
SECTION 5.1: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE (9) ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in [704 KAR 003:303](#) and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

English/Language Arts	Four (4) Credits total (English I and II plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Mathematics	Four (4) Credits total (Algebra I and Geometry plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP)
Science	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) credits incorporating lab-based scientific investigation experiences plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Health	One-half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One-half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Six (6) Credits total (Two (2) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency
Financial Literacy	One (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy requirements pursuant to KRS 158.1411 .

SECTION 5.2: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION 08.113 Graduation Requirements**EARLY GRADUATION APPLICATION**

To apply for early graduation, a conference with the Principal, parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student is required to determine eligibility. Students must complete the application, attach all required documentation, and submit to the Principal one semester prior to requested graduation date. Submission of the application does not guarantee the student early graduation.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT EARNED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

All students must demonstrate successful completion of the courses required for high school graduation. It is expected that most students will complete those courses during their high school careers. However, a student may earn an Algebra I credit at the middle school level if the following criteria are met:

The content of the course offered in Algebra 1 is the same as that defined in the Kentucky's Core Academic Standards for the high school Algebra 1 course.

Teachers with either secondary or middle level certification with math content specialization teach the Algebra 1 course.

*A mathematics credit earned at the middle school will not be calculated into a student's grade point average.

CARDINAL SCHOLAR

Graduating seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher, are designated as Cardinal Scholars. Cardinal Scholars are recognized at commencement.

**REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS**

All students shall also complete an **Individual Learning Plan** that incorporates emphasis on career development.

The high school student handbook shall include complete details concerning specific graduation requirements.

All seniors participating in graduation exercises must have successfully:

- Completed all course requirements
- Met attendance requirements
- Completed an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)
- Met all financial obligations
- Adhered to standards of proper behavior

SECTION 5.3: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION 08.113 Graduation Requirements**CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS**

Upon first entry into GRC from the 8th Grade, students shall be designated Freshman status in iCampus.

A student shall be designated Sophomore status in iCampus for his/her second year.

A student shall be designated Junior status in iCampus for his/her third year.

A student shall be designated Senior status in iCampus for his/her fourth year.

**APPROVED ONLINE COURSE**

When a student successfully completes an approved online course, the credit shall apply toward graduation requirements and the grade received shall be used in calculating the student's grade point average.

Students in grades five (5), six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) who score a "3" or higher on an advanced placement examination or earn a grade of "B" or better in a high school equivalent or an approved online course shall receive credit toward graduation. *(see page 11)*

OTHER GRADUATION PROVISIONS

-Those students completing their coursework during the summer will be granted a diploma at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

-The Board may award a diploma to a student posthumously indicating graduation with the class with which the student was expected to graduate.

-High school diplomas shall be awarded to students with disabilities in compliance with Kentucky Administrative Regulation.

Fifth year seniors, except those enrolled in the SSYP, are not eligible to participate in activities including but not limited to Prom, athletics, extra-curricular activities, and the graduation ceremony.

DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS

In keeping with statute and regulation, the Board shall award an authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who did not complete high school prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War.¹

ALL STUDENTS, COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**Graduation Requirements**

References:

[KRS 40.010](#); [KRS 156.160](#) [KRS 158.140](#); [KRS 158.142](#)[KRS 158.622](#); [KRS 158.860](#); [KRS 158.645](#); [KRS 158.6451](#) [013 KAR 002:020](#); [702 KAR 007:125](#); [703 KAR 004:060](#) [704 KAR 003:303](#); [704 KAR 003:305](#); [704 KAR 007:140](#) [OAG 78-348](#); [OAG 82-386](#)

Kentucky's Core Academic Standards Related Policies: 08.1131, 08.14, 09.126 (re requirements for students from military families)
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