



Senate Bill 128 - Supplemental School Year Information

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Dear Panther Families,

Kentucky Senate Bill 128 was recently approved by both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear. This bill allows K-12 students currently enrolled in public or non-public schools to request to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year.

This letter is to share some of the facts related to this bill so that you can make an informed decision about whether you choose to submit a request for consideration. Any requests must be submitted through a google form by **May 1st, 2021**. Information on how to do so can be found below in this letter.

Please note that school districts are not allowed to approve or disapprove requests on an individual basis. Our board of education's decision to accept or deny requests must be done so on an ALL or None basis.

Timeline

- **May 1** - deadline for submitting a written request
- **May 29** - current high school students who have achieved all requirements needed to graduate must graduate and receive their diploma as outlined in state law KRS 158.140(2). Graduation may not be deferred.
- **May 31** - deadline to rescind request
- **June 1** - deadline for approval or disapproval of all requests

Accountability

- Students repeating a grade will be required to repeat all **state end of year assessments** assigned to that grade level - even if they took the same assessments the previous year.
- Graduated Seniors will maintain the **GPA** held at the time of graduation. The GPA is frozen and no recalculations will be allowed based on supplemental year grades. However, supplemental year courses taken and the earned grades may be added to the student's transcript for informational purposes
- Students are unable to **earn credit** for the same class more than once. Current 9th - 11th grade students may retake a class and the repeated grade will be factored into the GPA total along with the grade earned when the class was first taken.



Curriculum

- Graduated Seniors may only take courses that are **repeats of 20/21 courses** or “**bear a reasonable connection**” to courses taken in the 20/21 year. They must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 classes.
- The supplemental year was not established for students to **explore coursework** they had not had the opportunity to take.
- Current K - 11th grade students may only repeat courses in which they were enrolled during the 20/21 academic year. In short, for K-11 students, the supplemental year is a **repeat/retention year**.
- Graduated Seniors are no longer eligible for **dual credit or Work Ready dual credit scholarships**. If he/she wishes to take college courses, the student will be considered a post secondary student and, therefore, subject to regular college tuition rates for any dual enrollment classes. **KEES money** may be used for any dual enrollment courses. **Dual enrollment classes** must “bear a reasonable connection” to courses taken in the 20/21 school year.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** students who pass assessments and meet criteria during the supplemental 21/22 year are eligible for articulated post secondary credit for Graduated Seniors and underclassmen.
- Students may retake **Advanced Placement** courses. However, Graduated Seniors would be ineligible to retake the corresponding exam.

Extra Curricular and Athletic Participation

- Students may participate in **athletics** as long as they meet KHSAA age and other eligibility requirements - if the student is 19 before August 1, 2021, he/she is ineligible.
- Graduated Seniors may participate in other **extracurricular activities** as determined by the district/school.

Other Considerations

- Graduated Seniors are no longer considered high school students for **scholarship** purposes.
- **Operational procedures** such as grades, schedules, classifications, participations, etc. are to be determined by local districts and have yet to be decided.
- The supplementary year is not available for **preschool students**.

If after reviewing the supplementary year information, you would like to make a request for consideration, complete the form at the link found below. The form may also be found on the district website. You may also go to any school or the EIS Central Office to complete and submit the request. The form must be completed on or before **May 1st, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school or the EIS Central Office at 270-765-6146.

[Etown Supplemental Year Request Form](#)