

160.348 Advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, dual credit courses, and other advanced coursework.

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 - (a) The Kentucky Department of Education shall make available to schools information concerning the prerequisite content necessary for success in advanced coursework, including secondary courses, Advanced Placement or AP courses, and International Baccalaureate or IB courses. The department shall provide sample syllabi, instructional resources, and instructional supports for teachers that will assist in preparing students for more rigorous coursework.
 - (b) Each school-based decision making council, or principal if none exists, shall offer a core curriculum of AP, IB, dual enrollment, dual credit courses, or other advanced coursework using either or both on-site instruction or online alternatives. In addition, each school-based decision making council shall comply with any additional requirements for AP, IB, dual enrollment, dual credit, and advanced coursework courses that may be established cooperatively by the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, and the Council on Postsecondary Education in accordance with the definitions in KRS 158.007.
 - (c) When practicable, the school-based decision making council, or principal if none exists, shall offer advanced coursework, as defined in KRS 158.6453, in mathematics, reading, science, and English language arts for students in grades four (4) through twelve (12).
- (2) Every school-based decision making council, or principal if none exists, shall establish a policy that is consistent with any district plan adopted by a local board of education in accordance with KRS 158.6453(21) on the recruitment and assignment of students to advanced coursework options in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection that recognizes that all students have the right to participate in a rigorous and academically challenging curriculum. The policy shall require that the school notifies all students, parents, and guardians of the:
 - (a) Long-term benefits of student participation in advanced coursework; and
 - (b) Advanced coursework opportunities available at the school.
- (3) Students shall be admitted to advanced coursework in accordance with the district plan adopted in accordance with KRS 158.6453(21).
- (4) Students that successfully complete high school advanced coursework shall receive credit toward graduation in accordance with KRS 158.622(3).
- (5) Students enrolled in AP or IB courses in the public schools shall have the cost of the examinations paid by the Kentucky Department of Education.

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