LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 704 KAR 3:305 IMPACT THE INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN, PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDITS, AND THE EARLY GRADUATION PROGRAM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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Graduation Requirements

In support of student development goals set out in KRS 158.6451 and the Kentucky Academic Standards, all students must complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology, and all other requirements in order to graduate from high school.

Civics Exam Requirement

Students wishing to receive a regular diploma must pass a civics test made up of one hundred (100) questions selected from the civics test administered to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens and prepared or approved by the Board. A minimum score of sixty percent (60%) is required to pass the test and students may take the test as many times as needed to pass. Students that have passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall be exempt from this civics test. This shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan.4

Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

The development of the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for each student shall be established within the first ninety (90) days of the sixth (6th) grade year and shall be focused on career exploration and related postsecondary education and training needs.

Additional Requirements of the Board

In addition to the content requirements established by the Kentucky Academic Standards, and the credits required by the minimum requirements for high school graduation in 704 KAR 3:305, the Board may impose other requirements for graduation from high school. However, the Board shall not adopt any graduation requirements that include achieving a minimum score on a statewide assessment.

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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 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

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| 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. |

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Graduation Requirements

Repeating Courses

Students who fail a course should repeat that course within one (1) calendar year. Any student who fails a required English course must repeat the failed semester(s) during the next academic year; however, no student may be enrolled in more than two (2) levels of English concurrently.

Additional Requirements

Seniors shall be within one credit of graduating in order to participate in graduation exercises. Fractional credit shall not be granted for full‑year courses. The Principal will notify parents of the students not able to participate due to lack of credits.

Other Provisions

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

Consistent with the District’s graduation practices for all students, an alternative high school diploma shall be awarded to students with disabilities in compliance with applicable legal requirements. In addition, former students may submit to the Superintendent a request that the District provide them with an alternative high school diploma to replace the certificate of attainment they received at time of graduation from the District.3

A student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age and who is a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135, shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

The Board may substitute an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, occupational, technical, or higher-level course for a required course if the alternative course provides rigorous content.

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Graduation Requirements

Assurance Letter

The school council shall provide a description of the opportunities to meet the six goals of the Commonwealth and academic expectations to be taught in the required courses to the local Board of Education for its approval by July 15 of each year.

High School Credit Earned in Middle Grades

All students who take Algebra I in the eighth grade for high school credit must demonstrate mastery of the Middle Grades Mathematics Kentucky Academic Standards as determined by an exam aligned with the Kentucky Academic Standards, core content for assessment and academic expectations; teacher observations; and all A’s in the seventh-grade mathematics classroom.

In keeping with statutory requirements, the District shall accept for credit toward graduation and completion of high school course requirements an advanced placement or a high school equivalent course taken by a student in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 if that student attains performance levels expected of high school students in the District as determined by achieving a score of "3" or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination or a grade of "B" or better in a high school equivalent.2

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

References:

1KRS 40.010; KRS 158.140; 704 KAR 7:140

2KRS 158.622

3KRS 156.160; 20 U.S.C. § 1414

4KRS 158.141

KRS 156.027; KRS 158.135

KRS 158.1411; KRS 158.1413;KRS 158.142; KRS 158.143; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.281

KRS 158.302; KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 158.860

13 KAR 2:020; 702 KAR 7:125; 703 KAR 4:060

704 KAR 3:303; 704 KAR 3:305; 704 KAR 3:306; 704 KAR 3:535; 704 KAR 7:090

704 KAR Chapter 8

OAG 78‑348; OAG 82‑386

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