



# Qualified Admissions Kansas Residents

Five of the six state universities in Kansas, including Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University, use the standards below to review applicants for undergraduate admission. The University of Kansas has different admission standards from those listed below, visit [admissions.ku.edu](http://admissions.ku.edu) for more information. Standards are set by the Kansas Board of Regents.

## ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL

If you are a Kansas resident who will graduate from an accredited high school during the 2015-2016 academic year or later, you can guarantee admission to five of the state's universities by completing the Qualified Admissions or Kansas Scholars curriculum with a 2.0 GPA and by meeting one of the following requirements:

- ACT score of at least 21; OR
- SAT score of at least 980; OR
- Graduate in the top 1/3rd of your class.

If you enroll in college courses while you are in high school, it is also required that you achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher in those courses.

## QUALIFIED ADMISSIONS PRECOLLEGE CURRICULUM

**Kansas Course Codes** are used to identify courses that fulfill Qualified Admissions curriculum requirements. A complete list of courses is available at the Kansas Board of Regents website: [kansasregents.org/qualified\\_admissions](http://kansasregents.org/qualified_admissions). Additionally, your high school counselor has a list of courses at your high school that fulfill these requirements.

**One unit is equivalent to one year, or two semesters.** Dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and online courses may be used to fulfill the Qualified Admissions curriculum requirements. All courses must appear on your high school transcript, and courses completed in middle school or junior high do not fulfill the Qualified Admissions Math requirements.



### English

4 approved units,  
½ unit may be  
Speech



### Math

Must complete either:  
*Option A* - 3 approved units  
and meet the ACT college  
readiness math benchmark  
of 22. *Option B* - 4 approved  
units, one of which must be  
taken in the graduating year



### Social Science

3 approved units



### Natural Science

3 approved units,  
one of which must be  
a full unit of Chemistry  
or Physics



### Electives

3 approved units

## UNACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL

If you are a Kansas resident who will graduate from an unaccredited high school during the 2015-2016 academic year or later, you can guarantee admission to five of the state's universities by completing coursework equivalent to the Qualified Admissions or Kansas Scholars curriculum with a 2.0 GPA and by achieving an ACT score of at least 21 or an SAT score of at least 980. If you enroll in college courses while you are in high school, it is also required that you achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher in those courses.

This document provides a summary overview of admission requirements at state universities and is not a substitute for or to be used in lieu of the actual detailed admissions requirements, which can be found at: [www.kansasregents.org/qualified\\_admissions\\_rules\\_regulations](http://www.kansasregents.org/qualified_admissions_rules_regulations).



# 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](http://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	Natural Science	Math	Social Science	Electives
	4 approved units of English, one unit taken each year of high school, 1/2 unit may be Speech	3 approved units from the following, one unit must be Chemistry or Physics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Advanced Biology (2nd Year Biology)</li> <li>• Earth/Space Science</li> </ul>	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> <li>• Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul> AND students must meet the ACT college readiness math benchmark	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One unit of U.S. History</li> <li>• Minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government</li> </ul> Minimum of one-half unit from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World History</li> <li>• World Geography</li> <li>• International Relations</li> </ul>	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Natural Science</li> <li>• Social Science</li> <li>• Fine Arts</li> <li>• Computer/Information Systems</li> </ul>
		4 approved units, with one unit taken in the graduating year. Three units selected from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Principles of Technology</li> </ul>	4 approved units, with one unit taken in the graduating year. Three units selected from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul> 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	Approved courses from the following may be used to complete the requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• U.S. Government (additional course)</li> <li>• U.S. History (additional course)</li> <li>• Current Social Issues</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Race and Ethnic Group Relations</li> </ul>	Foreign Languages Personal Finance Speech, Debate, Forensics Journalism Career and Technical Education
			<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>		



# Kansas Scholars Curriculum & State Scholar Quick Facts

## What is the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

The Kansas Scholars Curriculum is one of the requirements Kansas residents must meet in order to receive State Scholar designation during the Senior year. This curriculum is NOT the same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

## What are the other requirements to become a State Scholar?

- Students must have taken the ACT between April of the sophomore year and December of the senior year.
- Students must be a Kansas resident.
- Students must have their curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official.

## What is the benefit of completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

Students that complete the curriculum, and meet the other requirements, may be designated as State Scholars, which makes them eligible to receive State Financial Aid as provided by the Kansas Legislature.

*The academic profile of scholars included an average ACT of 30 and an average GPA of 3.90.*

State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually for up to four undergraduate years (five, if enrolled in a designated five-year program) based on financial need and the availability of State funds.

## How is financial need determined?

Financial need is measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA.

## Kansas Scholars Curriculum

Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

### English

3 approved units including:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

### Natural Science

*A fourth year of science is recommended.*

4 approved units.

Students must complete the following:

- Algebra I\*
- Algebra II
- Geometry

In addition, students must complete at least one of the following:

- Analytic Geometry
- Trigonometry
- Advanced Algebra
- Probability & Statistics
- Functions
- Calculus

### Math

*\*Algebra taken in the 8th Grade is accepted.*

Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

### Social Science

2 approved units of one foreign language.

### Foreign Language

*For more information about the Kansas Scholars Curriculum or State Scholar designation, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Board's website at [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org).*




 

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## Kansas Scholars Curriculum

**Consists of the following:**

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### English - 4 years

One unit to be taken each year. Must include substantial recurrent practice in writing extensive and structured pa extensive reading of significant literature, and significant experience in speaking and listening.

### Mathematics - 4 years

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one unit of advanced mathematics-- suggested courses include: Analytic Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Functions or Calculus. Completion of Alg in 8th grade is acceptable for the Kansas Scholars Curriculum, but not for Qualified Admissions.

### Science - 3 years

One year each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, each of which include an average of one laboratory period a Applied/technical courses may not substitute for a unit of natural science credit.

### Social Studies - 3 years

One unit of U.S. History; minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government and minimum of one-half unit selected fro World History, World Geography or International Relations; and one unit selected from: Psychology, Economics, Government, U.S. History, Current Social Issues, Sociology, Anthropology, and Race and Ethnic Group Relation: unit courses may be combined to make this a whole unit.

### Foreign Language - 2 years

Two years of one language. Latin and Sign Language are accepted.

[Download the Kansas Scholars Curriculum Quick Facts document \(pdf\) here.](#)