



What is the Early Graduation Option?

The Early Graduation Option is intended to target students who have shown high achievement and express their intention to move on an accelerated timeline through high school and graduate college-ready in three academic years or less.

What are the requirements of the Early Graduation Option?

Students choosing to participate must:

- Meet proficiency benchmarks on Kentucky required end-of-course assessments. Currently those classes are English II, Algebra II, Biology, and US History.
- Meet the Council of Post Secondary Education (CPE) defined college readiness benchmarks on college readiness exams. Current benchmarks for the ACT are English - 18, Reading - 20, Mathematics - 19.

What are the Incentives for Students to Choose the Early Graduation Option?

- Students shall earn an Early Graduation Certificate and be eligible for a one-time scholarship award to be paid directly to a SACS accredited Kentucky college or university. The award shall be equal to one-half of the state portion of the average statewide per pupil guarantee for one year.
- Students who are eligible for the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program and graduate from a Kentucky high school in three years may be eligible for a KEES award equivalent to four years of high school, based on the average of GPA awards.
- Students may enroll in a Kentucky college at least a year early if they meet the requirements of that institution.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
CONTACT A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AT
HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL HS 270-825-6133**

OR

MADISONVILLE NORTH HOPKINS HS 270-825-6017

When does the Early Graduation Option go into Effect?

The Early Graduation Option went into effect during the 2014-2015 school year.

Who Decides if a Student is Eligible for the Early Graduation Option?

An Early Graduation Committee made up of the student, parents/guardians, and school personnel will make the decision regarding participation. This committee must be in agreement for the student to enter the program.

How Does a Student Apply for the Program?

Any student interested in the Early Graduation Option should complete a Letter of Intent by September 15 of their intended year of early graduation. This may be done as early as the freshman year but no later than the junior year. Students considering the program are advised to contact a guidance counselor to discuss the Early Graduation Option.