



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Kentucky Department of Education

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This document identifies high school graduation requirements. Please select the year of entry into grade 9. The year of entry into 9th grade dictates the high school graduation requirements for students.

High School Graduation Requirements

PLEASE SELECT THE YEAR THE CANDIDATE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
CORRESPONDING CHECKLIST OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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*All graduation requirements assume a four year high school attendance. Date entered high school is the 9th grade school year.

High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL- 1979, 1980, 1981

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned
English Language Arts	3	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts
Math	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math
Science	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science
Social Studies	2	<input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship (for students graduating in 1984-1987)
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Electives	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	No Requirement	No Requirement
Technology	No Requirement	No Requirement
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	No Requirement	No Requirement
Total Credits Required	18 credits, 10 required and 8 electives	18 credits, 10 required and 8 electives

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL- 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math
Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science
Social Studies	2	<input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship (for students graduating in 1984-1987)
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Electives	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective (*one elective must be from the curriculum areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, or approved vocational studies)
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	No Requirement	No Requirement
Technology	No Requirement	No Requirement
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	No Requirement	No Requirement
Total Credits Required	20 credits total, 8 credits can be electives	20 credits, 8 electives

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL 1987-1997

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math
Science	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/>
Social Studies	2	<input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Electives	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	No Requirement	No Requirement
Technology	No Requirement	No Requirement
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	No Requirement	No Requirement
Total Credits Required	20 credits total, 8 credits can be electives	20 credits, 8 electives

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL 1997, 1998

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts I <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts II <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts III <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts IV
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Math
Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Science (life) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (physical) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (earth and space)
Social Studies	3	<input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Economics, Government <input type="checkbox"/> World Geography, World Civilization *courses must include the content areas above
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Electives	7	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	No Requirement	No Requirement
Technology	No Requirement	No Requirement
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1	<input type="checkbox"/> History and appreciation of visual and performing arts
Total Credits Required	At least 22 credits	At least 22 credits

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL 1998-2007

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts I <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts II <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts III <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts IV
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Math elective
Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Science (life) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (physical) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (earth and space)
Social Studies	3	<input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Economics, Government <input type="checkbox"/> World Geography, World Civilization *courses must include the content areas above
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Electives	7	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	No Requirement	No Requirement
Technology	No Requirement	No Requirement
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1	<input type="checkbox"/> History and appreciation of visual and performing arts
Total Credits Required	At least 22, 7 electives, 15 required credits	At least 22, 7 electives, 15 required credits

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL 2008-2010

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned	Required Course content
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts I <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts II <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts III <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts IV	To include The content strands of reading, writing, speaking, listening, observing, inquiry, conventions, analysis and using technology as a communication tool. ELA shall be taken each year of high school.
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Math	Pre-Algebra can count as an elective Not one of required 3 courses. Math shall be taken each year of high school.
Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science	Credits shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation, experiences and to include the strands of biological science, physical science, earth and space science and unifying concepts.
Social Studies	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies	To include the content strands of historical perspective, including US History, geography, economics, government and civics, and cultures and societies.
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health	To include the content strands of individual well-being, consumer decision, personal wellness, mental wellness and community services
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education	To include the content strands of personal wellness, psychomotor, and lifetime activity.
Electives		No requirement	No requirement
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7	7- Academic and Career interest standards-based learning experiences to include: 4- Standards-based learning experiences in an academic or career interest based on a student's ILP.
Technology		<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.	Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1	<input type="checkbox"/> History and appreciation of visual and performing arts	To include the content strands of arts, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the students individualized learning plan.
Total Credits Required	At least 22	At least 22	

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High School Graduation Requirements

ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL 2011-PRESENT

Content Area	Total Credits Required	Checklist of credits earned	Required Course content
English Language Arts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts I <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts II <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts III <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts IV	4 credits- (English I, II, III, and IV) to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for English and language arts and comply with the following: (a) Language arts shall be taken each year of high school; and (b) If a student does not meet the college readiness benchmarks for English and language arts as established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020, the student shall take an English and language arts transitional course or intervention, which is monitored to address remediation needs, before exiting high school;
Math	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Math	(3) credits to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for mathematics and include the following minimum requirements: (a) 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 individual learning plan 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 core academic standards, incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 3:303; (b) 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; (c) Any mathematics course other than Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II shall be counted as an elective; and (d) If a student does not meet the college readiness benchmarks for mathematics as established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020, the student shall take a mathematics transitional course or intervention, which is monitored to address remediation needs, before exiting high school;
Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science	(3) credits that shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for science;
Social Studies	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies	(3) credits to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for social studies;
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Health	(1/2) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for health;
Physical Education	.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education	(1/2) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for physical education;
Academic and Career Interest Standards-Based learning experiences	7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7	(7) credits including four (4) standards-based learning experiences in an academic or career interest based on the student's individual learning plan; and
Technology		<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.	Demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1	<input type="checkbox"/> History and appreciation of visual and performing arts	History and appreciation of visual and performing arts (or another arts course which incorporates this content) - one (1) credit to include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for arts and humanities or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's individual learning plan;
Total Credits Required	At least 22	At least 22	

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