

Existing Policy

KAR 91-31-35 Kansas State Minimum Graduation Requirements

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 - (3) 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
 - (4) three units of mathematics, including algebraic and geometric concepts
 - (5) one unit of physical education, which shall include health and which may include safety, first aid, or physiology. This requirement shall be waived if the school district is provided with either of the following:
 - (A) A statement by a licensed physician that a pupil is mentally or physically incapable of participating in a regular or modified physical education program; or
 - (B) a statement, signed by a lawful custodian of the pupil, indicating that the requirement is contrary to the religious teachings of the pupil
 - (6) one unit of fine arts, which may include art, music, dance, theatre, forensics, and other similar studies selected by a local board of education
 - (7) six units of elective courses
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Proposed Policy (changes highlighted)

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(c) For purposes of fulfillment of core graduation requirements, computer science shall be defined as "the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society."