

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

GRADUATION EXIT STANDARDS

4064

Relates to: Policy 4065

The Oldham County Board of Education has adopted the following graduation exit standards. These are minimum requirements. Just as the district strives to provide the best educational opportunities possible to our students, so it is expected that the students shall challenge themselves to perform their best and to exceed these minimums in as many areas as their abilities and interest allow.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Successful completion of a core curriculum of courses (see Board Policy 4065 Section E) and satisfy Kentucky state graduation requirements.
2. Demonstration of skills and processes required for effective verbal and written communication.
3. Demonstration of the student's ability to become an effective citizen through continuation of their education and/ or entering the workforce. This requirement shall be met through development of the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP).
4. Demonstration of the student's ability to conduct research on a chosen topic and present the findings through a medium (i.e. speech, prose, drama, video, computer program, written paper) of their choice.
5. Demonstration of the content contained in the Guidelines for Practical Living and Vocational Studies including knowledge of the dangers associated with use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education further affirms that certain standards are important to membership in a free society. Although the primary duty for teaching these traits is found with the student's parents or guardians, Oldham County schools endeavor to reinforce responsible citizenship. We expect that our students will:

1. understand and demonstrate the rights, responsibilities, and appropriate behaviors needed to be an effective citizen, and
2. develop an understanding of human diversity and interdependence, and demonstrate a commitment to human dignity.

It is inherent upon students to comply with the Oldham County Student Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline and to otherwise demonstrate characteristics of honesty, integrity and concern for the rights of others.

Beginning July 1, 2018, all Oldham County students must pass a board-approved civics test in order to graduate from high school. The test will be comprised of 100 questions from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services test. Students must score a minimum of 60% on the test, which may be taken as many times as necessary to pass. A student who has passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall not be required to take the test. The required testing is subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.