

Think college...



**Kansas Board of Regents
Colleges require meeting any
one of the following
criteria:**

- a) Score a 22 or higher on the ACT;
- b) Rank in the top 1/3 of your graduating class; or,
- c) Complete the Kansas Board of Regents curriculum with a 2.0 grade point average, including 4 years of math and 2 years of foreign language.



Most Community Colleges and most of the Vocational Technical Colleges have an open admissions policy and admit all high school graduates. Some programs require passing an entrance test dealing with basic English and Math.



Wichita Public Schools

ESOL Instructional Services
201 N. Water
Wichita, KS 67202

Wichita Public Schools
USD 259

Planning for High School and College



Transcripts, credits, grading systems, and other information for high school students and their families

High School Graduation Requirements

A Wichita High School Diploma requires a **minimum of 23 units of credit**. One (1) unit of credit for a subject is equal to two (2) semesters of ½ credit each—with a passing grade.

Courses	Total Credits
English Language Arts 1, 2, 3, and 4 <i>(English learned as a foreign language will count as an elective credit..)</i>	4
World History, US History 1 & 2, US Government	3
Algebra and higher	3
Science	3
Physical Education	1
Elective Credits	7
Fine Arts	1
Financial Literacy	.5
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	.5
TOTAL	23

Depending on English proficiency level, students may need to take ESOL classes. Some courses count as English credit; some count as elective credit.

What about courses completed in another country or another school district in the United States?

Please bring original (official) and translated transcripts from previous schools **as soon as possible**. (Include explanation of grade scale and length of grading term.)

Students will be enrolled in courses needed for graduation according to available transcripts.

For example, if a transcript says “Mathematics”, that will be counted as a “Math Credit.” The student is still required to enroll in a specifically-named course like “Algebra.”

Some courses from other countries that may apply to graduation in US high schools:

- ◇ Science
- ◇ Algebra and higher math
- ◇ Fine Arts
- ◇ Physical Education
- ◇ Technology
- ◇ World History or Geography

Student Progress

In high school, final grades are given once a semester. Progress reports are issued several times before the final grade. Check with the school to find out when to expect progress reports and grade cards.

Grade scale

A =	excellence	100-90%
B =	above average	89-90%
C =	average	79-80%
D =	below average	69-60%
F =	failing	59-0%

If a student fails a required course, the student must retake that course until able to pass it. Fees may apply for courses repeated in summer school or in a Learning Center.

How to check on your student’s progress (grades, attendance, homework assignments, behavior):

1. Attend parent-teacher conferences
2. Ask students for progress reports and grade cards
3. Call the school at anytime
4. Check on-line. Call your school for more information.