

Amendment to 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation

Kentucky Board of Education

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Proposed Amendments

- Section 1, page 2, lines 1-6: The definitions for “Essential workplace ethics,” “Graduation prerequisite,” “Graduation qualifier” and “Individual Education Program” are eliminated as they either are not addressed in the regulation or are being removed as a result of Senate Bill (SB) 158 (2020) implications established in 156.160(1)(d).
- Section 2, page 2, line 12: Eliminates the reference to 704 KAR 3:303 for the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Career Studies* as they now reside in 704 KAR Chapter 8.
- Section 4, beginning on page 5, line 15: Amends language to remove all graduation qualifier and graduation prerequisite requirements as defined in Section 1 due to SB 158 (2020) implications.
 - SB 158, Section 3(1)(d): Prohibits statewide minimum high school graduation requirements from including a postsecondary readiness indicator used in the state accountability system or a minimum score on a statewide assessment.

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- Section 4(1): “Beginning with students who enter grade nine (9) on or after the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year, in order to receive a high school diploma, each student in a public school shall earn a total of at least twenty-two (22) credits for high school graduation.”
 - Page 5 begins the more detailed description of the minimum required 22 credits. There are no proposed amendments to the required 22 credits.
 - Four English credits: English I, II and two personalized credits covering the remaining required KAS for Reading and Writing
 - Four mathematics credits: Algebra I, Geometry and two personalized credits covering the remaining required KAS for Mathematics
 - Three social studies credits
 - Three science credits
 - ½ credit: Health Education
 - ½ credit Physical Education
 - One credit: Visual and Performing Arts
 - Six elective credits

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- Section 4, pages 8-10: Include technical changes, such as aligning subsection numbers, citing 704 KAR Chapter 8 for financial literacy standards (page 10, lines 12-13) and removing a reporting requirement for the graduation qualifier and prerequisite (page 10, lines 14-18).
- Section 8, page 14, lines 10-11: Amends section to include a new (2) “A local board may not adopt any high school graduation requirements that include achieving a minimum score on a statewide assessment as established in KRS 158.140.”