



March 26, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, Early Graduation was possible for students who intend to move on an accelerated timeline through high school before the typical four years of high school or age 18.

Further information on Early Graduation:

- Early Graduation is an amendment to 704 KAR 3:305; *Minimum Requirements for High School*.
- Early Graduation is defined as a student meeting the performance criteria outlined in the regulation, and doing so in three years or less from the date of first enrolling in ninth grade.
- The Intent form must be filled out and entered into the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) **no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the student's declaration**. The student status must also be flagged in Infinite Campus (IC).
- Early Graduation students will receive monitoring and counseling to ensure they are on target and on track. Student schedules may be affected by this intent.
- The Intent is not binding; students may revert to regular student status.
- *To meet the criteria, students who intend to graduate early must meet proficiency benchmarks for the End -of- Course exams required for state accountability and meet benchmarks for the ACT.*
- The state administered ACT may be taken earlier than the junior year as provided by the regulation.

Student Incentives:

1. An Early Graduation Certificate is a one-time scholarship award to be used at a SACS accredited Kentucky two-year or four-year public or non-profit college.
2. The equivalent of four years of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) is calculated and administered by KHEAA for students who graduate in three years under this option.
3. Students may enroll in a Kentucky college at least one year early if they meet the requirements of that institution.

If you have questions or need additional information on the Early Graduation Option, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Wilcox".

Amy Wilcox  
Chief Instructional Officer