

Graduation Requirements and Policies:

(State Level)

New State Mandated Graduation Requirements:

[704 KAR 3:305](#), Kentucky's new minimum high school graduation requirements, became effective on April 5, 2019. However, [Senate Bill 158](#) (2020) requires changes be made to state and local graduation requirements for students who entered high school in the 2019-2020 school year and thereafter. For more information please see the [Senate Bill 158 Implications for Minimum High School Graduation Requirements document](#) for more information.

Kentucky Department of Education: Minimum Graduation Requirements For Students Entering High School in 2019-2020 and Thereafter

Foundational	4 English Credits English I English II	4 Math Credits Algebra I Geometry	3 Social Studies Credits Social Studies Social Studies	3 Science Credits Lab-based Science Lab-based Science	Other Credits ½ Health; ½ PE Visual/Performing Arts
Personalized	2 Additional English credits aligned with the ILP and covering the remaining KAS for Reading & Writing Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Reading & Writing could include, but are not limited to: English III, English IV, AP Language, AP Literature, dual credit English, etc.	2 Additional Math credits aligned with the ILP and covering the remaining KAS for Mathematics Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Mathematics could include, but are not limited to: Algebra II, Precalculus, College Algebra, AP Calculus, dual credit math, dual credit CTE math, etc.	Social Studies aligned with the ILP and covering the KAS for Social Studies Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Social Studies could include, but are not limited to: Social Studies 1, 2, 3, Geography/AP Human Geo, World History (or AP), US History (or AP), Economics, etc.	Science aligned with ILP and covering the KAS for Science Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Science could include, but are not limited to: Chemistry (or AP), Physics (or AP), Biology (or AP), CSI Forensics, dual credit science, etc.	6 credits aligned with ILP and covering the related content area KAS. Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts could include, but are not limited to: Chorus 1, Orchestra 1, Visual Arts 1, Theatre 1, Band 1, etc

Other State High School Graduation Requirements:

- *Pass state-mandated civics test
- *(Beginning in 2020-2021) Successfully complete a course or program in financial literacy
- *Receive instruction in essential workplace ethics
- * Demonstrate competency in technology
- * Other Considerations: Development of Individual Learning Plan (grades 6-12) CPR Training in Health, PE or JROTC course

For more information regarding Kentucky's Minimum Graduation Requirements please visit:
https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/hsgradreq/Documents/Minimum_High_School_Graduation_Requirements_FAQ.pdf

Post Secondary Readiness Replaces "Transition Readiness" :

The Postsecondary Readiness indicator demonstrates that the student has attained the necessary knowledge, skills and dispositions to successfully transition to the next level of his or her education career. There are different expectations for the demonstration of readiness for elementary, middle and high school levels.

Academic Readiness	Career Readiness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Benchmarks determined by Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) on the college admissions examination or college placement examination OR ● Completing two (2) Kentucky Department of Education approved dual credit courses and receiving a grade of C or higher in each course OR ● Complete two (2) advanced placement (AP) courses and receiving a score of three (3) or higher on each AP assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scoring at or above the benchmark on industry certifications as approved by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board on an annual basis OR ● Scoring at or above the benchmark on the career and technical education wind of program assessment for articulated credit OR ● Completing two (2) Kentucky Department of Education approved CTE dual credit courses and receiving a grade of C or higher in each course OR ● Completing a Kentucky Department of Education approved or labor cabinet approved apprenticeship

Early Graduation Program:

The Early Graduation regulation, [704 KAR 3:305](#), is a result of [Senate Bill 61](#) (2013) and is a companion to [Senate Bill 97](#) (2013). Since 2014-15, Early Graduation has been possible for students who intend to progress through high school on an accelerated timeline and graduate college ready in three years or less. For the student to participate in senior activities the student must have already met all required provisions by February 15th of their intended graduation year, including meeting the required performance levels on all EOC assessments. This includes participation in the graduation ceremony.

Early Graduation Program Requirement (provided by the Kentucky Department of Education):

Early Graduation is a deliberate pathway for students in grades 9-11 who wish to move on when ready, receive a diploma from the district and be eligible for acceptance into Kentucky public universities and non-profit independent colleges and universities. The pathway provides a financial scholarship, known as the Early Graduation Certificate, to support this action. Students participating in the pathway must meet the requirements set forth by [704 KAR 3:305](#) including those listed below. Students must:

- Notify the school principal within the first 30 days of the school year in which they intend to graduate.
- Enter the Early Graduation pathway prior to October 1 of the year in which they intend to graduate early.
- Graduate in three years or less. Students exceeding three years do not qualify for the incentives identified with Early Graduation.
- Take the state-administered college readiness exam and meet the college readiness exam benchmarks as set by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 13 KAR 2:020 for placement in credit-bearing courses without the need for remediation.
- Take and score proficient on all required End-of-Course Assessments (EOCs). To meet this requirement, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will provide EOCs for those students participating in the Early Graduation pathway during the 2021-2022 school year.

Bath County High School Graduation Requirements:

Schools can require additional requirements for graduation beyond the minimum requirements set by the state of Kentucky. BCHS students are required to earn 25 credits to be eligible for graduation. All graduation requirements must be met before a student can participate in graduation exercises. All financial obligations must be met, any athletic uniforms returned, all library books returned, all textbooks returned, as well as any other items belonging to the school. All students entering Bath County High School must acquire the appropriate number of credits for their graduating class in order to graduate. Students must also participate in the school sponsored graduation practices prior to being allowed to walk through the graduation line.

Bath County High School Graduation Requirements		
Content Area	Number of Credits Required	Courses
Language Arts	4	General: English I, English II, English III, and English IV Honors: Honors English II, Honors English III, and MSU Eng 100-200
Math	4	General: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Math Concepts

		Honors: 8th Grade Algebra I, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra II, and at least 2 course of Dual Credit Math Classes
Social Studies	3	Integrated Social Studies Part A (½ Credit) and Part B (½ Credit); World Civilization, and US History Honors: Honors World Civilization, and Honors US History
Science	3	General : Biology I, Biology II, Intro to Chemistry (½ Credit) and Intro to Physics (½ Credit) Honors: Honors Biology II, Chemistry or Physics
Health/PE	1	Health and Fitness
Arts and Humanities	1	Any elective in the areas of Art, Music, and Theatre
Electives	9	Electives classes of student choice *Students are recommended to complete a CTE pathway
Total	25	

Please refer to the Bath County High School Parent/Student Handbook for additional information or contact the Bath County High School Guidance Department.