

Early Graduation

Changes to 704 KAR 3:305

Alternative Pathway to Graduation before age 18

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- * Beginning 2014-15 school year
- * Early Graduation- defined as meeting the performance criteria and doing so in less than four years and attending less than 140 days the fourth year.
- * Declare intent 9th grade or as soon as known
- * Competency-based criteria
 - * Qualifying score on required end of course exams
 - * Meet English/language arts, reading and mathematics benchmarks on ACT (as set by CPE)

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- * KBE or local board cannot impose additional requirements
- * May take two (2) English courses per year
- * May complete some courses in middle school (e.g., English 1, Algebra 1)
- * District awards Early Graduation **Scholarship** Certificate
- * Scholarship award in the amount of one-half (1/2) SEEK (**school retains other half for fourth year**)
- * Students will receive fourth year of KEES if they graduate in three (3) years.

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- * Excellence for All is model for legislation, 4 students graduated early last year, two went on to a four year institution (one had a full scholarship).
- * *Note: Early Graduation alone does not guarantee admission into a public two or four year higher education institution.*