



Dear Parents:

Kentucky Senate Bill 128 has been signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear. This new law allows students currently enrolled in grades K-12 to “request to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental school year to retake or supplement the courses or grades the student has already taken.” Please read the information below to learn more about the details of this legislation and determine if it is of interest to your family.

Why

Recover learning opportunities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Who

Students currently enrolled in grades K-12

What

A one-time supplemental school year (a “redo” year) in which students may retake or supplement courses already taken during the 2020-2021 school year

When

The 2021-2022 academic school year

****Applications due May 1, 2021 (see attached)***

Additional Information

In an effort to help inform your decision, please consider the some of the information highlighted below regarding the Supplemental School Year Program (SSYP) option:

- **Students in Grades K thru 8** will repeat the same grade level and classes in 2021-2022 as were completed during the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Students in Grades 9 thru 11** will retake the same (or reasonably connected) courses as were completed during the 2020-2021 school year. Grades received in courses taken during 2021-2022 will replace grades earned in 2020-2021. However, additional credits will not be awarded during the SSYP school year. The only exception to this rule is if a student retakes a failed course.
- **Graduating Seniors** can return for an additional year and retake the same (or reasonably connected) courses as were completed during the 2020-2021 school year. However, seniors will be considered high school graduates and no changes will be made to their official transcript, including GPA calculations, additional credits earned, or the replacement of grades from previous courses.
- **All participating students and their parents** will be required to meet with a guidance counselor to discuss both the short-term and long-term outcomes of attending school for a supplemental year.

Final Decisions

The Hopkins County Board of Education is not permitted to approve or deny SSYP requests on an individual basis. Instead, the Board will decide by **June 1st, 2021** whether to approve ALL or NONE of the requests for the entire district.

If you have any questions, please contact the central office at 270 825 6000. Thank you.

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Benefits of the SSYP

- Students may re-take courses from the 2020-2021 school year and/or take courses that are “reasonably connected” to those from last school year.
- Middle and high school students may participate in athletic and extracurricular activities so long as they meet age and other eligibility requirements set forth by the KHSAA and other governing bodies.
- Students may gain knowledge and skills not mastered during extended virtual learning due to COVID-19.
- Students may be able to complete career/ technical certifications they were unable to during the 2020-21 school year.
- For non-graduates, KEES awards may be re-calculated based on grades earned for courses repeated during the SSYP.

Concerns of the SSYP

- Students would remain in their current grade while the vast majority of their same-age peers would have likely been promoted.
- Students must meet age-related criteria listed below to remain eligible for KHSAA sanctioned athletic competition:
 - **6th Grade:** Students 13 years of age or older before August 1 of the current school year are ineligible for interscholastic athletics against students exclusively enrolled in grades 6 and below.
 - **7th Grade:** Students 14 years of age or older before August 1 of the current school year are ineligible for interscholastic athletics against students exclusively enrolled in grades 7 and below.
 - **8th Grade:** Students 15 years of age or older before August 1 of the current school year are ineligible for interscholastic athletics against students exclusively enrolled in grades 8 and below.
 - **High School:** Students 19 years of age or older prior to August 1 of the current school year are ineligible to participate in KHSAA sanctioned competition.
- Students who intend to participate in collegiate sports in the future may encounter NCAA initial eligibility issues. Please consult the NCAA Eligibility Center at the link below for initial eligibility requirements.
- Graduating seniors are no longer considered high school students for scholarship purposes and therefore are not eligible for Dual Credit or Work Ready Dual Credit scholarships.
- High school graduates who desire to use their KEES awards for postsecondary expenses must be enrolled at the postsecondary level as regular postsecondary students and are subject to full tuition rates. KEES cannot be used to pay for dual credit.

For more information, visit the following websites:

[Kentucky Department of Education SSYP Guidance](#)

[Kentucky High School Athletic Association SSYP Guidance](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center \(formerly NCAA Clearinghouse\)](#)

[Kentucky Department of Education FAQ Document](#)



**HOPKINS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL YEAR
2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

CHILD'S NAME _____ MALE FEMALE

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____

SCHOOL _____ CURRENT GRADE LEVEL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT NUMBERS (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

REASON(S) FOR REQUEST: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD IS REQUESTING TO RETAKE OR SUPPLEMENT COURSES OR GRADES THE STUDENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN. COURSES TAKEN DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL YEAR MUST BE THOSE IN WHICH THE STUDENT WAS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED OR BEAR A "REASONABLE CONNECTION" TO THOSE TAKEN DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

FORM DUE: MAY 1, 2021

RETURN FORM TO: HOPKINS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUPPLEMENTAL YEAR REQUEST
320 SOUTH SEMINARY STREET
MADISONVILLE, KY 42431

FINAL DECISIONS WILL OCCUR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2021