

FACT SHEET



Graduation Requirements Task Force

The Graduation Requirements Task Force, established by Commissioner Randy Watson, will conduct a thorough review of Kansas’ current high school graduation requirements and submit recommendations to the Kansas State Board of Education for its consideration.

The task force will:

1. Identify any courses that should be added or should no longer be required for graduation.
2. Conduct a review of all competencies and identify multiple ways to show mastery of skills that will allow students to move at their own pace and time.
3. Study the benefit of (need for) requiring value-added assets in addition to the high school diploma. (i.e. industry recognized certificate, college credits, etc.)

CURRENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Four units of English language arts**, which shall include reading, writing, literature, communication, and grammar. The building administrator may waive up to one unit of this requirement if the administrator determines that a pupil can profit more by taking another subject.
- **Three units of history and government**, which shall include world history; United States history; United States government, including the Constitution of the United States; concepts of economics and geography.
- **Three units of science**, which shall include physical, biological, and earth and space science concepts and which shall include at least one unit as a laboratory course.
- **Three units of mathematics**, including algebraic and geometric concepts.
- **One unit of physical education**, which shall include health and which may include safety, first aid, or physiology.
- **One unit of fine arts**, which may include art, music, dance, theatre, forensics, and other similar studies selected by a local board of education.
- **Six units of elective courses.**

TIMELINE OF WORK

