

**Kansas Board of Regents
Qualified Admissions Task Force
Proposed Admissions Standards***

In order to be admitted to a Kansas public university, applicants must meet the following standards. Kansas residents meeting these standards are guaranteed acceptance. State universities may set higher standards for nonresidents.

All freshman applicants must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all transferable credit hours.

Explanation: This is a new requirement for all freshman applicants.

Graduates of Accredited High Schools

Applicants who graduated from an accredited high school, are under the age of 21 and have less than 24 transferable college credit hours, must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete the precollege or Kansas Scholars curriculum with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA for Kansas residents and at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA for nonresidents, **AND**
2. Achieve one of the following:
 - a. ACT composite score of 21 or higher, **OR**
 - b. Combined SAT score of 980 or higher on math and critical reading, **OR**
 - c. Rank in the top one-third of their graduating high school class.

Explanation: Current standards include the precollege curriculum as one option among three criteria (test score, class rank, precollege curriculum) applicants may meet for admission. The proposed change removes the precollege curriculum as an option and instead requires students take the precollege curriculum and achieve a minimum GPA as a condition for admission. The proposed change also allows the Kansas Scholars curriculum to be substituted for the precollege curriculum.

Graduates of Unaccredited High Schools (includes students who are home schooled)

Applicants who graduated from an unaccredited high school or home school, are under the age of 21, and have less than 24 transferable college credit hours, must meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrate completion of coursework equivalent to the precollege or Kansas Scholars curriculum, **AND**
2. Achieve one of the following:
 - a. ACT composite score of 21 or higher, **OR**
 - b. Combined SAT score of 980 or higher on the math and critical reading sections.

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Explanation: The proposed change requires students demonstrate they have completed the equivalent of the precollege or Kansas Scholars curriculum as a condition for admission. There is currently no such requirement.

GED students

Applicants who have completed the GED, are under the age of 21, and have less than 24 transferable college credit hours, must meet the following criteria:

1. Achieve an overall score of 2550 on the GED with minimum scores of 510 on each subtest. If the GED was taken before 2002, the overall score must be 250 with minimum scores of 50 on each subtest, **AND**
2. Achieve one of the following:
 - a. ACT composite score of 21 or higher, **OR**
 - b. Combined SAT score of 980 or higher on math and critical reading.

Explanation: The proposed change requires applicants to meet minimum ACT/SAT scores. There is currently no such requirement.

21 or older

Applicants who are 21 or older and have fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Graduate from an accredited high school, **OR**
2. Achieve an overall score of 2550 on the GED with minimum scores of 510 on each subtest. If the GED was taken before 2002, the overall score must be 250 with minimum scores of 50 on each subtest.

Explanation: These standards are the current requirements. No change is requested.

International students

Institutions will verify international applicants have equivalent preparation as U.S. applicants.

Explanation: This is an adaptation of current practice.

Non Freshman Transfer Applicants

Students with 24 or more transferable college credit hours must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all transfer course work to be eligible for admission.

Explanation: No changes are proposed for this category.

Exception Windows

Exception windows are established for the following categories of applicant: resident freshmen, nonresident freshmen, resident transfer, and nonresident transfer. These windows are intended for applicants who do not meet standard admission criteria. A maximum of 15% of resident freshmen applicants, 15% of nonresident freshmen applicants (or 75, whichever is higher), 10% of resident transfer applicants, and 10% of nonresident transfer applicants may be admitted through an exception window.

Explanation: The resident freshmen exception window is increased from 10% to 15%. The conditional admit category is renamed the nonresident freshmen exception window and is increased from 10% or 50 students, whichever is higher, to 15% or 75 students, whichever is greater.

Curriculum

Precollege curriculum. The precollege curriculum is a 16-17 unit curriculum designed to prepare high school students for university-level work.

4 Units, English Selected From: English/Language arts, Composition, Literature/Reading, AP courses, Speech (limited to ½ unit, which is optional)

3-4 Units, Mathematics 3 units of math with the requirement that students meet ACT college readiness math benchmark **OR**

4 units of math and one unit must be taken in the year the student graduates

(Courses are selected from Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Probability & statistics, Trigonometry, Calculus, Precalculus, AP math courses, International Baccalaureate Higher Level math courses, any math course with Algebra II as a prerequisite, and other courses prescribed by the local school district that are designed to prepare students for college. Dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment and online courses may be used to fulfill the math requirement.)

3 Units, Natural Science Selected from: Advanced biology, Biology, Earth/space science, Chemistry, Physics (At least one unit must be Chemistry or Physics)

3 Units, Social Science One unit of U.S. history

One-half unit of U.S. government

One unit selected from: Psychology, Economics, Civics, History, Current social issues, Sociology, Anthropology, Race and ethnic group relations

One-half unit selected from: World history, World geography, International relations

3 Units, Electives Selected from: English, Math, Natural science, Social science, Foreign

languages, Personal finance, Speech/Debate/Forensics, Journalism,
Computer/Information systems, Fine arts, Career and technical education