

Santa Fe High School Early Graduate Contract

Name: _____ ID# _____ Date: _____

- Three-Year Graduate – Graduate at the end of junior year
- Mid-Year Graduate – Graduate December of senior year

Early Graduation candidates must be on track for graduation with Distinguished Level of Achievement.

Number of credits still needed to meet DLA graduation requirements: _____

Plan for remaining coursework and options for earning required credits:

Course	Junior Year	Senior Year	TTK-12	Dual Credit	Other

Students planning to graduate early must meet performance requirements on all State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End of Course (EOC) assessments to receive a high school diploma.

End of Course (EOC)- State Exam					
	English I	Algebra 1	Biology	English II	U.S. History
Passed/ Score					
Failed					
Not yet taken					

Students planning to graduate early must provide evidence of college and career readiness standards.

I will meet College and Career Readiness standards by completing ONE of the following:

- Earn 90 or above on College Bridge in English AND Math
- Meet criteria of 3 on an AP examination
- Complete a course for dual credit (nine hours or more in any subject or three hours or more in ELAR/mathematics)
- Earn minimum SAT score of 480 for EBRW AND 530 mathematics
- Meet TSI criteria in all three sections of the exam
- Complete an aligned level 2 course and earn an approved industry-based certificate
- Provide evidence of enlistment to any military branch
- Graduate under an advanced degree plan and be identified as a current special education student

Initial by the appropriate statement below:

_____ I plan to be a **three-year graduate**. I understand that I will not be considered for early graduation unless I have completed and submitted this contract to my counselor by the spring semester of my sophomore year. I understand that if I am required to take additional courses outside of Santa Fe High School, I will provide proof of course completion to my counselor prior to the spring semester of my junior year to be reclassified as a senior the second semester. If I do not provide proof of course completion, I will stay classified as a junior and the early graduation contract will be void. I also understand that evidence of College and Career Readiness must be proven as a requirement for early graduation.

_____ I plan to be a **mid-year graduate**. I understand that I will not be considered for early graduation unless I have completed and submitted this contract to my counselor by the spring semester of my junior year. I understand that if I am required to take additional courses outside of Santa Fe High School, I will provide proof of course completion to my counselor prior to the first day of the fall semester of my senior year. I also understand that I must provide proof of College and Career Readiness prior to the first day of the fall semester of my senior year. If I do not provide proof of course completion or College and Career Readiness, the early graduation contract will be void, and I will be required to attend the spring semester of my senior year.

By initialing below, I agree to the following:

_____ Unless prior approval is given, I understand I will not be allowed to participate in school activities that are grade-level specific outside of my grade-level classification.

_____ I understand it is my responsibility to keep up with activities, events, announcements, etc. that are grade-level specific to seniors. (For example: An email could be sent out to all seniors, but you may not get the email due to being classified as a junior.)

_____ I will not be eligible to be classified as an honor graduate.

_____ I must successfully pass the EOC for English I & II, Algebra I, and Biology prior to entering 11th grade/ third year of high school, to be considered for early graduation.

_____ I understand I can participate in the graduation commencement ceremony only one time.

_____ If I plan to change my status of graduating early, I understand it is my responsibility to notify my counselor **in writing**, before the 1st day of the final semester.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Counselor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Administrator Signature: _____
Early Graduate Information

Date: _____

Students who meet the entire state graduation requirement in not more than 36 or 41 months can be accelerated graduates. Santa Fe High School refers to these options as Three Year Graduation (not more than 36 months) or January Graduation (not more than 41 months). In both instances, the student may be required to earn some of the required credits alternatively (outside of the normal school day). The cost of the alternative credit(s) is the sole financial responsibility of the student and his/her family.

Three Year Graduation (≤36 months)

A student considering graduation in three years must meet with his/her counselor and complete the required application in the spring of his/her sophomore year. The application must be signed by a parent/guardian. All three-year graduates must have all graduation requirements completed in 36 months or less from the original start date of the student's first year in ninth grade. Three-year graduates may participate in graduation ceremonies in the spring of the third year if all graduation requirements have been met by graduation day. Students who do not complete the graduation requirements before the spring graduation commencement will still be considered a graduate of that class if requirements are completed by the summer's end. Students who apply to be a three-year graduate, but do not complete the graduation requirements before the start of the fourth year, will be required to return to school, **full-time**, during the fourth year.

Early (Dec.) Graduation (≤41 months)

A student who is considering completing graduation requirements in December of his/her senior year must meet with his/her counselor and complete the required application in the **spring of his/her junior year**. The application must be signed by a parent/guardian. The student pursuing this option must commit to earning alternative credits outside of Santa Fe High School if required and provide proof of these credits to his or her counselor before the first day of their senior year. December graduates must have all other graduation requirements met by December of their senior year. If the student fails to meet all the graduation course requirements by the end of the first semester (January) of the fourth year, **they must return to a full schedule in the spring semester**. January graduates will participate in the commencement ceremonies in the spring, along with the rest of their graduating class and will be eligible to participate in Project Graduation, prom, and other spring activities for seniors. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with senior activities.

Applications for both types of accelerated graduation are available in the counseling center. Interested students should set up an appointment with their counselor.

Alternative Credit Options

Santa Fe High School provides students with alternative methods of earning credit to complete graduation requirements. These alternative methods include correspondence courses, credit by examination for remediation and credit by examination for acceleration. The following options are available for students wishing to receive alternative credits:

College of the Mainland (COM) - <http://www.com.edu/>

Alvin Community College (ACC) - <http://www.alvincollege.edu/>

Texas Tech University ISD - <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/uc/k-12/>

College credit may also be earned through concurrent enrollment with any of these options. The parent/student is financially responsible for all alternative credit. Accelerated courses **cannot** be taken through Santa Fe High School's Edgenuity program.