

<i>Procedure</i>	<i>Title</i> EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES NOT INVOLVING EARLY GRADUATION	<i>Code</i> IKFH-P
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HOLLISTON

The Holliston School Committee recognizes that a number of alternative programs exist that are not predicated upon the traditional four-year high school experience but which nevertheless may offer new challenges and educational opportunities for certain students in conjunction with the Holliston High School experience. Participation in these programs is subject to the approval of the high school principal. Students who participate in these programs will not graduate early but rather will graduate with their class at the normal time.

A. PROGRAMS

The alternative programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Dual Enrollment: This is a specific program recognized and sponsored by the Department of Education. In this program, the student takes college courses (1 or more) and receives appropriate high school credit for the college courses. The costs are paid by the state.
2. Apprenticeship through the Educational Cooperative or Similar Organization: The apprenticeship is a full-time work program administered by an outside agency.
3. Occupational Internship: The occupational internship program is a part-time work program without outside agency involvement.
4. Early Matriculation to College: The student is allowed to enter college early.

B. CRITERIA

The high school principal, in reviewing student requests to participate in any of the aforementioned programs, shall consider the following:

1. The opportunities and options still available to the student at Holliston High School.
2. The opportunities and options available to the student in the new proposed setting.

The student, in his/her written request, must address B 1 and 2.

C. PROCEDURE

1. The student seeking to participate in one of the above programs must submit a written request to the high school principal prior to February 1 of the school year preceding the year of matriculation.
2. The principal will respond with his/her decision by April 1.
3. Upon receipt of the principal's decision, the student and his/her parent/guardian may request, in the event the student's request to participate is denied by the principal, review by the superintendent. Such request for review by the superintendent must be in writing. In the event the superintendent affirms the principal's decision, the student and his/her parent may request that the matter be placed on the School Committee's agenda. Such request for review by the School Committee must be in writing. A majority vote of the School Committee is needed to grant participation.