

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> EARLY GRADUATION	<i>Code</i> IKFA
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The following are a list of criteria for consideration of early graduation:

1. The student seeking an exception should have a Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of no less than 3.75. Exceptions to this requirement may be considered.
2. The review committee (see procedure IKFA-R, Item 2), in reviewing a student's request for early graduation, shall consider the following:
 - a.) The educational opportunities and options still available to the students at Holliston High School.
 - b.) The educational opportunities and options available to the student in the new proposed setting.
 - c.) In the case of a student with extraordinary talents and skills, in addition to the above considerations, the committee will consider the opportunities available to the student to develop their extraordinary skills and talents both in Holliston and in the new proposed setting.

The student, in their written request, must address 2. a, b, c (above). The student's school counselor and the principal's designee will review and must provide written support.

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The Holliston School Committee believes that in most cases the Holliston Public Schools (HPS) offer enough challenge and diversity of learning to appeal to almost all students. However, there may be an exceptional situation where a student, parents/guardians, and administration believe that the student cannot benefit further from the Holliston High School experience.

These students may take advantage of a number of options, upon approval of the HPS Administration. The options listed below do not require a waiver of high school graduation requirements. They are intended to allow room for students who may be talented in some way other than academics to fulfill their academic requirements and still be encouraged to move on to new challenges. In all of these options, the student will graduate with their class at the normal time.

The options include, but are not limited to:

1. Dual Enrollment
2. Apprenticeship through TEC
3. Occupational Internship
4. Early Matriculation to College
5. Home or Alternate Schooling

The Early Graduation Policy, as an option, is offered as an alternative for those students who have effectively exhausted the academic opportunities that Holliston High School has to offer. This is a policy for students who are requesting that some portion of their graduation requirements be waived.