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# Issue Paper

**DATE:**

October 31, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

**Consider/Approve** student Hamadoun Selm's request to graduate early on December 15, 2023 from Simon Kenton High School for him to attend The University of Kentucky in January of 2024.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

08.113 Graduation Requirements

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

Hamadoun "Aba" Selm has received a full athletic scholarship offer to attend The University of Kentucky and play football. As with many major programs, Kentucky's coaching staff would like him to begin at UK in the Spring Semester to allow Aba to train and practice for the upcoming season, while enrolled in college full time. Aba will have met all credit requirements for Simon Kenton High School by December 15th.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval** to allow Hamadoun Selm to graduate early on December 15, 2023 so he can enroll at The University of Kentucky in January of 2024.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Craig Reinhart

  
**Principal/Administrator**

  
**District Administrator**

  
**Superintendent**

*Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda. Principal -complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director -if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.*



October 30, 2023

Ms. Jenkins:

This letter will certify that Hamadoun Selm has been admitted to the University of Kentucky for the Spring 2024 semester. Orientation for this semester will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 and classes will begin on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Hamadoun's acceptance letter will be available on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. He can access this letter by logging into his Admission Portal (using the link he used to apply).

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I can be reached at [heather.mcatee@uky.edu](mailto:heather.mcatee@uky.edu) or (859)257-5475.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Heather McAtee'.

Heather McAtee  
Assistant AD/Academic & Eligibility

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Dear Board of Education,

I am writing to ask for your permission to graduate early on December 15th so I may enroll at the University of Kentucky for the Spring Semester. I have been offered a scholarship to be a member of the football team, and to best prepare for my season, I need to participate in off-season training, nutrition, and practice, which can only be done if I am a full time student at the University.

I will have all credit requirements for Simon Kenton completed by December 15th, and I plan to move in at the University of Kentucky in January.

Sincerely, *Hamadoun Selm*

Hamadoun Selm