

Kansas Qualified Admissions Quick Facts

High School Graduates Through Academic Year 2013-2014



What are Qualified Admissions?

Qualified Admissions (QA) are a set of criteria that guarantee admission to a state university for certain Kansas residents. These criteria are set by the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing body for the six state universities. The purpose of QA is to enhance success at the university level by ensuring high school students are prepared for the rigors of a university education.

What are the QA criteria for high school students?

Graduates of accredited Kansas high schools under the age of 21 with fewer than 24 transfer credit hours are admitted to a state university if they meet *one* of the following requirements:

- Achieve an ACT score of 21 or higher, OR
- Graduate in the top one-third of their class, OR
- Complete the precollege curriculum with a GPA of 2.0 or higher (please see table to right).

Which Kansas institutions use QA?

Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University.

Is the QA Curriculum the same as my high school's required curriculum for graduation?

No. High school graduation requirements are determined by the Kansas State Department of Education and local school districts. Students should be aware that the local and QA curriculums are separate and the requirements may not be the same.

Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum

English	4 approved units of English, one unit taken each year of high school.	
Natural Science	3 approved units from the following, one unit must be Chemistry or Physics: • Biology • Advanced Biology (2nd Year Biology) • Earth/Space Science • Chemistry • Physics • Principles of Technology	
Math	3 approved units from the following: • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any math course that has Algebra II as a prerequisite. <i>Courses completed in middle school or junior high do not count toward the requirement.</i>	
Social Science	3 approved units. Students must complete the following: • One unit of U.S. History • Minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government Minimum of one-half unit from the following: • World History • World Geography • International Relations	Approved courses from the following may be used to complete the requirement: • Psychology • Economics • U.S. Government (additional course) • U.S. History (additional course) • Current Social Issues • Sociology • Anthropology • Race and Ethnic Group Relations
Foreign Language	Not required.	

For more information about the Kansas Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Board's website at www.kansasregents.org.

Kansas Qualified Admissions Quick Facts

High School Graduates Beginning Academic Year 2014-2015 and After



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What are Qualified Admissions?

Qualified Admissions (QA) are a set of standards used by the six state universities to review applicants for undergraduate admission. The universities that use QA are Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. These standards are set by the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing body for the state universities.

When are the new standards effective?

State universities will use the standards for 2015 summer applicants. The standards will apply to freshmen entering high school in the fall of 2011.

What are the new QA standards?

Students graduating from an accredited Kansas high school, under the age of 21, MUST;

- Complete the precollege or Kansas Scholars Curriculum with at least a 2.0 GPA; AND
- Achieve ONE of the following:
 - ACT score of 21 or higher; OR
 - SAT score of 980 or higher; OR
 - Graduate in the top one-third of their class; AND
- Achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher on any college credit taken in high school.

New standards were also approved for graduates of unaccredited high schools (including home-schooled students), GED students, students 21 or older and international students. The standards can be viewed online at www.kansasregents.org in the December Board agenda.

Were changes made to the precollege curriculum?

Yes. Changes were made to the English and Math requirements. Electives were added to the curriculum. (For complete details see the chart at right.)

Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum

English	4 approved units of English, one unit taken each year of high school, 1/2 unit may be Speech	
Natural Science	3 approved units from the following, one unit must be Chemistry or Physics: • Biology • Advanced Biology (2nd Year Biology) • Earth/Space Science • Chemistry • Physics • Principles of Technology	
Math	3 approved units from the following: • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite AND students must meet the ACT college readiness math benchmark (22)	OR 4 approved units. One taken in the graduating year. Three units from the following: • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite. The fourth unit may be prescribed by the school district and must be designed to prepare students for college
<i>Dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and online courses may be used to fulfill the requirement. Courses completed in middle school/junior high do NOT fulfill the requirement</i>		
Social Science	3 approved units Students must complete the following: • One unit of U.S. History • Minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government Minimum of one-half unit from the following: • World History • World Geography • International Relations	Approved courses from the following may be used to complete the requirement: • Psychology • Economics • U.S. Government (additional course) • U.S. History (additional course) • Current Social Issues • Sociology • Anthropology • Race and Ethnic Group Relations
Electives	3 approved units from the following: • English • Math • Natural Science • Social Science • Fine Arts • Computer/Information Systems	• Foreign Languages • Personal Finance • Speech, Debate, Forensics • Journalism • Career and Technical Education

Kansas Scholars Curriculum & State Scholar Quick Facts



What is the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

The Kansas Scholars Curriculum is one of the requirements Kansas residents must meet in order to receive State Scholar designation during the Senior year. This curriculum is NOT the same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

What are the other requirements to become a State Scholar?

- Students must have taken the ACT between April of the sophomore year and December of the senior year.
- Students must be a Kansas resident.
- Students must have their curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official.

What is the benefit of completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

Students that complete the curriculum, and meet the other requirements, may be designated as State Scholars, which makes them eligible to receive State Financial Aid as provided by the Kansas Legislature.

The academic profile of scholars included an average ACT of 30 and an average GPA of 3.90.

State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually for up to four undergraduate years (five, if enrolled in a designated five-year program) based on financial need and the availability of State funds.

How is financial need determined?

Financial need is measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA.

Kansas Scholars Curriculum

English	Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.
Natural Science	3 approved units including: • Biology • Chemistry • Physics <i>A fourth year of science is recommended.</i>
Math	4 approved units. Students must complete the following: • Algebra I* • Algebra II • Geometry In addition, students must complete at least one of the following: • Analytic Geometry • Trigonometry • Advanced Algebra • Probability & Statistics • Functions • Calculus <i>*Algebra taken in the 8th Grade is accepted.</i>
Social Science	Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.
Foreign Language	2 approved units of one foreign language.

For more information about the Kansas Scholars Curriculum or State Scholar designation, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Board's website at www.kansasregents.org.