

Kentucky High School Graduation Requirements

Precollege Curriculum

Source: Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)

Language Arts	4 credits: English I, II, III and IV. Students must take language arts all four years of high school.*
Mathematics	3 credits: Algebra I, geometry, and Algebra II.**
Science	3 credits that must incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include content about biological, physical, earth, and space science, and underlying concepts.
Social Studies	3 credits that include content about U.S. history, economics, government, world geography and world civilization
Health	1/2 credit that includes content about individual well-being, consumer decisions, personal and mental wellness, community services
Physical Education	1/2 credit that includes content about personal wellness, psychomotor, lifetime activity
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1 credit: history and appreciation of visual and performing arts or a standards-based specialized arts course based on the student's ILP
Foreign Language	2 credits of a single world language or demonstrated competency
Electives	7 credits

In addition to high school graduation credits, students must complete a graduation qualifier such as scoring a benchmark on the SAT or ACT.

* A public school student who does not meet the English/language arts or math college readiness benchmarks set by CPE must take a basic English or remedial math course before leaving high school.

** A public school student must take a math course or its equivalent each year of high school. The course may count as an elective. Instead of a fourth math course, a district may allow a student to substitute an occupational or technical course that prepares a student for a career path based on the student's ILP if the course meets the content standards in the Kentucky core academic standards.