Data Standard Early Graduation Program
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Ownership and History

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Overview

Description

[KRS 158.142](#) establishes the Early Graduation Program (EGP), an optional program in which a student may receive a high school diploma, Early Graduation Certificate and scholarship award from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) upon successful completion of all program requirements provided in [704 KAR 3:305](#) in three (3) academic years or less.

Due to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 61 (2022), any student who wishes to complete the EGP in the **2023-24 academic year** must:

- [Communicate intent](#) to the principal within the first thirty (30) days of the academic year in which the student intends to graduate. Deadline for flagging the student in Infinite Campus (IC): The school or district shall enter the enrolled EGP student into the student information system by **October 15** of the year in which the student intends to graduate.
- Meet the requirements as stated on the [EGP webpage](#).

Regulation citation(s)

- [704 KAR 3:305](#)

Data use

- Data gathered indicates and informs KDE and KHEAA of the possible number of students who will graduate before their cohort. KHEAA tracks the number of eligible students for estimating the financial impact per year. KDE tracks the participants into postsecondary education and beyond to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Related ad-hoc filters and reports

- Search Terms: Intent for Early Graduation
- [Intent for Early Graduation](#)

Further Information

More information about the Early Graduation Program is available on the [KDE Early Graduation webpage.](#)

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Section A – Recording Intent for Early Graduation

Tool Search: Flags

Students wishing to complete the Early Graduation Program shall indicate that intent to the school principal at the beginning of grade 9 or as soon as the intent is known, but within the first thirty (30) school days of the academic year in which they wish to graduate.

The Early Graduation Program (EGP) flag should be assigned to any student who has properly submitted their intent form within the stated timeframe. The student must be flagged in the student information system by the school district by **October 15** of the year in which the student makes the declaration.

Flags: IEG: Intent for Early Graduation

Start Date: Date the flag will begin to display on the student's record- **This field must be completed.**

Eligibility Start Date: Date the student's intent to participate in the Early Graduation Program begins – this should be the date of final approval for participation. This date can be loaded in Infinite Campus during the student's 9th grade or 10th grade year even if they don't plan to graduate early until their 11th grade year. **This works only if this date is prior to Oct. 15 of the graduating (early) year. This field must be completed.**

End Date: Date the flag will cease to display on the student's record- **Enter this only if you no longer want the flag displayed or if the student enters their senior year without meeting eligibility requirements.**

Eligibility End Date: Filter Eligibility End Date to non-blank values. **Enter the date the student officially forgoes the Early Graduation Program or enter the date of the students' 1st day of senior year showing**

the student has not met program eligibility requirements. This section is mandatory **only for students who no longer intend to graduate early or if the student enters their senior year without meeting eligibility requirements. Do not end-date students who successfully graduated early**. Make changes to the flag as needed per the Early Graduation data standard.

Participation Details: Enter the Exit Reason if a student chooses to exit participation in the intent to graduate early program.

Potential reasons for exiting participation:

- Voluntary Academic
- Voluntary Financial/Scholarships
- Involuntary Academic
- Health
- Athletics

Section B – Recording Early Graduation on the Enrollment Tab

Please see the "End Status" portion of Section B in the Enrollment Data Standard (found starting on page 11) for instructions on setting the appropriate code upon successful early graduation. The appropriate code for a participant in the Early Graduation Program is G01.