



Russell Independent Schools

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Dear Russell Independent Schools Families:

As you may have heard, Senate Bill 128, the Supplemental School Year Program, has been signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear. This legislation allows any currently enrolled K-12 student to request to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year. The student will have the opportunity to retake or supplement courses that he/she has already completed.

Supplemental School year requests must be submitted online through the District Website on or before May 1, 2021. This emergency legislation allows the District Board of Education to decide (on or before June 1, 2021) whether to accept all requests, or no requests. The Supplemental Year of Education request form may be accessed at this link: [Supplemental Year of Education](#).

There are many factors that parent/guardians will need to consider when making this educational decision for their child. Our principals and/or counselors will be happy to discuss specific information about your student with you. I have listed below some advantages and concerns that may be considered. Additional guidance may be found at this link: [SB 128 Supplemental School Year Program](#).

Benefits	Concerns
Students may retake classes from the current school year.	Courses taken in the supplemental year must be either those the student was previously enrolled in or bear a reasonable connection to previous courses. Students may not explore coursework they otherwise did not have the opportunity to take.
Students may participate in extracurricular activities. KHSAA eligibility requirements still apply.	High School students who will be 19 years of age before August 1, 2021 will not be eligible for KHSAA sports.
Students in all grades are eligible for the supplemental school year.	Current High School Seniors who meet all state and local graduation requirements will receive his/her high school diploma, therefore, the supplemental year courses will not be factored into the final GPA and no additional credits will be earned. Graduated students are not eligible for Dual Credit or Work Ready Dual Credit Scholarships during the 2021-2022 school year.

As always, I am happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

M. Sean Horne

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