



Invitation for Stakeholder Input

As the work of the Graduation Requirements Task Force narrows toward a more concrete, operational product for student success, input from stakeholders becomes a vital part of the process. The task force is seeking your feedback.

Please accept this invitation to comment on the critically important, yet complex, component of Kansas' secondary education system. It has been several years since the high school graduation requirements have been evaluated. **Your expertise will be extremely valuable to the task force, which is charged with making recommendations to the Kansas State Board of Education no later than May 2022.**

[Kansas Graduation Requirement Electronic Feedback](#)

Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson announced in June 2021 the establishment of a Graduation Requirements Task Force. The task force was challenged with a comprehensive examination of Kansas' current high school graduation requirements. Since that time, the task force has been meeting regularly, focused on these areas:

1. **Identify any courses** that should be added or should no longer be required for graduation.
2. **Conduct a review** of all competencies and identify multiple ways to show mastery of skills that will allow students to move at their own pace and time.
3. **Study the benefit** of (need for) requiring value-added assets in addition to the high school diploma. (i.e. industry-recognized certificate, college credits, etc.)

Subcommittees have been formed around the three focus areas, led by high school principals from Goddard Unified School District 265, Auburn-Washburn USD 437 and Lyons USD 405.

Jim McNiece, State Board of Education member for District 10, and Jarred Fuhrman, principal at Basehor-Linwood High School, lead the Task Force. The timeline for this work is:

- = **Feb. 3, 2022:** Subcommittee reports presented to the entire task force membership.
- = **February through April 2022:** Evaluate, edit and arrive at a consensus about recommendations, and share information with stakeholders.
- = **May 10, 2022:** Share final proposal with the State Board of Education.

You are invited to follow the work of the Task Force, review current high school graduation requirements and read supporting materials on the KSDE website at:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/CSAS-Home/Graduation-and-Schools-of-Choice/Graduation-and-Dropouts>