

Guidelines for fifth-year seniors and adults

Virtual funding for those who are 19 years and older



VIRTUAL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

2015-2016

- **Fifth-year seniors** may enroll in virtual schools and programs approved to serve 12th grade students. They may also enroll in virtual schools and programs approved to serve adult students. They can participate with either group of students, but they will be coded in the **KIDS** system as 12th graders for a second time because they do not meet the definition of Adult.
- **The definition of adult** (which applies to all adult students in the state, virtual and otherwise) is “a general education student who is over the age of 18 **AND** whose fifth-year cohort has graduated, or any student over the age of 21”. Students who meet this definition will be coded in the **KIDS** system as **Not graded**.
- **“Fifth-year senior” and “adult” are terms KSDE uses to denote grade level and position within the graduation cohort. They have NOTHING to do with funding.**
- **Traditional and alternative funding is NOT differentiated based on age.** Traditional and alternative students will be funded based on minutes enrolled. (Block grant in 2015-16)
- **Virtual funding IS differentiated based on age:**
 - Virtual students 18 and under will be funded based on minutes enrolled.
 - Virtual students 19 and over will be funded based on credits completed.
- **The age determination date for virtual funding is September 20th.** Even though the count day moves this year to September 21st, the age determination date DOES NOT move.
- **Virtual schools and programs MAY** encounter a disconnect between the terms “**12th grade student**” and “**fifth-year senior**” and the way that these students will be funded based on age:
 - There may be 12th grade students who are 19 and over and are funded based on credits completed.
 - There may be fifth-year seniors who are 18 and under and are funded on minutes enrolled.

Virtual schools and programs will need to pay close attention to this possibility.

- KSDE encourages **virtual schools and programs NOT to set enrollment criteria based on age, but rather on grade level** and to just be prepared for students that overlap the ‘18 and under’ and ‘19 and over’ funding categories.



For more information or questions about virtual schools and programs, contact Jessica Noble at 785-296-3163 or jnoble@ksde.org

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Timeline of District Activities for Virtual Students 19 and Over



July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 1: First day credits earned count for funding
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early to Mid August: EDCS Opens - contains Licensed Personnel Report (LPR)
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 20: Virtual Student Age Determination• September 20: End of First Count Window• September 21: ENRL Collection, PBR and S066 Open
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 12: ENRL Collection Closes• October 12: PBR and S066 Submission Deadline
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 2: STCO Collection Opens
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 29: Licensed Personnel Report (LPR) Closes
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 8: Local Effort Report Due• June 30: Last day credits earned count for funding
2016 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 12: STCO Collection Closes for 15-16• Auditors review of 15-16 credits earned

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