

POLICY

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Loogootee Community School Corporation

STUDENTS
5460

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the policy of the School Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of School Corporation goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency by the awarding of a high school diploma, certificate of achievement (completion) at Commencement exercises.

The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in the School Corporation who meets the requirements established by this Board as required by the state of Indiana. The following types of diplomas will be awarded depending upon the instructional program successfully completed: Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors, Core 40, and General.

The Board will award a certificate of achievement (completion) to those students who meet the course requirements for graduation but who do not pass a state-required assessment serving as a graduation examination.

Further, the Board will award a certificate of attendance to those special education students who have completed the education program described in their Individualized Education Plans but do not meet the course requirements for graduation. Commencement exercises shall include those students who will be receiving a high school diploma, certificate of achievement (completion).

No students who has completed the requirements for graduation will be denied a high school diploma, certificate, of achievement, or certificate of attendance as a disciplinary measure. However, a student may be denied participation in Commencement exercises when his/her conduct so warrants.

Specific course requirements for all diploma types are outlined in the Loogootee High School Handbook.

Sixth and Seventh Semester Graduation Requirements

It is advisable for most students to complete eight (8) semesters of high school while taking full advantage of post-secondary training, certifications and dual credit (college credit) opportunities. In some cases, students may graduation after completing only six or seven high school semesters:

Sixth-Semester Graduation

- Parents and their student should contact their student's guidance counselor to discuss and complete the Sixth Semester Graduation Request - preferably at the start of their freshman year but no later than July 1 prior to the start of their junior year.
- Students must meet all required courses, the same graduation requirements as all eight-semester graduates, and the requirements of the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship (<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title21/ar12/ch10.html>), including qualifying for the Indiana Core 40 diploma.
- Requests will be considered and must be approved by the guidance counselor, principal, and superintendent.
- Students meeting eligibility requirements may participate in graduation ceremonies.

Seventh-Semester Graduation

- Parents and their student should contact their student's guidance counselor to discuss and complete the Seventh Semester Graduation Request - preferably at the start of their sophomore year but no later than July 1 prior to the start of their senior year.
- Students must complete all required courses and meet the same graduation requirements as all eight-semester graduates.
- Requests will be considered and must be approved by the guidance counselor, principal, and superintendent.
- Students meeting all eligibility requirements may participate in end-of-the-year senior activities and commencement (requires attendance at scheduled commencement practice).

Only those students who complete exactly eight full semesters overall will be eligible for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top Ten Honors (all local honors).