



USD 232 High School Graduation Task Force

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EDUCATION MEETING

Task Force
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Background

KSDE convened the Graduation Requirements Task Force in June of 2021 to do a complete evaluation of Kansas high school graduation requirements in order to better meet the needs of students in the 21st century and reach the State Board of Education's vision to lead the world in the success of each student.

Timeline

October BOE Meeting – Discussion Topic

November BOE Meeting – Written Alert

December BOE Meeting – Request Action on updated USD 232 graduation requirements starting with Class of 2028 (current 8th graders)

Current KSDE Graduation Requirements

ELA – 4 Credits

Mathematics – 3 Credits

Social Studies – 3 Credits

Science – 3 Credits

PE/Health – 1 Credit

Fine Arts – 1 Credit

Electives – 6 Credits

Total Required – 21 Credits

Current USD 232 Requirements

ELA – 4 Credits

Mathematics – 4 Credits

Social Studies – 3.5 Credits

Communications – 0.5 Credit

PE/Health – 1.5 Credits

Science – 3 Credits

Fine Arts – 1 Credit

Technology – 2 Credits

Electives – 5.5 Credits

Total Required – 25 Credits

KSDE Requirements starting with Class of 2028 (current 8th grade students)

Communications

- 3.5 Credits - ELA (reading, writing, literature, technical)
- 0.5 Credit - Communications (speech, debate, forensics, journalism, public speaking)

Society and Humanities

- 3 Credits – History and Government (world history, US history, US government)
- 1 Credit – Fine Arts (art, music, dance, theater, forensics, and other similar studies)

STEM

- 3 Credits – Mathematics (including algebraic and geometric concepts)
- 3 Credits – Science (physical, biological, and earth and space science concepts and include at least one credit as a laboratory course)
- 1 Credit – STEM Elective (computer science, advanced math, advanced science, robotics, advanced CTE, advanced technology)

KSDE Requirements starting with Class of 2028 (current 8th grade students)

Employability and Life Skills

- 0.5 Credit – PE
- 0.5 Credit – Health
- 0.5 Credit – Financial Literacy
- 4.5 Credit – Elective courses driven by IPS planning

Graduate with 2 or more Post-Secondary Assets (PSAs)

Total Required – 21 Credits

Post Secondary Assets

Career & Real-World Examples:

- Youth Apprenticeships
- 40 or more Community Service hours
- Client-centered Projects
- Workplace learning experience related to a student IPS
- Industry-Recognized Certification
- Seal of Biliteracy
- CTE Scholar
- Eagle Scout or Gold Scout
- 4-H Kansas Key Award
- Two or more high school athletics/activities
- JROTC
- 90% attendance in high school
- Senior Exit Interview/Senior Projects

Post Secondary Assets Academic Examples

- 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+)
- Advance Placement Exam (3+)

Post Secondary Assets

Additional Information from KSDE

- A list of approved assets will be kept by KSDE staff
- Updated annually
- Guidelines for changes will be forthcoming – there will be a process for district to submit ideas
- Districts cannot restrict the list of post secondary assets
- Districts can allow for additional post secondary assets but must have a minimum of two

Side by Side Comparison

	Current USD 232	New KSDE	Potential USD 232	Notes
ELA	4	3.5	4	Unchanged
Communications	0.5	0.5	0.5	Unchanged
Math	4	3	4	Unchanged
Social Studies	3.5	3	3.5	Unchanged
Science	3	3	3	Unchanged
Fine Arts	1	1	1	Unchanged
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	Unchanged
P.E.	1	0.5	1	Unchanged

Side by Side Comparison

	Current USD 232	New KSDE	Potential USD 232	Notes
Technology	2	N/A	0	Move to STEM elective / tech standards integrated in courses
STEM Elective	N/A	1	1	New
IPS Elective	N/A	4.5	4.5	New – connection to goals – exploration for a purpose
General Elective	5.5	N/A	1.5	Reduced to meet IPS requirement
Financial Literacy	N/A	0.5	0.5	New – currently working on course development / looking at junior or senior year requirement
Post Secondary Assets	N/A	2 or more	2 or more	

USD 232 Graduation Task Force Discussions

USD 232 would still require 25 credits to graduate.

USD 232 students will still be able to attain 32 credits during their four years of high school.

KSDE is still finalizing what courses will count towards each area (i.e. journalism may or may not count towards the communication credit).

KSDE has stated that you cannot double up a credit (a class counting twice towards the new graduation requirements).

With the 1:1 initiative, we have integrated many of the technology standards into all courses. This allows us to decrease the technology required credits to allow students more elective options.

We want this completed prior to the current 8th graders enrolling this winter/spring.



Questions
