

North Knox High School

Graduation Requirements

ISTEP and ECA Information

Class of 2012 and Beyond (End-of-course Assessments)

Students graduating in 2012 and beyond must satisfy the GQE requirement:

Earn a passing score on the Algebra I ECA and the English 10 ECA

Students will take the ECA at the end of the school year in which he/she completes that course. Students can retest up to twice each year following the initial testing year.

GQE/ECA Waivers

Any student who has not met the GQE/ECA requirements is highly encouraged to work toward meeting waiver requirements so that in the event the student does not pass the test by end of grade 12, everything is in place for the student to be granted a waiver and graduate. Several criteria must be met for a student to be granted a waiver. **Important:** What a student does NOW has an impact on whether or not the student will qualify for a waiver at the end of grade 12. Students who do not meet the waiver requirements will receive a Certificate of Course Completion (instead of a diploma) if all courses required for graduation are successfully completed. A Certificate of Completion does allow a student to participate in the graduation ceremony, but will not qualify the student for the military or college options.

GQE Waiver

- Take the GQE in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score at least one time each year during grades 10-12.
- Complete any recommended remediation opportunities offered each year to prepare for the GQE retests.
- Maintain a 95% attendance rate (excused absences do not count against the student)
- Maintain a C- average (1.67 GPA) in credits required by the state for graduation.
- Satisfy any other state and local graduation requirements.
- Get a written recommendation from the teacher(s) in the subject area(s) not passed, as well as one from the school principal, and show proof that the academic standards in grade 10 English and Algebra I have been met, whether through other tests or classroom work.

*There is no distinction on the diploma between students passing the GQE and those students attaining a waiver.