

**Comparison of Current and Proposed Minimum Graduation Requirements  
704 KAR 3:305**

Requirement	Current	Proposed
Individual Learning Plan	Yes	Yes
Transition Readiness Required for All	No	Yes
Language Arts	<p><b>Language Arts - 4 credits</b> (English I, English II, English III, and English IV) to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for English and language arts. Language arts shall be taken each year of high school.*</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> Two (2) (English I and II) to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for reading and writing.</p> <p><b>Personalized</b> Two (2) English/Language Arts credits that include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for reading and writing and are aligned to the student's individualized learning plan.</p>
Mathematics	<p><b>Mathematics - 3 credits</b> to include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (<i>An integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or technical or occupational course that prepares a student for a career path based on the student's Individual Learning Plan may be substituted for a traditional Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II course on an individual student basis if the course meets the content standards in the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS).</i>)</p> <p>o A mathematics course or its equivalent as determined by the district shall be taken each</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> Two (2) credits (Algebra I and Geometry) to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for mathematics.</p> <p><b>Personalized</b> Two (2) additional mathematics credits that include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for mathematics and are aligned to the student's individualized learning plan.</p>

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	<p><i>year of high school to ensure readiness for postsecondary education or the workforce,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Any mathematics course other than Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II shall be counted as an elective and</i></li> <li>o <i>If a student does not meet the college readiness benchmarks for mathematics as established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020, the student shall take a mathematics transitional course or intervention, which is monitored to address remediation needs, before exiting high school.*</i></li> </ul>	
Social Studies	<p><b>Social Studies - 3 credits</b> to include the content contained in the Kentucky Academic standards for social studies.</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> Two (2) credits to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for social studies.</p> <p><b>Personalized</b> One (1) additional social studies credit that includes the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for social studies and is aligned to the student's individualized learning plan.</p>

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Science	<p><b>Science - 3 credits</b> that shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include the content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards for science.</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> Two (2) credits that shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for science.</p> <p><b>Personalized</b> One (1) additional science credit that includes the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for science and is aligned to the student's individualized learning plan.</p>
Health	<p><b>Health - 1/2 credit</b> to include the content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards for health.</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> One-half (1/2) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for health.</p>
Physical Education	<p><b>Physical Education - 1/2 credit</b> to include the content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards for physical education.</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> One-half (1/2) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for physical education.</p>
History and appreciation of visual and performing arts	<p><b>History and appreciation of visual and performing arts (or another arts course which incorporates this content) - 1 credit</b> to include the content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards for arts and humanities or a standards-</p>	<p><b>Foundational</b> One (1) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky academic standards for visual and performing arts or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's individual learning plan.</p>

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	based specialized arts course based on the student's individual learning plan.	
Standards-based learning experiences	<b>Academic and career interest standards-based learning experiences - 7 credits</b> including 4 standards-based learning experiences in an academic or career interest based on the student's individual learning plan.	<b>Foundational and Personalized</b>  Six (6) credits including four (4) standards-based learning experiences based on the student's individual learning plan.
Technology Competency	Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology	<b>Foundational and Personalized</b> Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology
Early Graduation Criteria	To graduate early and earn an Early Graduation Certificate, a student shall: (a) Score proficient on the end of course exams required by the Kentucky Board of Education in 703 KAR 5:200; and (b) Meet the college readiness exam benchmarks as set by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020 for placement in credit-bearing courses without the need for remediation.	To graduate early and earn an Early Graduation Certificate, a student shall: (a) Score proficient or higher on all high school assessments required for high school accountability; and (b) Meet benchmarks for placement in credit-bearing courses, without need for remediation, as set by the Council on Postsecondary Education on the college readiness exam required in 703 KAR 5:270. (3) Students who do not meet the minimum criteria on both the reading and mathematics assessments shall not qualify for early graduation.
Required Assessments	Only for Early Graduation	At the end of the second year of enrollment in high school, all students

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		<p>shall complete the state-required reading, mathematics, science and social studies tests based on Kentucky academic standards. To receive a high school diploma, students shall meet minimum criteria on reading and mathematics assessment as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.</p> <p>All juniors will complete the college entrance exam.</p> <p>Pass a civics test composed of one hundred (100) questions drawn from those that are set forth within the civics test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens as required by KRS 158.141.</p>
Financial literacy	Standards included in Program of Studies	Successful completion of one (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy standards as established by the Kentucky Board of Education.