



## YOUNG SCHOLARS ACADEMY



### NKU YSA

- (1) Exam scores are not required for initial acceptance into the NKU Young Scholars Academy (YSA) this year due to the cancellation of spring ACT/SAT exams.
- (2) As outlined in the handbook, a committee of representatives from NKU and KCS D will review applications and determine which students are selected for the NKU YSA.
- (3) KCS D will notify students about their application status by May.

### STEM PLACEMENT AT NKU – A BRIEF GUIDE

- (1) To ensure student success, some NKU STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) courses require specific math readiness before students can register for them.
- (2) Students can demonstrate math readiness with ACT/SAT math scores or ALEKS placement scores. This does not include completion of high school math courses or grades in these courses.
- (3) Students are encouraged to take either of these exams (ACT/SAT and/or ALEKS) and have their scores sent to NKU as soon as possible but no later than July 1.
- (4) Students will receive their acceptance into the YSA in May.
  - a. Students who have already completed a math placement exam (ACT/SAT or ALEKS) will have a schedule of courses matching their noted interests.

- b. Students who have not yet completed a math placement exam (ACT/SAT or ALEKS) will have a schedule of courses matching their noted interests, *but only conditionally*.
- (5) The successful completion of the condition is that students complete the ALEKS placement exam (for placement into STEM courses) or their ACT exam (for all but MAT 119: Pre-Calculus, which requires ALEKS).
  - a. Please see the ALEKS explanation sheet for specific information on this option.
- (6) Completion of placement exams must take place as soon as possible but no later than July 1.
  - a. Students can begin the ALEKS placement process as soon as they receive their NKU user ID.
- (7) After NKU receives students' placement scores, the university will determine if conditionally placed students' course schedules require changes and, if so, changes will be made.
  - a. For a limited number of students, STEM courses may not begin until spring 2021, depending on available class space. Our goal is to help all students stay on track for their chosen pathway, but some STEM tracks might be delayed a semester by postponed testing. We will offer summer courses to allow students to progress toward their specific goals.