

# AGENDA



## Graduation Requirements Task Force

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021  
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.  
Format: Virtual

9 a.m.	Welcome and Task Force Charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education</li></ul>
9:10 a.m.	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim McNiece, Kansas State Board of Education, Task Force Chair</li><li>• Jarred Fuhrman, Principal, Basehor-Linwood HS, Task Force Vice Chair</li></ul>
9:25 a.m.	History of Graduation Requirements in Kansas <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director, KASB</li></ul>
9:40 a.m.	Current Kansas Graduation Requirements and Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education</li></ul>
10:15 a.m.	National Perspective and Trends in State Graduation Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bryan Kelley and Joel Moore, Education Commission of the States</li></ul>
10:30 a.m.	Small Group Conversations and Reflections
10:45 a.m.	Small Group Report Out, Next Steps, Future Meeting Dates and Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim McNiece and Jarred Fuhrman</li></ul>

### Supplemental Resources:

Kansas Graduation Requirements Fact Sheet *(also provided as a PDF)*

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/03/25-states-have-introduced-personal-finance-education-bills-this-year.html>

<https://www.carnegiefoundation.org/faqs/carnegie-unit/>

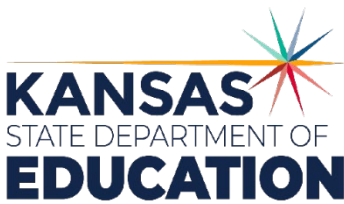
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**50-State Comparison: High School Graduation Requirements** – A state board of education staff member asked for information about changes to graduation requirements. The ECS response includes summarized relevant legislation related to graduation requirements. This summary covers legislation enacted between 2019 and 2021 and excludes temporary changes or waivers made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**State Information Request: Computer Science Requirements for Graduation** - A state education agency leader asked about states that require computer science or data science as a high school graduation requirement. The ECS response includes a table, listing (1) states that require computer science courses for high school graduation and (2) states that allow computer science courses to fulfill other graduation requirements.

**State Information Request: Waivers to High School Graduation Requirements During COVID-19** - A state board member asked about states that have established emergency or temporary waivers of high school graduation requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ECS response includes four policy examples that apply to the 2020-21 school year and three policy examples that applied to the 2019-20 school year.

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