



YOUNG SCHOLARS ACADEMY



ADMISSION INFORMATION

Enrollment in the NKU/KCS D Young Scholars Academy is a competitive process that is open to all students. There is a 6-part scoring rubric that is heavily weighted toward academic performance, attendance and behavior. We believe that students who have experienced success in these areas will have an excellent chance for continued success in a full-time collegiate experience.

In addition to KCS D admission requirements, all students must be admitted to NKU's School-Based Scholars (SBS) program. Currently, SBS admission requirements are:

- Applicants must be a rising high school junior or senior.
- Applicants must have an unweighted, cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicants must have taken the ACT and must meet the college readiness benchmark in all content areas of the ACT (English, Math, Science and Reading).
- Applicants must meet any prerequisites for individual courses.
- If a tie occurs in the 100th spot, the following will occur:
 - o Discuss the potential of adding students.
 - o If this does not occur, then a writing prompt will be requested and scored to identify the student accepted in the 100th spot.

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SCORING RUBRIC

Applications will be scored by a scoring committee comprised of KCSD staff and a NKU representative.

Criteria	Point Value
Grade Point Average (GPA)	45
Assessments (ACT)	25
Attendance	10
Behavior	10
First-Generation	5
Co/Extracurricular	5
TOTAL	100

GRADE POINT AVERAGE	
GPA	Point Value
Unweighted 4.0	45
3.8 to 3.99	42
3.6 to 3.79	39
3.5 to 3.59	36
3.4 to 3.49	33
3.0 to 3.39	30

MINIMUM ACT SCORES REQUIRED TO APPLY AND BE ADMITTED

(Minimum scores established by the Council for Post-Secondary Education.)

English	18
Math	19
Reading	20

ATTENDANCE

(Attendance will be calculated 6th grade through last semester before application or upon enrollment until application.)

Above 96.25%	Point Value = 10
95% - 96.24%	Point Value = 5

ASSESSMENT	
ACT Score	Point Value
36	25
35	24
34	23
33	22
32	21
31	20
30	19
29	18
28	17
27	16
26	15
25	14
24	13
23	12
22	11
21	10

BEHAVIOR

Demonstrate reliability through self-control & ethical behavior:

(Based on grades 6th grade through last semester before application or upon enrollment until application. Determined by a review of Infinite Campus.)

Zero Incidents	Point Value = 10
One to five Incidents	Point Value = 5

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT

(See application for the definition of a first-generation college student.)

Yes	Point Value = 5
No	Point Value = 0

COCURRICULAR AND/OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Based on grades 6th grade through last semester before application or upon enrollment until application.)

One or more each year	Point Value = 5
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