2019-2020 (COMPLETE ONE):

Precollege curriculum as established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020	Benchmark score in one section of a college admissions or placement examination as established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020	Three postsecondary credit hours or more of a Kentucky Department of Education-approved dual credit course with a grade of C or higher	One course and corresponding assessment meeting the following criteria: Advanced placement (AP) with a score of three or higher; or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) with a score at or above benchmark; or International Baccalaureate (IB) with a score of five or higher	Industry certification as approved by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board	Four credits from valid courses within a single KDE-approved career pathway	Two years of a KDE-approved or Kentucky Labor Cabinet-approved pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship requirements as prescribed in a student's IEP	A KDE-approved process to verify 500 hours of exceptional work experience, or alternative requirements as prescribed in a student's IEP
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GRADUATION PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020-2021 (MEET ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING TO DEMONSTRATE BASIC COMPETENCE IN READING AND MATH):

The student's **10th-grade** state-required assessments in reading and mathematics meet the minimum criteria. The minimum criteria shall include **scoring, at least, as an Apprentice in reading and mathematics** in the state-required assessments approved by the Kentucky Board of Education. Students who do not meet the minimum criteria on one or both assessments may retake the reading and/or mathematics assessments twice annually in the 11th and 12th grades of high school enrollment.

Score Proficient or higher for reading or mathematics or both reading and mathematics, if applicable, on the student's **8th-grade** state-required assessment.

The principal may **submit a collection of the following student evidence** to the superintendent or designee for review and approval: the student's ILP that includes student transcript; if applicable, for students with IEPs, evidence that the student has achieved progress on measurable annual IEP goals as determined by the Admissions and Release Committee; performance on the 10th-grade state-required assessments in reading or mathematics; and appropriate interventions targeted to the student's needs, provided to the student to ensure support was offered and accessible in order for the student to meet the requirements outlined in this administrative regulation.



OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Pass state-mandated civics test
- Receive instruction in financial literacy
- Demonstrate essential workplace skills
- Demonstrate competency in technology
- Completion of annual ILP (6th to 12th grade)

Beginning 2019-20, all public postsecondary institutions in Kentucky will use the indicators of readiness established by the Council on Postsecondary Education as measures of college academic readiness. Upon admission to a public postsecondary institution, students scoring at or above the established scores will not be required to complete developmental or corequisite coursework and will be allowed entry into college credit-bearing coursework that counts toward degree credit requirements.

Curriculum Pathway	ACT Score		SAT Score		GED College Readiness		ALEKS	
	English	Reading	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Mathematics	Writing	Reasoning through the Language Arts	Mathematical Reasoning	Placement Score
English (Writing)	English 18 or higher	Reading 20 or higher	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480 or higher or 25 on the Writing and Language Test	Mathematics 19 or higher	Writing 6 or higher	Reasoning through the Language Arts 165 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 165 or higher	Not applicable as a placement score
Reading	Reading 20 or higher	Reading 20 or higher	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480 or higher or 25 or higher on the Reading Test	Mathematics 500 or higher	Reading 20 or higher	Reasoning through the Language Arts 165 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 165 or higher	Not applicable as a placement score
Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)	Mathematics 19 or higher	Mathematics 19 or higher	Mathematics 500 or higher	Mathematics 500 or higher	College Readiness Mathematics 22 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 165 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 165 or higher	ALEKS PPL 30
Mathematics (College Algebra)	Mathematics 22 or higher	Mathematics 22 or higher	Mathematics 560 or higher	Mathematics 560 or higher	College Algebra 14 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 175 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 175 or higher	ALEKS PPL 46
Mathematics (Calculus)	Mathematics 27 or higher	Mathematics 27 or higher	Mathematics 650 or higher	Mathematics 650 or higher	Calculus 15 or higher	Not applicable as a placement score	Not applicable as a placement score	ALEKS PPL 76

Per the College Readiness Indicators Workgroup, all exam scores remain an indicator of academic readiness for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of administration. Individual institutions may extend the length of time scores remain indicators of academic readiness. However, an institution shall not determine academic readiness using scores received from exams taken more than four (4) years prior. Other exams, prior college coursework, and placement exams may be used for course placement after a student is admitted to a postsecondary institution.



Transition Readiness

Student Expectations for Transition Readiness

High School Diploma

Earn a high school diploma by meeting/exceeding the Kentucky Minimum High School Graduation Requirements

AND

Meet Requirements of Academic or Career Readiness

		English Language Readiness (only required for English Learners)
Academic Readiness	Career Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meeting exit criteria for English language proficiency assessment (Overall composite of a 4.5 on a Tier B/C) for any student who received English Language services during high school. • English Language Learners are included in academic and career readiness in addition to English Language Readiness.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Benchmarks, determined by Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) on a college admissions exam or college placement examination; OR ✓ A grade of C or higher in each course on 6 hours of KDE-approved dual credit; OR ✓ A score of 3+ on exams in 2 Advanced Placement courses; OR ✓ A score of 5+ on 2 exams for International Baccalaureate courses; OR ✓ Benchmarks on 2 Cambridge Advanced International examinations; OR ✓ Completing a combination of academic readiness indicators listed above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of academic readiness shall include one quantitative reasoning or natural sciences and one written or oral communication, or visual and performing arts; or humanities; or social and behavioral sciences learning outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Receiving an Industry Certification (<i>Approved by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board on an annual basis</i>); OR ✓ Scoring at or above the benchmark on the Career and Technical Education End-of-Program Assessment for articulated credit; OR ✓ A grade of C or higher in each course on 6 hours of KDE-approved Career and Technical Education dual credit; OR ✓ Completing a KDE/Labor Cabinet-approved apprenticeship; OR ✓ Completing a KDE-approved alternate process to verify exceptional work experience. 	

Note: Students participating in the alternate assessment program and earning an alternate diploma will have criteria for Transition Readiness based on alternate assessment requirements and employability skills attainment.

Please contact the Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) if there are any questions:

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