



Adair County Schools



Senate Bill 128 Supplemental Year Information

Here are a few resources to help you and your family make an informed decision on the provisions of Senate Bill 128 which could possibly allow a student a supplemental year.

Kentucky Senate Bill 128 has been approved by both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear. This bill is also known by some as the “do-over” bill and 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.

Our school district wants to take this opportunity to share some of the facts related to this bill so that you can make an informed decision about whether you would choose to have your child request to use the supplemental year. **Parent requests must be submitted by May 1st, 2021.**

Our Board of Education will make a decision by June 1st, 2021 on whether to approve all or none of the requests. School districts are not allowed to decide on an individual basis according to the bill.

Here is a list of what may be considered benefits and concerns surrounding the SB 128 decision for your child:

Benefits	Concerns
Students may make up/re-take classes from prior year or take supplemental classes.	Students will be returning to school with a new class of students as the vast majority of students in their grade will be promoted.
Students may be able to complete career technical certifications they were unable to complete during the 2020-21 school year (examples include welding and nursing)	The number and types of requests would need to be assessed by the district in terms of resources, staffing, and facility/space availability.
Students may participate in extracurricular activities as long as they meet KHSAA age and other eligibility requirements.	If the student is 19 before August 1st of 2021, they will be ineligible for KHSAA sports during the 2021-22 school year.

It is recommended by the Kentucky Dept. of Education that before students and parents make a decision about whether or not a graduated senior will request 2021-2022 as a supplemental year, they consult guidance provided by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority ([KHEAA](#)), the Council on Postsecondary Education ([CPE](#)) and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association ([KHSAA](#)).

Other informational pieces

According to Kentucky Dept. of Education guidance released on April 5, 2021, “All students in the Supplemental School Year Program, including graduated students, are considered secondary students. However, pursuant to guidance from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), graduated seniors who return and wish to take postsecondary coursework during the 2021-2022 year must pursue dual enrollment (defined within KRS 164.002), rather than dual credit coursework. Furthermore, and pursuant to guidance from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), it should be noted that students who graduate from high school during the 2020-2021 year are no longer considered high school students for scholarship purposes and, therefore, are not eligible for Dual Credit or Work Ready Dual Credit scholarships during the 2021-2022 year. As such, tuition for courses taken by graduated students will be determined by the postsecondary institution. High school graduates who desire to use their KEES awards for postsecondary expenses must be enrolled at the postsecondary level as regular postsecondary students who are subject to full tuition rates. Please also be advised that this credit cannot be used toward high school graduation requirements and GPA for graduated students.”

Dual Credit, Work Ready and KEES Scholarship Information:

<https://education.ky.gov/districts/tech/sis/Documents/KEES-UpdateMarch2021.pdf>

5 factors to consider when parents request grade retention for their child:

<https://districtadministration.com/5-factors-to-consider-when-parents-request-grade-retention-for-their-child/>

Article summarizing retention data "pre-pandemic":

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/mar08/vol65/num06/Grade-Retention.aspx>

Senate Bill 128:

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/21RS/sb128/bill.pdf>

The Supplemental Year Request Form will be available on the Adair County Schools website on April 12th.