

ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS
EARLY OR MID YEAR GRADUATION REQUESTS
2023-2024

Students may complete their course work for graduation early from ACS by meeting all requirements for an Alabama Diploma as described in the Alabama Administrative Code 290-030-010-.6 (11) and when the conditions listed below are met. Students may also accelerate their program of studies by enrolling in summer school and dual enrollment at a post-secondary institution.

1. Students must submit the ARS Early or Mid-Year Completion Request form with a parent's signature no later than the semester prior to mid-year graduation.
2. Students who plan to complete early must follow course sequence/prerequisites.
3. Students who plan to complete early will not be given preferential treatment in registration or course selection.
4. Students who plan to accelerate their program of studies for the purpose of early completion may do so if space is available in classes after grade level students have completed their registration.
5. Students who plan to accelerate their program of studies for the purpose of early completion must have met at least one of the college and career readiness standards for graduation.
6. Students who complete graduation requirements early will not be permitted to remain at school during the regular school day. However, they may return to school for senior activities and after school activities provided they remain in good standing with the school and follow the local school procedures for returning to campus.
7. A student must be a full time student to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Therefore, a student who completes graduation requirements early will not be eligible for extracurricular activities.
8. Students who complete graduation requirements early will receive their diplomas at the regularly scheduled graduation ceremony in May.

Students who complete their coursework early are responsible for making contact with ARS school officials concerning graduation, senior events, award ceremonies, etc. Students/Parents must also be aware that if students begin taking college courses immediately after they finish their classes in December, some colleges and universities may deem them ineligible for Freshman Scholarships.

***I request that _____ be allowed to pursue mid-year completion at the end of December of their senior year. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information.**

***I request that _____ be allowed to graduate at the end of his/her next school year (one year early). By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**This agreement should be completed and returned to Ms. Haynes at the time of your course selection.*