

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item

704 KAR 3:305, Minimum High School Graduation Requirements

Rationale:

To share information regarding Kentucky's current minimum high school graduation requirements.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160; KRS 158.142

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 156.160 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations relating to the courses of study for the different grades and the minimum requirements for high school graduation. KRS 158.142(3)(b) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing requirements for early graduation from high school. This administrative regulation establishes the minimum requirements necessary for entitlement to a high school diploma.

Summary: This administrative regulation establishes the minimum requirements necessary for entitlement to a high school diploma.

- Section 1 defines terms used in the administrative regulation.
- Section 2 establishes total credits and the required credits and demonstrated competencies to meet minimum requirements.
- Section 3 provides local board of education flexibility.
- Section 4 requires individual learning plans for students.
- Section 5 establishes how credit may be awarded.
- Section 6 establishes diploma awarding for early graduation.
- Section 7 provides awarding special recognition to students as determined by local board, superintendent, principal or teacher.
- Section 8 establishes an alternative course of study for exceptional students.
- Section 9 establishes requirements for early graduation.

Budget Impact: There is not a fiscal impact on state funds currently.

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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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