

LEGAL: CHANGES TO 704 KAR 3:305 REGARDING EARLY GRADUATION CERTIFICATES REQUIRE A LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY BE ENTERED INTO THE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1. ALSO, STUDENTS ARE TO NOTIFY THE PRINCIPAL NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS INTO THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THEY WISH TO GRADUATE.  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.113

### **Graduation Requirements**

In support of student development goals set out in KRS 158.6451 and the Kentucky Academic Expectations, students must complete a minimum of twenty-seven (27) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology, in order to graduate from Henderson County High School. Students must complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits in order to graduate from Central Academy.

#### **PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDITS**

In addition to Carnegie units, students may earn credit toward high school graduation through the District's standards-based, performance-based credit system that complies with requirements of Kentucky Administrative Regulation. Procedures for the developing and amending the system shall address the following:

1. Conditions under which high school credit will be granted under the system that allow students to demonstrate proficiency and earn credit for learning acquired outside the normal classroom setting, outside of school, or in prior learning;  
Performance-based credit may be earned while the student is still "in school," but the instructional setting will look different from a traditional "seat time" environment.
2. Performance descriptors and their linkages to State content standards and academic expectations;  
At the high school level, performance descriptors and evaluation procedures shall be established to determine if the content and performance standards have been met.
3. Assessments and the extent to which state-mandated assessments will be used;
4. An objective grading and reporting process; and
5. Criteria to promote and support school and community learning experiences, such as internships and cooperative learning, in support of a student's individual learning plan. Such experiences shall be supervised by qualified instructors and aligned with State and District content and performance standards.
6. Students taking performance-based courses for credit toward graduation must be enrolled in Central Academy, in the Credit Recovery Program at Henderson County High School or make application to the Principal/designee of Henderson County High School.

#### **DIPLOMA PROGRAMS**

All high school graduates of the District shall meet the requirements as written in one of three (3) career paths and the requirements of 704 KAR 3:305.

#### **OTHER PROVISIONS**

Students shall complete an individual learning plan that focuses on career exploration and related postsecondary education and training needs.

Central Academy students will receive a letter of completion upon receiving twenty-four (24) credits and receive their diploma at graduation services.

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### **OTHER PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)**

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

Upon the Principal's request and District approval, a student may be granted permission to receive credit for successful completion of a performance-based course at Henderson County High School.

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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

### **EARLY GRADUATION CERTIFICATE**

~~Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year~~ Students who ~~complete an early high school graduation program and meet~~ all applicable legal requirements shall be ~~awarded eligible for early graduation in relation to receipt of an Early Graduation Scholarship Certificate.~~ Students ~~planning to complete wishing to follow an early graduation program pathway~~ shall notify the Principal of their intent prior to the beginning of grade nine (9) or as soon thereafter as the intent is known, but within the first thirty (30) school days of the academic year in which they wish to graduate. A Letter of Intent to Apply shall be entered into the student information system by October 1 of the year the student declares intent to graduate early.<sup>4</sup>

Students working toward receipt of an Early Graduation Certificate shall be supported by development and monitoring of an individual learning plan.

Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be awarded a diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate.

### **PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION**

No pupil shall be permitted to participate in graduation exercises until all specified graduation requirements have been fulfilled, as determined by the Principal and staff.

### **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.<sup>1</sup>

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**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>KRS 40.010; [KRS 158.140](#); [704 KAR 7:140](#)

<sup>2</sup>KRS 158.622

<sup>3</sup>KRS 156.160; ~~704 KAR 3:305~~; 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414

<sup>4</sup>KRS 158.142; ~~704 KAR 3:305~~

~~KRS 158.140~~; ~~704 KAR 7:140~~

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

OAG 78-348; OAG 82-386; Kentucky Core Academic Standards

**RELATED POLICIES:**

08.1131, 08.1132, 08.136, 08.14, 08.22

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)