

Article 29

Qualified Admission

88-29-1. Definitions. The following terms, wherever used in this article, shall have the meanings specified in this regulation: (a) “Accelerated course” means a course that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Is designed for students performing above their grade level as determined by standardized testing;

(2) if the course is designed to be a 1/2-unit course, is completed in less than 40 clock-hours;

(3) if the course is designed to be a one-unit course, is completed in less than 80 clock-hours; and

(4) has been determined by the board of regents to include similar or greater content, depth, and complexity as a one-unit course completed in 120 clock-hours or a 1/2-unit course completed in 60 clock-hours.

(b) “Accredited high school” means one or more educational institutions that provide secondary instruction to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and that are designated accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education, by the Kansas state board of education, or by an agency with standards equivalent to those of the United States department of education or the Kansas state board of education.

(c) “Admission” means the permission given by the admission officer of a state educational institution to an applicant to enroll as a degree-seeking student in a state educational institution.

(d) “Complete application file” means the entire set of the following student records that have been received in the admission office of a state educational institution:

- (1) A completed application to the state educational institution;
- (2) verification that all applicable application fees have been paid;
- (3) an official copy of the student's American college testing (ACT) or college board scholastic aptitude test (SAT) score;
- (4) an official copy of the final transcript from each high school attended, including a transcript documenting graduation from high school, or a GED certificate; and
- (5) any other materials required by the state educational institution for advising or placement purposes.

(e) "Degree-seeking student" means a student who has been accepted for enrollment at a state educational institution and who has formally indicated to the state educational institution the intent to complete a program of study that is designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(f) "Earned the general educational development (GED) certificate with an overall score of not less than 50 points" means one of the following:

- (1) Took the GED test on or after January 1, 2002, with an overall score of at least 2,550 points and a minimum score of 510 points on each subtest; or
- (2) took the GED test before January 1, 2002, with an overall score of at least 250 points and a minimum score of 50 points on each subtest.

(g) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution in any state, territory or country that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Offers a course of instruction designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid; or

(B) offers a course of instruction that is equivalent to a program designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid;

(2) is legally authorized within the state, territory, or country that appears on the transcript to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; and

(3) meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Is accredited by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency; or

(B) has been granted preaccreditation status by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by either the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency.

(h) “Integrated course” means a course that redistributes the content of two or more qualified admission precollege curriculum courses into a nontraditional combination. A nontraditional combination may combine the content of qualified admission algebra I and qualified admission geometry over a period of four semesters in a sequence of courses titled integrated math I and II.

(i) “Kansas resident” means a person determined to be a resident for fee purposes pursuant to K.S.A. 76-729 and amendments thereto.

(j) “Non-degree-seeking student” means a student who has been accepted for enrollment in a state educational institution and who has formally indicated to the state educational institution the intent to enroll for self-enrichment or other reasons, excluding the intent to complete a course of study that is

designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(k) "Precollege," when used to describe a course or curriculum, means a type of course or curriculum offered at an accredited high school that meets each of the following criteria:

(1) The course or curriculum is designed for a student performing at or above the student's grade level as determined by standardized testing.

(2) The content and requirements of the course or curriculum have been determined by the board of regents or the board's designee to reflect a pace of instruction, intensity and depth of material, level of abstraction, and application of critical thinking necessary to prepare students for study at state educational institutions.

(l) "State educational institution" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto.

(m) "Ten percent exception window" means a method by which a Kansas resident may be admitted to a state educational institution pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-8.

(n) "Unit" means a measure of secondary credit that may be awarded to a student for satisfactory completion of a particular course or subject. One unit of credit is credit that is awarded for satisfactory completion of a course or subject that is offered for and generally requires 120 clock-hours to complete. Credit may be awarded in increments based upon the amount of time a course or subject is offered and the requirements for completion.

This regulation shall be effective on and after August 1, 2007. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective P-_____.)