ADDENDUM TO ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
Kansas Board of Regents
2021


Revocations: K.A.R. 88-29-12 through 88-29-17, 88-29a-1, 88-29a-5 through 88-29a-7, 88-29a-8, 88-29a-8c through 88-29a-11, 88-29a-18, 88-29a-19, 88-29b-1, 88-29b-5 through 88-29b-7, 88-29b-8, and 88-29b-8c through 88-29b-10.

1. Summary of proposed regulations, including purposes.
The overall purpose for the proposed amendments, new regulations and revocations for Article 29b and Article 29d is to establish different criteria, beginning with the summer 2022 cohort, for admission to the University of Kansas of first-time freshmen who have graduated from an accredited high school.

In 2020, the Board’s Qualified Admission criteria were amended to eliminate the pre-college curriculum requirement and replace the option of ranking in the top one-third of the class with the option for guaranteed admission with a 2.25 cumulative high school GPA for Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University, regardless of ACT score. For Kansas State University, the requirement is a 3.25 cumulative high school GPA regardless of ACT score. The independent option of attaining a 21 composite score or superscore on the ACT exam was retained for these institutions. The only qualified admission criteria change for the University of Kansas at that time was elimination of the required pre-college curriculum.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring of 2020, ACT/SAT testing sites were shut down and in-person testing appointments were cancelled. Since many applicants were not able to take either entrance exam, and therefore weren’t able to meet the guaranteed admission requirements at the University of Kansas, the University had to refer those applications to a review committee for consideration. The review committee admitted students with a minimum 3.4 cumulative high school GPA and a minimum 2.0 GPA on all transferable college credit the applicant completed while in high school, regardless of test score.

Currently, the qualified admission regulations applicable to the University of Kansas offer two guaranteed admission options:
1) 21+ ACT and a minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA or
2) 24+ ACT and a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.
Both of the above options require an ACT score and both options also require that a student achieve at least a 2.5 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

The Board of Regents is proposing to replace these two guaranteed admission options for the University of Kansas qualified admissions with the following two options:

1) 21+ ACT and a minimum 2.0 cumulative high school GPA or
2) minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA\(^1\) regardless of test score.

Both of the above options would require a student to achieve at least a 2.0 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

These changes would allow for a test-optional guaranteed admission alternative at the University of Kansas as now exists at the other state universities.

Also, for freshmen admission to the University of Kansas currently, there is an application deadline for guaranteed admission, which is February 1. Applications received after February 1 are referred to the review committee, regardless of whether they meet the ACT and GPA requirements. The Board is proposing a removal of the February 1 deadline for all categories of students thus giving more prospective students the opportunity for guaranteed admission.

The new University of Kansas criteria would be established by amendments to existing regulations that will take effect with the review of applications for the 2022 summer session. In this way, students, high schools and the University of Kansas will have lead-time to become acquainted with the new criteria during the year prior to implementation.

Each of the new regulations in Article 29c and Article 29d will replace existing regulations in Article 29a and Article 29b that are being revoked. The goal is to have the majority of the qualified admissions regulations in just the two newest Articles, 29d for the University of Kansas and 29c for the other five state universities, to make navigating the regulations simpler for students, families, high school administrators and other stakeholders. At this time, the Board of Regents is proposing revocation of 25 Article 29, Article 29a and Article 29b regulations.

The remainder of the proposed amendments are to update internal references.

To achieve these purposes, the Board of Regents has crafted and is proposing the following amendments:

**Article 29—QUALIFIED ADMISSION**

This Article contains the original qualified admission regulations, adopted before the Legislature granted the Board of Regents authority to adopt standards that differ from those set out in the statute, K.S.A. 76-717. Many of the regulations in this Article have

\(^1\) Accredited high schools only
been revoked and replaced with provisions in Articles 29a and Article 29b. Current proposed changes to Article 29 are to **revoke six now obsolete regulations** dealing with precollege curriculum.

**K.A.R. 88-29-12** establishes a process by which accredited Kansas high schools can establish an approved qualified admissions precollege curriculum. To be approved, courses be among those listed in *Kansas Board of Regents Precollege Curriculum* as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 88-29a-11. This regulation is being **revoked** because, beginning with review of applications for the summer 2021 semester, the precollege curriculum is no longer required for admission to a state university.

**K.A.R. 88-29-13 through 88-29-17** establish the qualified precollege curriculum course content requirements in computer technology, English, math, natural science and social science courses. These regulations are being **revoked** because, beginning with review of applications for the 2021 summer session, students are no longer be required to demonstrate successful completion of a Board of Regents prescribed precollege curriculum.

**Article 29a—STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS THROUGH 2021 SPRING SESSION [Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Wichita State University]**

This Article contains provisions that were promulgated to implement admission standards established by the Board of Regents for Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University that differ from those set out in the qualified admissions statute, K.S.A. 76-717. **See** L.2009, Ch. 37, §1. Current proposed changes either **update internal references** to other regulations or **revoke obsolete regulations**.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-1** defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29 and Article 29a. The regulation is being **revoked**. For review of applications in the 2021 summer session or later, the definitions in K.A.R. 88-29c-1 apply instead.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-5** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session and through the 2021 spring session, for resident freshmen under age 21. The regulation is being **revoked**. Review of resident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-5.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-6** establishes admission standards for Kansas residents who are 21 years of age or older. The regulation is being **revoked**. Review of residents 21 or older applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-6.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-7** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session through the 2021 spring session, for nonresident freshmen under age 21. The
regulation is being revoked. Review of nonresident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-7.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-7a** establishes admissions standards for nonresidents who are 21 years of age or older. The regulation is being amended to update an internal reference to another regulation.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-8** creates the exception window for resident freshmen applicants who do not meet qualified admission standards. The regulation is being revoked and replaced with K.A.R. 88-29c-8. Differences between the two regulations are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-8c** creates the exception window for non-resident freshmen applicants who do not meet qualified admission standards. The regulation is being revoked and replaced with K.A.R. 88-29c-8c. Differences between the two regulations are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-9** requires state universities to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation became effective beginning with students applying for admission in the 2015 summer session through the 2021 spring session and incorporated the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being revoked. University admission policies addressing review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-9.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-10** establishes methods for state universities to evaluate qualifications for admission. This regulation became effective beginning with the 2015 summer session through the 2021 spring session and incorporated the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being revoked. Review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-10.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-11** establishes minimum requirements for a high school’s qualified admission precollege curriculum for students who graduate from high school in or after academic year 2014-2015 and in or before academic year 2020-2021. The regulation is being revoked. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later, regardless when they graduated high school, will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-18** establishes functional equivalents of the qualified admission precollege curriculum for Kansas residents who graduate from high school in or after academic year 2014-2015. The regulation is being revoked. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement regardless when they graduated high school and there will be no need for a functional equivalent to that requirement.

**K.A.R. 88-29a-19** establishes functional equivalents of the qualified admission precollege curriculum for nonresidents who graduated from high school in or after
academic year 2014-2015. The regulation is being revoked. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement regardless when they graduated high school and there will be no need for a functional equivalent to that requirement.

**Article 29c-- STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS BEGINNING WITH THE 2021 SUMMER SESSION [Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Wichita State University]**

The Article 29c regulations were first adopted in 2020 and were effective with review of applications for admission to Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University for the 2021 summer session. Amendments and new Article 29c regulations update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-1** defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29, Article 29a, and Article 29c. The term “state educational institution” is defined to exclude the University of Kansas, which is covered by Articles 29b and 29d. The regulation replaces and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-1 in that it eliminated definitions for the terms “integrated course,” “precollege,” and “unit.” The regulation first became effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. This regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-5** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for resident freshmen under age 21. The regulation replaces and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-5 in that it replaced the top-third class rank option for admission with a 2.25 (3.25 for Kansas State University) cumulative high school GPA, eliminated the precollege curriculum requirements, and allows for use of the ACT superscore. The regulation first became effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session and is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-6** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for residents who are 21 years of age or older. The regulation is new and replaces K.S.A. 88-29a-6. Differences between the two regulations are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-7** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for nonresident freshmen under age 21. The regulation replaces and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-7 in that it replaced the top-third class rank option for admission with a 2.25 (3.25 for Kansas State University) cumulative high school GPA, eliminated the precollege curriculum requirements, and allows for use of the ACT superscore. The regulation first became effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session and is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.
K.A.R. 88-29c-8 creates the exception window for resident freshmen applicants who do not meet qualified admission standards. This is a new regulation that replaces K.A.R. 88-29a-8. Differences between the two regulations are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29c-8c creates the exception window for nonresident freshmen applicants who do not meet qualified admission standards. This is a new regulation that replaces K.A.R. 88-29a-8c. Differences between the two regulations are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29c-9 requires state universities to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation replaces K.A.R. 88-29a-9 effective with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. The regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

Article 29b—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ADMISSIONS

The Article 29b regulations were first adopted in 2013, became effective with students applying for admission for the 2016 summer session, and apply only to the University of Kansas admissions.

K.A.R. 88-29b-1 defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29b, all of which are specific to the University of Kansas. The regulation is being revoked. For review of applications in the 2021 summer session or later, the definitions in K.A.R. 88-29d-1 will apply instead.

K.A.R. 88-29b-3 establishes admission categories for the University of Kansas. The only differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-3 and K.A.R. 88-29-3 are to make K.A.R. 88-29b-3 specific to the University of Kansas; e.g. replacing the term “state educational institution” with “the university of Kansas.” This regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29b-4 establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards for applicants with 24 or more transferable college credit hours. This regulation is being amended to clarify internal references.

K.A.R. 88-29b-5 establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session and through the 2021 spring session, for resident freshmen who are under age 21. Automatic admission standards apply for students who apply for admission on or before February 1 and require either a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and a 24 on the ACT, or a 3.25 cumulative high school GPA and a 21 on the ACT; students must have completed the Board of Regents’ qualified admission curriculum or equivalent with a 2.0 or better GPA and achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on all transferable college coursework. The high school GPA and KBOR curriculum
requirements do not apply to students who have obtained a high school equivalency credential. Those students who do not meet the automatic admission standards or who apply after February 1 are reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-5 must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being revoked. Review of resident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-5.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-6** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for Kansas residents who are age 21 or older. The primary difference between K.A.R. 88-29b-6 and K.A.R. 88-29a-6 is the application deadline. Those students applying after the February 1 application deadline will be reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-6 must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being revoked. Review of residents 21 and older applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-6.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-7** establishes the University of Kansas admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session and through the 2021 spring session, for nonresident freshmen who are under the age of 21. Automatic admission standards apply for students who apply for admission on or before February 1 and require either a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and a 24 on the ACT, or a 3.25 cumulative high school GPA and a 21 on the ACT; students must also have completed the Board of Regents’ qualified admission curriculum or equivalent with a 2.5 or better GPA and achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on all transferable college coursework. The high school GPA and KBOR curriculum requirements will not apply to students who have obtained a high school equivalency credential. Those students who do not meet the automatic admission standards or who apply after February 1 will be reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-7 must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being revoked. Review of nonresident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-7.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-7a** establishes the University of Kansas admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for nonresident applicants who are age 21 or older. The primary difference between K.A.R. 88-29b-7a and K.A.R. 88-29a-7a is the application deadline. Those students applying after the February 1 application deadline will be reviewed by the university’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the
Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-7a must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being amended, beginning with review of applications for the 2022 summer session, to remove the guaranteed admission application deadline and to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-8** creates the exception window for resident freshmen applicants who do not meet the University of Kansas, or K.A.R. 88-29a-5 or 88-29a-6 qualified admission standards. This regulation is being revoked and replaced with K.A.R. 88-29d-8. Differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-8 and 88-29d-8 are updated internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-8c** creates the exception window for non-resident freshmen applicants who do not meet the University of Kansas, or K.A.R. 88-29a-7 or 88-29a-7a qualified admission standards. The regulation is being revoked and replaced with K.A.R. 88-29d-8c. Differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-8c and 88-29d-8c are changes to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-9** requires the University of Kansas to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. The only substantive difference between this regulation and K.A.R. 88-29a-9 is that the provisions for class rank have been removed, since the University does not utilize class rank in its admission decisions except when necessary to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception or as one factor considered by the admission review committee.

The regulation is being revoked. University admission policies addressing review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-9.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-10** establishes methods for the University of Kansas to evaluate qualifications for admission. The only substantive differences between this regulation and K.A.R. 88-29a-10 are 1) most of the provisions for class rank have been removed, since the University will not be utilizing class rank in its admission decisions except when necessary to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception, and 2) GPA will need to be calculated for both the Board of Regents qualified admissions curriculum and the overall high school curriculum because the University of Kansas’ GPA standards apply to overall curriculum, but to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception, the Board’s qualified admissions curriculum GPA must be used.

The regulation is being revoked. Review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-10.

**Article 29d-- UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ADMISSIONS BEGINNING WITH THE 2021 SUMMER SESSION**
The Article 29d regulations were first adopted in 2020 and first effective with review of applications for admission to the University of Kansas for the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-1** defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29b and Article 29d. The main difference between K.A.R. 88-29a-1, 88-29c-1 and K.A.R. 88-29d-1 is the definition of “state educational institution.” For Articles 29b and 29d, the definition includes only the University of Kansas; for Articles 29a and 29c it does not include the University of Kansas. The difference between K.A.R. 88-29d-1 and K.A.R. 88-29b-1 is the elimination of definitions for the terms “integrated course,” “precollege,” and “unit.” This regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-5** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for resident freshmen who are under age 21. The regulation replaces and differs from K.A.R. 88-29b-5 in that it eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements and allows for use of the ACT superscore. This regulation is being amended to, beginning with the 2022 summer session, change the admission requirements to provide for a test-optional guaranteed admission alternative as has been done for the other state universities, eliminate the guaranteed admission application deadline, and update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-6** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2022 summer session, for Kansas residents who are age 21 or older. The primary difference between K.A.R. 88-29d-6 and K.A.R. 88-29b-6 is the application deadline. Those students applying after the February 1 application deadline are reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-6 must be admitted as an exception. This is a new regulation that will replace K.A.R. 88-29b-6, eliminate the guaranteed admission application deadline, and update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-7** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with review of applications for the 2021 summer session, for nonresident freshmen who are under the age of 21. The regulation replaces and differs from K.A.R. 88-29b-5 in that it eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements. This regulation is being amended, beginning with review of applications for the 2022 summer session, to change the admission requirements to provide for a test-optional guaranteed admission alternative as has been done for the other state universities, eliminate the application deadline, and update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-8** creates the exception window, beginning with review of applications for the 2022 summer session, for resident freshmen applicants who do not meet the University of Kansas, or K.A.R. 88-29c-5 or 88-29c-6 qualified admission standards.
This is a new regulation that will replace K.A.R. 88-29b-8. Differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-8 and 88-29d-8 are updated internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29d-8c creates the exception window, beginning with review of applications for the 2022 summer session, for nonresident freshmen applicants who do not meet the University of Kansas, or K.A.R. 88-29c-7 or 88-29a-7a qualified admission standards. This is a new regulation that will replace K.A.R. 88-29b-8c. Differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-8c and 88-29d-8c are updated internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29d-9 requires the University of Kansas to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29b-9, eliminates provisions addressing precollege curriculum requirements, and became effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. The regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29d-10 establishes methods for the University of Kansas to evaluate qualifications for admission. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29b-10, eliminates provisions addressing precollege curriculum requirements, and became effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. The regulation is being amended, beginning with review of 2022 summer applications, to sync up with changes to the guaranteed admissions criteria for first time freshmen and to update internal references to other regulations.