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To: Superintendents
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Re: Changes in the Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum

On October 14, 2009, the Kansas Board of Regents adopted revised permanent Qualified Admissions regulations. The regulations supersede the Board's policies and Temporary Regulations approved June 24, 2009, on admission of students to the six state universities. The Board's action on Qualified Admissions followed recommendations provided by a task force that included Regents, faculty, students, campus administrators and K-12 educators; feedback received during a 60-day public comment period; and passage by the Legislature of amendments to K.S.A. 76-717, the Qualified Admissions statute.

Two changes of particular interest to K-12 educators, high school students and their parents relate to the Qualified Admissions precollege curriculum computer technology and math requirements. The changes affect admission requirements to state universities. (High school graduation requirements are determined by the State Department of Education and local school districts. Students who plan to attend a state university should be aware of the local high school graduation requirements as well as the qualified admissions regulations since they are two separate requirements.)

The computer technology requirement was eliminated from the Qualified Admissions precollege curriculum for students applying to state universities in the 2009 academic year and beyond. The computer technology requirement was also eliminated from the Kansas Scholars curriculum.

Changes to the math requirement made in the Temporary Regulations were removed, returning the requirement to three units of approved qualified admission mathematics courses taken in the ninth through twelve grades. No changes have been made to the Kansas Scholars math requirement.

The permanent Qualified Admissions regulations and a revised Qualified Admissions/Kansas Scholars Curriculum brochure will soon be posted on the Kansas Board of Regents website: <http://kansasregents.org/qa/index.html>. Information on the Kansas Scholars program can be found at: http://kansasregents.org/financial_aid/state.html.

As a reminder, recent graduates of accredited Kansas high schools are guaranteed admission to a state university if they meet one of following three requirements:

1. achieve an ACT score of 21 or higher OR
2. graduate in the top one-third of their class OR
3. complete the precollege curriculum with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

If you have questions about the changes please contact me at jredeker@ksbor.org or 785-296-4936.