

INFORMATION SHEET



KESA Graduation Standards Evaluation Timeline

Evaluation Year	Accreditation Action	KESA Graduation Rates Evaluated	
		Yearly grad rates used for <i>most recent</i> KESA graduation rate	Yearly grad rates used for <i>previous</i> KESA graduation rate
First Evaluation Year: 2026-2027	KESA Graduation Standards Evaluation Released January 2028. <i>Yearly graduation data is not finalized until January following graduation.</i>	Graduating classes of: 2023 (Federal formula) 2024 (Federal formula) 2025 (State formula) 2026 (State formula) 2027 (State formula)	Graduating classes of: 2022 (Federal formula) 2023 (Federal formula) 2024 (Federal formula) 2025 (State formula) 2026 (State formula)
	Evaluation results presented to the Kansas State Board of Education (those systems that met the standard and those that did not meet the standard) July 2028		
Second Evaluation Year: 2027 - 2028 (and same process for every year hereafter)	KESA Graduation Standards Evaluation Released January 2029	Graduating classes of: 2024 (Federal formula) 2025 (State formula) 2026 (State formula) 2027 (State formula) 2028 (State formula)	Graduating classes of: 2023 (Federal formula) 2024 (Federal formula) 2025 (State formula) 2026 (State formula) 2027 (State formula)
	ARC On-site Reviews <i>Systems that did not meet standards for the KESA graduation outcome in two consecutive years will host an ARC on-site Review</i> January-June 2029		
	Evaluation results presented to the Kansas State Board of Education (those systems that met the standard and those that did not meet the standard) July 2029		

Federal formula for yearly graduation rate

This rate is determined by calculating the total number of graduates divided by total number of 9th graders in the 4-year cohort, adjusting for transfers in and out. The federal formula cohort **does** include students who transferred to a private nonaccredited school or home school and those who transferred to a high school "credit-deficient" and deemed not on track to graduate with the rest of the 4-year cohort.

For state accreditation, use the federal graduation rate for graduation classes 2024 and prior.

Please refer to KSDE's guidelines on the Dropout Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) for specific information regarding the 4-year federal cohort graduation calculation.

State formula for yearly graduation rate

This rate is determined by calculating the total number of graduates divided by total number of 9th graders in the 4-year cohort, adjusting for transfers in and out. The cohort **does not** include students who transferred to a private nonaccredited school or home school and those who transferred to a high school "credit-deficient" and deemed not on track to graduate with the rest of the 4-year cohort.

For state accreditation, use the state formula for yearly graduation rate beginning with the graduation class of 2025.

Please refer to KSDE's guidelines on the Dropout Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) for specific information regarding the 4-year state cohort graduation calculation.

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