Article 29—QUALIFIED ADMISSION

This Article contains the original qualified admission regulations, adopted before the Legislature granted the Board of Regents authority to adopt standards that differ from those set out in the statute, K.S.A. 76-717. Many of the regulations in this Article have been revoked and replaced with regulations in Articles 29a and Article 29b. Current proposed amendments to Article 29 are intended primarily to phase out provisions dealing with precollege curriculum.

K.A.R. 88-29-1 defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29 and Article 29a up until review of applications for the 2016 summer session. The regulation is being revoked because it is outdated and has been replaced by K.A.R. 88-29a-1 and 88-29b-1. Proposed new regulations K.A.R. 88-29c-1 and 88-29d-1 will in turn, beginning with review of applications for the 2021 summer session, take the place of K.A.R. 88-29a-1 and 88-29b-1 respectively.

K.A.R. 88-29-3 establishes the admission categories of regular, temporary, and provisional admission. The regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

K.A.R. 88-29-11 sets forth the qualified admission precollege curriculum for state university applicants who graduated from high school in academic year 2013-2014 or earlier. The regulation is being revoked because it is outdated and has been replaced by K.A.R. 88-29a-11. The adoption by reference of the list of precollege curriculum courses approved for university admissions purposes is being moved to K.A.R. 88-29a-11.

K.A.R. 88-29-12 establishes a process by which accredited Kansas high schools can establish an approved qualified admissions precollege curriculum. To be approved, courses be among those listed in Kansas Board of Regents Precollege Curriculum as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 88-29a-11. This regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations and to limit its applicability to academic year 2020-2021 and earlier, after which the precollege curriculum will no longer be required for admission to a state university.

K.A.R. 88-29-13 through 88-29-17 establish the qualified precollege curriculum course content requirements in computer technology, English, math, natural science and social science courses. These regulations are being amended to limit their applicability to academic year 2020-2021 and earlier. Students applying for admission to a state university for the 2021 summer session or later will no longer be required to demonstrate successful completion of a Board of Regents prescribed precollege curriculum.

K.A.R. 88-29-18 and 88-29-19 establish functional equivalents of the qualified admission precollege curriculum for residents and non-residents, respectively, who graduate high school in academic year 2013-2014 or earlier. These regulations are being revoked because they are outdated and have been replaced by K.A.R. 88-29a-18 and 88-29a-19.
Article 29a—STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS [Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Wichita State University]

This Article contains regulations that were promulgated to implement admission standards that were established by the Board of Regents and that differed from those set out in the qualified admissions statute, K.S.A. 76-717. See L.2009, Ch. 37, §1. Current proposed amendments either update internal references to other regulations or phase out provisions dealing with precollege curriculum requirements and the top third class rank admissions option.

K.A.R. 88-29a-1 defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29 and Article 29a. The term “state educational institution” is defined to exclude the University of Kansas, which is covered by Articles 29b and 29d. The regulation is being amended to apply only to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. [For review of applications in the 2021 summer session or later, the provisions of K.A.R. 88-29c-1 will apply instead.]

K.A.R. 88-29a-5 establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session, for resident freshmen under age 21. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of resident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-5. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score and to update an internal reference to another regulation and to update a statutory citation.

K.A.R. 88-29a-6 establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session, for residents who are 21 years of age or older. The regulation is being amended to update an internal reference to another regulation.

K.A.R. 88-29a-7 establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session, for nonresident freshmen under age 21. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of nonresident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-7. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score and to update an internal reference to another regulation.

K.A.R. 88-29a-7a establishes admissions standards, beginning with the 2015 summer session, for nonresidents who are 21 years of age or older. The regulation is being amended to update an internal reference to another regulation.

K.A.R. 88-29a-9 requires state universities to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation became effective beginning with students applying for admission in the 2015 summer session and incorporated the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. University admission policies addressing review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-9. This regulation is also being amended to update an internal reference to another regulation.
K.A.R. 88-29a-10 establishes methods for state universities to evaluate qualifications for admission. This regulation became effective beginning with the 2015 summer session and incorporated the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29c-10. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

K.A.R. 88-29a-11 establishes minimum requirements for a high school’s qualified admission precollege curriculum for students who graduate from high school in academic year 2014-2015 or later. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement. This regulation is also being amended to include adoption by reference of the list of precollege curriculum courses approved for university admissions purposes that was previously a part of K.A.R. 88-29-11.

K.A.R. 88-29a-18 establishes functional equivalents of the qualified admission precollege curriculum for Kansas residents. This regulation applies to students who graduated from high school in academic year 2014-2015 or later and incorporates the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement and there will be no need for a functional equivalent to that requirement.

K.A.R. 88-29a-19 establishes functional equivalents of the qualified admission precollege curriculum for nonresidents. This regulation applies to students who graduated from high school in academic year 2014-2015 or later and incorporates the requirements of the Article 29a regulations. The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Students applying for the 2021 summer session or later will have no qualified admission precollege curriculum requirement and there will be no need for a functional equivalent to that requirement.

Article 29c-- STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS BEGINNING WITH REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021 SUMMER SESSION [Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Wichita State University]

The Article 29c regulations are new and will first be effective with review of applications for admission to Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University for the 2021 summer session.

K.A.R. 88-29c-1 defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29, Article 29a, and Article 29c. The term “state educational institution” is defined to exclude the University of Kansas, which is covered by Articles 29b and 29d. The regulation will replace and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-1.
in that it eliminates definitions for the terms “integrated course,” “precollege,” and “unit.” The regulation will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-5** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for resident freshmen under age 21. The regulation will replace and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-5 in that it exchanges the top third class rank option for admission with a 2.25 (3.25 for Kansas State University) cumulative high school GPA and eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-7** establishes admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for nonresident freshmen under age 21. The regulation will replace and differs from K.A.R. 88-29a-5 in that it exchanges the top third class rank option for admission with a 2.25 (3.25 for Kansas State University) cumulative high school GPA and eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-9** requires state universities to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29a-9 and will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29c-10** establishes methods for state universities to evaluate qualifications for admission. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29a-10 and will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**Article 29b—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ADMISSIONS**

The Article 29b regulations became effective with students applying for admission for the 2016 summer session and apply only to the University of Kansas.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-1** defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29b, all of which are specific to the University of Kansas. The main difference between K.A.R. 88-29a-1, 88-29c-1 and K.A.R. 88-29b-1 is the definition of “state educational institution.” For article 29b, the definition includes only the University of Kansas; for articles 29a and 29c it does not include the University of Kansas.

The regulation is being amended to apply only to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. For review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later, the provisions of K.A.R. 88-29d-1 will apply instead.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-3** establishes admission categories for the University of Kansas. The only differences between K.A.R. 88-29b-3 and K.A.R. 88-29-3 are to make K.A.R. 88-29b-3 specific
to KU; e.g. replacing the term “state educational institution” with “the university of Kansas.” This regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-5** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for resident freshmen who are under age 21. Automatic admission standards apply for students who apply for admission on or before February 1 and require either a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and a 24 on the ACT, or a 3.25 cumulative high school GPA and a 21 on the ACT; students must have completed the Board of Regents’ qualified admission curriculum or equivalent with a 2.0 or better GPA and achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on all transferable college coursework. The high school GPA and KBOR curriculum requirements do not apply to students who have obtained a high school equivalency credential. Those students who do not meet the automatic admission standards or who apply after February 1 are reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-5 must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of resident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-5. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score and to update an internal reference to another regulation and to update a statutory citation.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-6** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for resident freshmen who are age 21 or older. The primary difference between K.A.R. 88-29b-6 and K.A.R. 88-29a-6 is the application deadline. Those students applying after the February 1 application deadline will be reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-6 must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-7** establishes the University of Kansas admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for nonresident freshmen who are under the age of 21. Automatic admission standards apply for students who apply for admission on or before February 1 and require either a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and a 24 on the ACT, or a 3.25 cumulative high school GPA and a 21 on the ACT; students must also have completed the Board of Regents’ qualified admission curriculum or equivalent with a 2.5 or better GPA and achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on all transferable college coursework. The high school GPA and KBOR curriculum requirements will not apply to students who have obtained a high school equivalency credential. Those students who do not meet the automatic admission standards or who apply after February 1 will be reviewed by the University’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-7 must be admitted as an exception.
The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of nonresident freshmen applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-7. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-7a** establishes the University of Kansas admission standards, beginning with the 2016 summer session, for nonresident applicants who are age 21 or older. The primary difference between K.A.R. 88-29b-7a and K.A.R. 88-29a-7a is the application deadline. Those students applying after the February 1 application deadline will be reviewed by the university’s admission review committee. Any student admitted by recommendation of the University’s admission review committee who does not meet the Kansas Board of Regents admission standards set out in K.A.R. 88-29a-7a must be admitted as an exception.

The regulation is being amended to update internal references to other regulations.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-9** requires the University of Kansas to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. The only substantive difference between this regulation and K.A.R. 88-29a-9 is that the provisions for class rank have been removed, since the University does not utilize class rank in its admission decisions except when necessary to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception or as one factor considered by the admission review committee.

The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. University admission policies addressing review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-9.

**K.A.R. 88-29b-10** establishes methods for the University of Kansas to evaluate qualifications for admission. The only substantive differences between this regulation and K.A.R. 88-29a-10 are 1) most of the provisions for class rank have been removed, since the University will not be utilizing class rank in its admission decisions except when necessary to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception, and 2) GPA will need to be calculated for both the Board of Regents qualified admissions curriculum and the overall high school curriculum because the University of Kansas’ GPA standards apply to overall curriculum, but to determine whether a student must be admitted as an exception, the Board’s qualified admissions curriculum GPA must be used.

The regulation is being amended to limit its application to review of applicants before the 2021 summer session. Review of applications for the 2021 summer session or later will fall under K.A.R. 88-29d-10. This regulation is also being amended to allow for use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.
The Article 29d regulations are new and will first be effective with review of applications for admission to the University of Kansas for the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-1** defines key terms for the regulations in Article 29b and Article 29d. The main difference between K.A.R. 88-29a-1, 88-29c-1 and K.A.R. 88-29d-1 is the definition of “state educational institution.” For Articles 29b and 29d, the definition includes only the University of Kansas; for Articles 29a and 29c it does not include the University of Kansas. The difference between K.A.R. 88-29d-1 and K.A.R. 88-29b-1 is the elimination of definitions for the terms “integrated course,” “precollege,” and “unit.” The regulation will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-5** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for resident freshmen who are under age 21. The regulation will replace and differs from K.A.R. 88-29b-5 in that it eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-7** establishes the University of Kansas’ admission standards, beginning with the 2021 summer session, for nonresident freshmen who are under the age of 21. The regulation will replace and differs from K.A.R. 88-29b-5 in that it eliminates the precollege curriculum requirements. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-9** requires the University of Kansas to adopt admission policies, which are subject to Board approval. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29b-9, eliminates provisions addressing precollege curriculum requirements, and will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session.

**K.A.R. 88-29d-10** establishes methods for the University of Kansas to evaluate qualifications for admission. This regulation will take the place of K.A.R. 88-29b-10, eliminates provisions addressing precollege curriculum requirements, and will become effective beginning with review of applications for admission in the 2021 summer session. This regulation also will allow use of the ACT superscore as well as the ACT composite score.