

Major Edits for SPP&G 2020-2021

Across All Handbooks (Elem, Middle, & High) 20-21

Section: Board of Education Policies

Revised and Aligned all JCPS Policy and state statutory and regulatory language

Section: Elements of Academic Grades

Adjusted charts and added language to address “success skills”

Section: Exceptional Child Education Program

Aligned regulatory language for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and reordered the list of KAR references

Section: Glossaries

Made minor updates to the glossaries

Elementary School 20-21

Created a common document for retention consistency

Removed language about specific district assessments

Middle School 20-21

Deleted high school language from middle school handbook

Deleted the reference to Veteran Diplomas

Deleted references to high school related requirements to reduce confusion of expectations for middle schools practices

Updated all charts for consistency (i.e. Early Graduation chart)

Added clarifying language to Additional Considerations for ELs

High School 20-21

Added the bullet to the Education Goals to match the Elementary version and to include “Express their creative talents and interests in visual arts, music, dance, and dramatic arts”.

Replaced pages 9-11 text version of current graduation requirements with a graphic organizer depicting the three sets of graduation requirements that will impact high school students enrolled in the 20-21 school year. This chart was designed to help students and families, as well as school administrators and teachers, understand the changing graduation requirements.

Adjusted language defining Pre-College Curriculum upon the guidance of KDE to INCLUDE two credits of a World Language as opposed to additional credit requirements.

The Advance Program team is adjusting the requirements to earn an Advance Program seal upon graduation to align more closely with the Kentucky definition of Pre-College Curriculum.

However, to earn the Advance Program seal the World Language requirement is in addition to the 22 credits required in PCC.

Removed section G: Individual Graduation Plans - Waiver Process

This section is now covered by the Early Graduation Program outlined in the 704 KAR 3:305 the Minimum High School Graduation Requirements and detailed in the Early Graduation chart.

A section about English Learners and grading was moved from the English Learners Procedures at the end of the book to the grading section.

Section B from the HighSchool Supports section was reorganized to better reflect virtual and online learning opportunities in JCPS.