

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EIF (REGULATION)**

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Students who decide to graduate at the end of their junior year, an Individual Graduation committee may not be established to determine graduation qualifications.

Students who decide to graduate at the end of their junior year, and desire to participate in their graduation ceremony must, with their parents, indicate in writing the intention to graduate early no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the graduation year. This must be approved by the school principal.

All credits earned by alternate methods (such as credit by exam and correspondence courses) must be completed two weeks prior to end of semester.

Honors and elections, such as valedictorian and salutatorian, class favorite, and court, will not be open to early graduates; however, they may apply for scholarships for which they meet the qualifications.

For students who graduate on or after 9/1/2005:

- If graduated in 36 months or less with the recommended curriculum, students may receive \$2000. If he/she also graduated with at least 15 hours of college credit, he/she may receive an additional \$1000.
- If graduated in 36 months or less without the recommended or advanced curriculum, student may receive \$1000. There is no college hour bonus.\*
- If graduated in more than 36 months, but less than 42 months, student may receive \$500. If he/she also graduated with at least 30 hours of college credit, he/she may receive an additional \$1000.
- If graduated in more than 41 months but less than 46 months, the student receives no “early graduation” award, but if he/she also graduated with at least 30 hours of college credit, he/she may receive an additional \$1000.
- Students graduating on or after 9/1/2005 have six years of eligibility in which to use their award.

\* A student who does not satisfy the high school curriculum requirement will be considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the student graduates notes on the student’s transcript that the student was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time allowed because the necessary courses were unavailable due to course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity or another cause not in the student’s control.

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