



KENTUCKY
goes to college

Pre-college curriculum for Kentucky high schoolers

You need to take these classes in high school if you plan to attend a four-year public university in Kentucky. A university will expect you to have taken these courses before you can enroll.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education

Subject	Pre-College Curriculum
Language Arts	4 credits: English I, II, III, IV or AP English
Mathematics*	3 credits: Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry
Science	3 credits: To include life science, physical science and earth/space science (at least one lab course)
Social Studies	3 credits: U.S. history, economics, government, world geography and world civilization
Health	1/2 credit
Physical Education	1/2 credit
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1 credit: History and appreciation of visual and performing arts or another arts course that incorporates such content, or students may earn the credit for specialization in an art form
Foreign Language	2 credits or demonstrated competency
Electives	7 credits (5 rigorous)**



* Students must take math all four years of high school. The fourth math class may be counted as an elective.

** Rigorous electives should have challenging academic content. They should be in social studies, science, math, language arts, arts and humanities, foreign language, and above the introductory level in agriculture, industrial technology, business, marketing, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, and technology education and career pathways. Electives in physical education and health are limited to one-half unit each.