

Kentucky **Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Kentucky during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***The Kentucky Commonwealth Diploma***
- ***Kentucky Scholars.*** This program, part of the State Scholars Initiative currently offered in Kentucky and twenty-one other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four credits of English (English I-V)
 - Three credits of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry)
 - Three credits of science (biology, chemistry, physics)
 - Three credits of social studies (chosen from U.S. History/1.0, World History/1.0, World Geography/1.0, Economics/0.5, Government/0.5)
 - Two credits of the same foreign language.
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Kentucky PreCollege Curriculum.*** This program requires:
 - English/Language Arts – 4 credits required – English I, English II, English III, English IV (or AP English)
 - Mathematics – 3 credits required – Algebra I, Algebra II
 - Science – 3 credits required – credits to include life science, physical science, and earth/space science (at least one lab course)
 - Social Studies – 3 credits required – From U.S. History, Economics, Government, World Geography and World Civilization
 - Health -- .5 credit required
 - Physical Education -- .5 credit required
 - History and Appreciation of Visual, Performing Arts – 1 credit required – History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts or another arts course that incorporates such content
 - Foreign Language – 2 credits required – or demonstrated competency
 - Electives – 5 credits required – (3 rigorous)