

# HCS Grading Committee

Jan 25th, 2023 Committee:

HS-2 Admin, 3 Teachers, 1 Parent

MS-1 Admin., 2 Teachers, 1 Parent

Elem.- 1 Admin., 2 Teachers, 1 Parent

CAS-1 Admin

CO-5 CO Team Members

**Purpose-**As a group we will review the current policy and determine if it will need to be altered.

**Our why is to answer the question-**Are we giving our students every financial benefit we can to become successful and save our parents money?

# Current Grading Scale

## Primary Grading Scale

4=Exceeding Standards

3=Meeting Standards

2=Making Progress toward Standards

1=Lacking Adequate Progress Towards Standards

## Intermediate/MS/High School Grading Scale

100-92 = A

91-82 = B

81-70 = C

69-60 = D

59-0 = F

# KEES Money

2.5

That's the minimum yearly grade point average (GPA) you have to achieve to earn a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Aim high, because making better grades means more money for college.

Here's how it works: Every year you attend a certified Kentucky high school and earn at least a 2.5 GPA, you earn a KEES award ranging from \$125 (for a 2.5 GPA) to \$500 (for a 4.0 GPA). If you get a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school, you'll have banked \$2,000 for college in Kentucky!

That's not all! You can also earn a bonus for scoring at least 15 on the ACT (or 830 on the SAT's evidence-based reading/writing and math test). Check the chart at right to see how much your highest score is worth. When combined with your GPA awards, that means you can earn up to \$2,500 for each year of college!

## KEES Award Amounts

GPA	Award Amount	ACT Score	Bonus Amount
4.0	\$500	28 or above	\$500
3.9	\$475	27	\$464
3.8	\$450	26	\$428
3.75	\$437	25	\$393
3.7	\$425	24	\$357
3.6	\$400	23	\$321
3.5	\$375	22	\$286
3.4	\$350	21	\$250
3.3	\$325	20	\$214
3.25	\$312	19	\$179
3.2	\$300	18	\$143
3.1	\$275	17	\$107
3.0	\$250	16	\$71
2.9	\$225	15	\$36
2.8	\$200		
2.75	\$187		
2.7	\$175		
2.6	\$150		
2.5	\$125		

## Supplemental awards available to some AP, IB and CAI students

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches during any year of high school can earn KEES supplemental awards by making qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) exams. The chart below shows the amounts awarded for each score. There is no limit to the number of supplemental awards an eligible student can earn.

AP Exam Score	IB Exam Score	CAI Exam Score	Amount
3	5	e	\$200
4	6	c, d	\$250
5	7	a*, a, b	\$300

## Do the math

Enter your yearly GPAs and award amounts on the lines below, along with your highest ACT score and AP, IB or CAI awards, to predict what you will earn for each year of college.

Freshman GPA _____	\$ _____
Sophomore GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Junior GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Senior GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Highest ACT Score _____	+ \$ _____
AP, IB or CAI Awards _____	+ \$ _____
<b>Total Estimated Award =</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

# Proposed Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 and below

# KEES Financial Benefit Example

Student A	Grade	Current GPA Calculation	Proposed GPA Calculation	Student C	Grade	Current GPA Calculation	Proposed GPA Calculation
Class 1	91	3.00	4.00	Class 1	70	2.00	2.00
Class 2	91	3.00	4.00	Class 2	70	2.00	2.00
Class 3	91	3.00	4.00	Class 3	70	2.00	2.00
Class 4	91	3.00	4.00	Class 4	70	2.00	2.00
Class 5	91	3.00	4.00	Class 5	70	2.00	2.00
Class 6	91	3.00	4.00	Class 6	70	2.00	2.00
Class 7	91	3.00	4.00	Class 7	70	2.00	2.00
YEARLY GPA		3.00	4.00	YEARLY GPA		2.00	2.00
KEES Money		\$250.00	\$500.00	KEES Money		\$0.00	\$0.00
Student B	Grade	Current GPA Calculation	Proposed GPA Calculation	Student D	Grade	Current GPA Calculation	Proposed GPA Calculation
Class 1	89	3.00	3.00	Class 1	81	2.00	3.00
Class 2	89	3.00	3.00	Class 2	81	2.00	3.00
Class 3	89	3.00	3.00	Class 3	81	2.00	3.00
Class 4	91	3.00	4.00	Class 4	81	2.00	3.00
Class 5	91	3.00	4.00	Class 5	81	2.00	3.00
Class 6	91	3.00	4.00	Class 6	81	2.00	3.00
Class 7	91	3.00	4.00	Class 7	81	2.00	3.00
YEARLY GPA		3.00	3.57	YEARLY GPA		2.00	3.00
KEES Money		\$250.00	\$400.00	KEES Money		\$0.00	\$250.00



# University of Kentucky/Murray State

## Kentucky Residents

SCHOLARSHIP	TYPE	TRADITIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	TEST OPTIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Provost	Academic	3.30 & 26 ACT/1230 SAT	3.50	\$2,500
		3.30 & 28 ACT/1300 SAT	3.75	\$5,000
Presidential	Competitive	3.50 & 31 ACT/1390 SAT	4.00	Full in-state tuition
Otis A. Singletary	Competitive	3.80 & 33 ACT/1450 SAT	4.00	Full in-state tuition + housing stipend*
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Presidential**	Competitive	3.50 & 31 ACT/1390 SAT; completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program.	4.0; completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program.	Full in-state tuition
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Provost	Selective	Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	\$2,500
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Provost (Continued)	Selective	3.30 & 28 ACT/1300 SAT; Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	3.75; Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	\$5,000

## Academic Achievement Scholarships

4.00 to 3.80	4.00 to 3.80	4.00 to 3.80
<b>TRUSTEE</b>	<b>REGENTS</b>	<b>PROVOST</b>
4.00 to 3.80 AND 33+ ACT or 1450+ SAT	4.00 to 3.80 AND 28-32 ACT or 1300-1440 SAT	4.00 to 3.80 No ACT/SAT required
<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

  

3.79 to 3.50	3.49 to 3.30	3.29 to 3.00	2.99 to 2.75
<b>CARR</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>DEANS</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITY</b>
3.79 to 3.50	3.49 to 3.30	3.29 to 3.00	2.99 to 2.75
<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Academic Achievement Scholarships are awarded when you are admitted. Scholarship amounts are based on GPA (Trustee and Regents scholarships require ACT/SAT scores) and range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The minimum GPA to receive an Academic Achievement Scholarship is 2.75. Academic Achievement Scholarships are eligible for renewal.

# Current 10 Point Scale District and States

## KY High Schools to just name a few

Beechwood High School	Union County
Highlands High School	Hopkins County
Lafayette High School	Marshall County
Louisville Male High School	Murray Independent
Henry Clay High School	Owensboro Independent
Boone County	Webster County
Boyle County	
Bullitt County	
Pikeville Independent	
Whitley County	
Fayette County	
Jefferson County	
Warren County	
Dupont Manual High School	

# Rational

Many Kentucky K-12 districts and schools, as well as other states, have adopted a 10 point grading scale. It will be beneficial to our students and parents to be more in line with other districts and schools. This scale will make a difference in the amount of KEES scholarship money and university scholarship money that a student may receive upon graduation. Many colleges review a student's GPA for admissions and scholarship opportunities. This will create a common denominator for colleges to compare and contrast our students and their academic performance as compared to others across the state and nation. The new proposed grading scale will provide our students with greater opportunities for more scholarship money.

Changing the grading scale does not change the pursuit of excellence nor the level of academic rigor in our classrooms. It does however level the playing field and puts more money in the pockets of our families to pursue their chosen postsecondary education opportunities.