88-29a-11. Requirements for the qualified admission precollege curriculum.

This regulation shall be applicable to each state educational institution's review of applicants beginning with the academic year 2014-2015 summer session and through the end of the 2021 spring session. In order to admit any applicant under the qualified admission precollege curriculum criteria, each state educational institution shall require the applicant to provide an official high school transcript documenting completion of the approved qualified admission precollege curriculum specified in this regulation.

For each student graduating from high school in or after academic year 2014-2015 and in or before academic year 2020-2021, the qualified admission precollege curriculum shall consist of courses that are among those listed in the document titled “Kansas board of regents precollege curriculum courses approved for university admissions,” revised May 4, 2016, which is hereby adopted by reference. If a course was approved by the board and included in the March 11, 2014 list of “Kansas board of regents precollege curriculum courses approved for university admissions,” which is hereby adopted by reference, and the student successfully completed the course in an academic year for which the course was approved, then that course shall count toward the student's qualified admission curriculum requirements in the subject area for which the course was approved. The qualified admission precollege curriculum shall consist of the following distribution of courses:

(a) One of the following:
(1) Four units of approved qualified admission English courses, which shall include reading, writing, and literature; or

(2) four units of approved qualified admission English courses, of which three and \(\frac{1}{2}\) units shall include reading, writing, and literature and \(\frac{1}{2}\) unit of speech;

(b)(1) If the student has achieved the ACT or SAT college readiness math benchmark, three units of approved qualified admission mathematics courses that meet the following requirements:

   (A) The course shall be completed in the ninth through twelfth grades; and

   (B) the course shall be selected from any of the following courses:

        (i) Qualified admission algebra I;

        (ii) qualified admission geometry;

        (iii) qualified admission algebra II;

        (iv) any mathematics course that has qualified admission algebra II as a prerequisite; or

        (v) any other course approved by the chief executive officer of the board of regents or the chief executive officer’s designee; or

(2) if the student has not achieved the ACT or SAT college readiness math benchmark, four units of approved qualified admission mathematics courses, one of which shall be taken in the year the student graduates high school, that meet the following requirements:

   (A) The course shall be completed in the ninth through twelfth grades;
(B) at least three of the courses shall be selected from any of the following courses:

(i) Qualified admission algebra I;

(ii) qualified admission geometry;

(iii) qualified admission algebra II;

(iv) any mathematics course that has qualified admission algebra II as a prerequisite; or

(v) any other course approved by the chief executive officer of the board of regents or the chief executive officer’s designee; and

(C) the fourth unit may be selected from any other mathematics courses prescribed by the local school district and designed to prepare students for college;

(c) three units of approved qualified admission natural science courses that meet the following requirements:

(1) The three units shall be selected from any of the following courses:

(A) Qualified admission biology;

(B) qualified admission advanced biology;

(C) qualified admission chemistry;

(D) qualified admission physics;

(E) qualified admission earth-space science;

(F) qualified admission principles of technology; or
(G) any other course approved by the chief executive officer of the board of regents or the chief executive officer’s designee; and

(2) at least one unit shall be selected from a qualified admission chemistry course or a qualified admission physics course;

(d) three units of approved qualified admission social science courses, which shall include instruction in United States history, United States government, and geography; and

(e) three units of elective courses selected from any of the following categories:

(1) English;

(2) mathematics;

(3) natural science;

(4) social science;

(5) foreign language;

(6) personal finance;

(7) speech, debate, or forensics;

(8) journalism;

(9) computer or information systems;

(10) fine arts;

(11) career and technical education; or
(12) any other course approved by the chief executive officer of the board of regents or the chief executive officer’s designee.

This regulation shall have no force and effect after June 1, 2021. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective July 22, 2011; amended April 13, 2012; amended Oct. 16, 2020.)