

Kansas Qualified Admissions Quick Facts

High School Graduates Beginning Academic Year 2014-2015 and After



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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Biology <li style="width: 33%;">• Chemistry <li style="width: 33%;">• Physical Science <li style="width: 33%;">• Advanced Biology (2nd Year Biology) <li style="width: 33%;">• Physics <li style="width: 33%;">• Earth/Space Science <li style="width: 33%;">• Principles of Technology 	
Math	OR	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite AND students must meet the ACT college readiness math benchmark
		4 approved units, with one unit taken in the graduating year. Three units selected from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Approved courses from the following may be used to complete the requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology • Economics • U.S. Government (additional course) • U.S. History (additional course) • Current Social Issues • Sociology • Anthropology • Race and Ethnic Group Relations
	Students must complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One unit of U.S. History • Minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government 	
	Minimum of one-half unit from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World History • World Geography • International Relations 	
Electives	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Natural Science • Social Science • Fine Arts • Computer/Information Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Languages • Personal Finance • Speech, Debate, Forensics • Journalism • Career and Technical Education