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**Subject:** Dual Credit and KEES guidance re: SB 128 - supplemental year

As you may be aware, Senate Bill 128 was signed into law by Governor Beshear earlier this week. Subject to approval by the school/district, this bill makes it possible for high school students enrolled during the 2020-2021 year to request to use the 2021-2022 year to retake or supplement the courses they have taken. KHEAA is providing the following guidance on how student eligibility for the Dual Credit scholarship, Work Ready DC scholarship, and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) programs will work for students that take the 'do over' option. Feel free to share this news with others in your school district who may need this information.

**Dual Credit Scholarship (DCS)**

- The DCS program is statutorily limited to two successfully completed dual credit courses. Students in grades 11 or 12 for the 2021-2022 academic year will be able to use whatever DCS eligibility they have remaining at the end of the 2020-2021 year.
  - Students who have only used one DCS and achieved a passing grade in the scholarship course will be eligible for their one remaining DCS next year *if* they are still in high school and not graduated.
  - Students who have used two DCS and achieved passing grades in both scholarship courses have exhausted their eligibility; they will not have any DCS available next year.
  - Students who used DCS this year and did not successfully complete their course (failure or withdrawal) will be eligible for another scholarship next year *if* they are still in high school and not graduated.
- As a reminder, DCS cannot be used for developmental courses, remedial courses, or repeats of the same course.

**Work Ready Dual Credit Scholarship (WKDC)**

- Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive two WKDC scholarships each year for dual credit coursework that is part of a Career and Technical Education pathway. Although the original intent of the WKDC program was for students to receive two free courses each year of high school for a total of eight, the program's statutory language does not specify eight courses as a limit. This means students repeating a grade level next year would be eligible for two WKDC scholarships the same as students advancing to a higher grade level.
- The same rules apply to WKDC as DCS regarding no funding for developmental, remedial, or repeated coursework.

**Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)**

- KEES is limited to one base award for grade point average (GPA) per grade level.
- Schools will need to recalculate the annual GPAs of students who repeat a grade next year, just as they would any other year a grade level is repeated. The GPA calculation should include all of the student's work for that particular grade level (even if over two academic years), unless

the school/district is allowing a course to be repeated with the initial grade being replaced entirely.

- Schools should be aware there *is not* an automated process for recalculating KEES GPAs in this manner. All GPA recalculations will need to be performed manually by the schools and then reported to KHEAA via the KEES portal on the agency's website.

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. 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. KEES cannot be used to pay for dual credit.

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