

## **Graduation Requirements**

In support of student development goals set out in KRS 158.6451 and the Kentucky Learning Goals and Academic Standards, students must complete a minimum of twenty-seven (27) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology, and all other state and local requirements 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.

### **CIVICS EXAM REQUIREMENT**

Students wishing to receive a regular diploma must pass a civics test made up of one hundred (100) questions selected from the civics test administered to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens and prepared or approved by the Board. A minimum score of sixty percent (60%) is required to pass the test and students may take the test as many times as needed to pass. Students that have passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall be exempt from this civics test. This shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan.<sup>5</sup>

### **INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN (ILP)**

Students shall complete an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) that focuses on career exploration and related postsecondary education and training needs.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD**

In addition to the content requirements established by the Kentucky Academic Standards, and the credits required by the minimum requirements for high school graduation in 704 KAR 3:305, the Board may impose other requirements for graduation from high school. However, the Board shall not adopt any graduation requirements that include achieving a minimum score on a statewide assessment.

**Graduation Requirements****FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE (9) ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

Language Arts	Four (4) Credits (English I, II, III, and IV) taken each year of high school. Students that do not meet the college readiness benchmarks for English and language arts shall take a transitional course or intervention, which is monitored to address remediation needs, before exiting high school.
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits
Mathematics	Three (3) Credits (Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II); An integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, occupational, or technical course that prepares a student for a career path based on the student's ILP 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, established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 Chapter 8. A mathematics course or its equivalent as determined by the District shall be taken each year of high school to ensure readiness for postsecondary education or the workforce. Any mathematics course other than Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II shall be counted as an elective. Students that do not meet the college readiness benchmarks for mathematics shall take a transitional course or intervention, which is monitored to address remediation needs, before exiting high school.
Science	Three (3) Credits incorporating lab-based scientific investigation
Health	One-half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One-half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Seven (7) Credits total (Three (3) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency

**Graduation Requirements****FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE (9) ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR AND EVERY YEAR GOING FORWARD**

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

English/Language Arts	Four (4) Credits total (English I and II plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP) <u>one (1) credit of English taken each year of high school</u>
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Mathematics	Four (4) Credits total (Algebra I and Geometry plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP) <u>one (1) credit of Math taken each year of high school</u>
Science	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) credits incorporating lab-based scientific investigation experiences plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Health	One-half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One-half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Six (6) Credits total (Two (2) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency

**Graduation Requirements****FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE (9) ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR AND EVERY YEAR GOING FORWARD**

Credits shall include content standards as provided by the Kentucky Academic Standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8. The required credits and demonstrated competencies shall include the following minimum requirements:

English/Language Arts	Four (4) Credits total (English I and II plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP) <u>one (1) credit of English taken each year of high school</u>
Social Studies	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Mathematics	Four (4) Credits total (Algebra I and Geometry plus two (2) credits aligned to the student's ILP) <u>one (1) credit of Math taken each year of high school</u>
Science	Three (3) Credits total – (Two (2) credits incorporating lab-based scientific investigation experiences plus one (1) credit aligned to the student's ILP)
Health	One-half (1/2) Credit
P.E.	One-half (1/2) Credit
Visual and Performing Arts	One (1) Credit or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Academic and Career Interest Standards-based Learning Experiences	Six (6) Credits total (Two (2) plus four (4) standards-based credits in an academic or career interest based on the student's ILP)
Technology	Demonstrated performance-based competency
Financial Literacy	One (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy requirements pursuant to KRS 158.1411.

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### **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 standards;

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 ILP. 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 of 704 KAR 3:305.

### **OTHER PROVISIONS**

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

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.

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

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>

A student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age and who is a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135, shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

The Board may substitute an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, occupational, technical, or higher-level course for a required course if the alternative course provides rigorous content.

### **EARLY GRADUATION CERTIFICATE**

Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be eligible for early graduation in relation to receipt of a graduation diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate. Students wishing to follow an early graduation 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 ILP to support their efforts.

To graduate early and earn an Early Graduation Certificate, a student shall:

1. Score proficient or higher on the state-required assessments; and
2. Meet the college readiness exam benchmarks established 13 KAR 2:020 for placement in credit-bearing courses without the need for remediation.

A student who has indicated an intent to graduate early may participate in the student's state administration of the college readiness exam prior to the junior year, if needed. Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be awarded a diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate.

**Graduation Requirements****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>

**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; 20 U.S.C. § 1414

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

<sup>5</sup>KRS 158.141

KRS 156.027; KRS 158.135

KRS 158.1411; KRS 158.143; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.281

KRS 158.302; 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; 704 KAR 3:306; 704 KAR 7:090; 704 KAR Chapter 8

OAG 78-348; OAG 82-386

Kentucky Academic Standards

**RELATED POLICIES:**

08.1131; 08.1132; 08.14; 08.22; 08.222

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

**RELATED PROCEDURE:**

09.12 AP.25