FACT SHEET



Kansas Graduation Requirements – Class of 2028 and beyond

What are the minimum high school graduation requirements in Kansas?

Each local board of education must have a written policy specifying that students are eligible for graduation only upon completion of at least the following requirements:

- Four units of English language arts, which shall include reading, writing, literature, and grammar and at least one-half unit of communications. The building administrator may waive up to one unit of this requirement if the administrator determines that a pupil can profit more by taking another subject.
- Three units of history and government, which shall include world history; United States history; United States government, including the Constitution of the United States; concepts of economics and geography.
- Three units of science, which shall include physical, biological, and earth and space science concepts and which shall include at least one unit as a laboratory course.
- Three units of mathematics, including algebraic and geometric concepts
- One half unit of physical education,
- One half unit of health which may include safety, first aid or physiology.
- One unit of fine arts, which may include art, music, dance, theatre, forensics, and other similar studies selected by a local board of education
- One half unit of financial literacy
- One unit of advanced science, technology, engineering advanced math.

Four and one half units of elective courses

Post Secondary Assets

- Two or more accomplishments approved by the state board that demonstrates a pupil will be a successful Kansas high school graduate:
- Youth Apprenticeships
- 40 or more Community Service hours
- Client-centered Projects
- Workplace learning experience directly related to a student IPS
- Industry-Recognized Certifications
- Seal of Biliteracy
- ACT Composite (Score of 21 or higher)
- WorkKeys Level (Silver or higher)
- 9+ College hours
- State Assessment scores of 3 or 4 for Math, ELA, Science (demonstrating College Readiness)
- ASVAB per requirements of military branch selected
- SAT score (1200 or higher)
- Completing Board of Regents Curriculum
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- CTE Scholar
- Eagle Scout or Gold Scout
- 4-H Kansas Key Award
- Two or more high school athletics/activities
- JROTC
- 95% attendance in high school
- Senior Exit Interview/Senior Projects
- State CTSO Officers

FAFSA

- The intent with the new graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2028 (current 8th graders) is for each student to complete the FAFSA prior to graduation.
- Any student, family, or school can opt a student out of completing the FAFSA.
- The Kansas State Board of Education will be revisiting this element at their June 2024 meeting.
- For additional information, follow this link

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