

Kentucky Homeschoolers and the KEES Scholarship

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Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)

- A scholarship awarded to high school graduates in Kentucky
- It is based on high school GPA and ACT scores:
 - Higher GPA → more money awarded
 - Higher ACT score → more money awarded

GPA	Amount	GPA	Amount
2.50	\$125.00	3.30	\$325.00
2.60	\$150.00	3.40	\$350.00
2.70	\$175.00	3.50	\$375.00
2.75	\$187.00	3.60	\$400.00
2.80	\$200.00	3.70	\$425.00
2.90	\$225.00	3.75	\$437.00
3.00	\$250.00	3.80	\$450.00
3.10	\$275.00	3.90	\$475.00
3.20	\$300.00	4.00	\$500.00
3.25	\$312.00		

Difference in Awards

- ▶ Certified high school graduates are eligible for up to \$10K in KEES awards
- ▶ Homeschool graduates are eligible for a maximum of \$2K in KEES awards

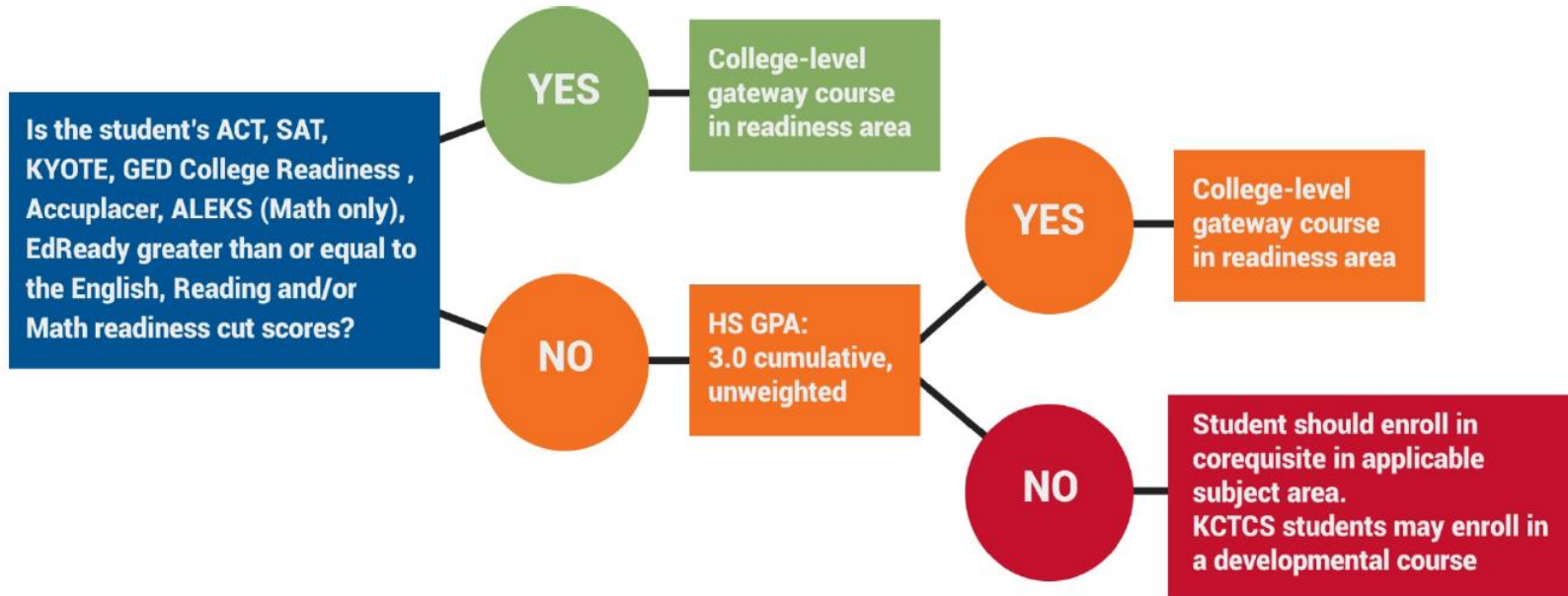
Homeschoolers

School Year	GPA	\$ Award
9 th grade	4.00	\$0.00
10 th grade	4.00	\$0.00
11 th grade	4.00	\$0.00
12 th grade	4.00	\$0.00
ACT Score	28+	\$500.00
	Total Award:	\$500.00 /year of college

Certified High Schoolers

School Year	GPA	\$ Award
9 th grade	4.00	\$500.00
10 th grade	4.00	\$500.00
11 th grade	4.00	\$500.00
12 th grade	4.00	\$500.00
ACT Score	28+	\$500.00
	Total Award:	\$2,500.00 /year of college

Kentucky Academic Readiness Decision Band



- In Kentucky, “College Readiness” is determined by GPA and test scores.
- Certified high school students that are not considered “college ready” are still receiving KEES awards, while homeschoolers considered “college ready” are not receiving KEES awards.

Area	ACT	SAT	KYOTE	GED College Readiness	Accuplacer	ALEKS	EdReady Diagnostic
English (Writing)	18	22	6	165	250		70
Reading	20	24	20	165	250		70
Math (Quant Reasoning)	19	510	22	165	250	30	55
Math (College Algebra)	22	540	14	175	*	46	65
Math (Calculus)	27	640	15	NA	*	76	*

* Institutions may determine readiness at these levels based on institutional data, as long as students have met the quantitative reasoning benchmark in one of the identified measures.

Alternatives for High School GPA

Dual Credit College Courses



- Dual Credit GPA x 4 (Senate Bill 12)
- Dual Credit GPA for year 1 & college GPA for years 2-4

Standardized Test Scores



- ACT to GPA conversion x 4
- ACT to GPA conversion for year 1 & college GPA for years 2-4 (Senate Bill 180)

Dual Credit Courses

- Dual credit classes offer a higher level of education compared to high school classes.
 - When plugged into the GPA calculator, certified high school students get a 25% increase on dual credit and AP grades:
 - A 4.0 grade in a dual credit course = 5.0 in the GPA calculator.
- When choosing dual credit courses, homeschoolers typically select those that fulfill general education requirements for colleges.
 - English, American history/ world history, psychology, sociology, etc.

Dual Credit Courses

- To determine a certified high school student's GPA, 22+ grades are averaged.
- Homeschool students also graduate with 22+ credits in all required subjects.
 - In order to take dual credit courses, homeschoolers need to be accepted by a college admissions department.
 - Most require a GPA of 3.0+

ACT to GPA Conversion

- Senate Bill 180 from 2009 aimed to include homeschoolers using an ACT to GPA conversion calculator.
- The Bill passed in the Senate with a vote of 25-12.

2021 ACT percentile data

19	21	22	25	28	33
50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	99%

The calculation for converting the ACT score to a GPA is:

<u>ACT</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>GPA</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>3.4</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3.5</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>3.6</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>3.7</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>3.8</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>3.9</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>34+</u>	<u>4.0</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>3.2</u>		
<u>27</u>	<u>3.3</u>		

GPA Alternatives in Other States

Louisiana

Requirements:

- Completion of 19 Core Units of *TOPS* Curriculum
- GPA of 3.25
- ACT

If homeschooled, no transcript is needed, but higher ACT scores are required.

ACT qualifying scores for **high school** students graduating from eligible Louisiana high schools in 2022 vs **homeschool** students:

TOPS Tech – 17, 19
TOPS Opportunity – 20, 22
TOPS Performance – 23, 24
TOPS Honors – 27, 28

Florida

Requirements:

- Completion of Florida's high school requirements

GPA	ACT	Service
3.5	29	100 hours
3.0	25	75 hours

Homeschoolers do not need to provide a transcript. The test score and service hour requirements are the same as traditional students.

THANK YOU

Senate Chair Max Wise, House Chair Regina Huff, and all members of Senate and House Education Committees for this interim hearing on Senate Bill 12!

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Table 1. Demographics of Community College Dual Enrollment Students and Post-High-School Degree-Seeking Students

Characteristic	Dual Enrollment Students	Post-HS Community College Entrants
Age		
14	3%	
15	7%	
16	29%	
17	61%	
Gender		
Female	58%	53%
Male	42%	47%
Household Median Income (Census Tract)		
Lower income	37%	39%
Middle income	24%	23%
Higher income	38%	37%
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