

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 518

Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

EARLY GRADUATION

It is the District's policy that high school graduation is based on a four-year program and a minimum of twenty-three credits.

Exceptions to this practice should be few in number and based on a thorough review of each case. Generally, any exception to this practice should be initiated by the student and his/her counselor, following the district's early graduation guidelines for Douglas High School, George Whittell High School, and ASPIRE Academy High School.

Exceptions to the four-year attendance practice could be based upon: (1) hardship factors (i.e., financial and/or emotional hardship), and/or (2) exceptional academic achievement where a three-year program would be in the best interest of the student (i.e., to begin post-secondary education studies).

Any exception to the four-year program would need to follow the guidelines and have the support and approval of the principal, a school counselor, the parent or guardian and the Executive Director of Education Services

In order for a student to graduate in three years, he/she must successfully complete the graduation requirements for District-required competency levels, state-required credit and proficiency levels, and required class-enrollment each semester during senior year.

[See Policy related to this Administrative Regulation](#)

See also: Administrative Regulations [518\(a\)](#), [518\(b\)](#), [518\(c\)](#), [518\(d\)](#), [518\(e\)](#), [518\(f\)](#)

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