

Early Graduation Procedure for Seniors

Pequea Valley School District acknowledges that some learners through the MCL process seek to pursue educational/career goals that include graduation from high school at an earlier date than their designated class cohort. A learner who completes the requirements for early high school graduation may participate in commencement, if they have prior administrative approval and follow expectations outlined by administration. They will commence with the class graduating in the year in which he/she completes the requirements for graduation.

Requirements for Consideration of Early Graduation:

- Learner must have earned at least 17 credits toward graduation.
- Learner must have parental/guardian approval.
- Learner must have met an Act 158 Graduation Pathway.
- Learner must be scheduled to present his/her digital portfolio prior to January 1.

Process for Application:

- Learner must complete the early graduation application and submit it to the counselor.
- The counselor will evaluate the plan for completeness and feasibility.
- The principal will evaluate the applicant based on the above criteria and review the feasibility of the plan, meet with learner and parents.
- The principal or counselor will notify the learner of his/her application status and inform the learner of any additional stipulations.
- If the learner is approved, it is his/her responsibility to maintain passing grades and complete all requirements prior to graduation.

Early Graduation Conditions:

We understand that traditional hallmarks, such as extracurricular activities, along with other social elements will be forfeited and excluded due to early graduation.

Pequea Valley Early Graduation Guidelines/Application

The Pequea Valley School District School Board recognizes that students occasionally satisfy all curricular requirements for graduation before the traditional period of four (4) academic years. For the purposes of this document, the term "early graduation" means the learner graduates from high school in less than eight (8) semesters and has earned a minimum of 17 credits which is senior status. A learner may choose the option of early graduation **ONLY** if he/she will have completed a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits by graduation date, including all required courses, completed digital portfolio presentation, and met Act 158 Graduation Pathways.

Learners wishing to graduate early must apply to be considered for this opportunity. A completed early-graduation request **MUST** contain the following documents:

- A completed early graduation request form with signatures from the parent, counselor, learner, and principal.

REQUEST FOR EARLY GRADUATION

We the undersigned request that the learner be allowed to complete graduation requirements and exit high school before the learner's scheduled date of graduation. This plan has been reviewed in a conference with the learner's counselor and it has been determined that he/she has met (or will meet by the week before graduation) all the necessary graduation requirements, and all forms have been completed and submitted.

Learner Name: _____

Requested new date of Graduation from school: _____

We understand and agree to the following:

- Learner will remain in class cohort (grade)
- Learner transcript will reflect the GPA and Class Rank of cohort year
- Learner records, including transcript and yearbook will reflect cohort year
- Learner may walk in graduation and apply for school sponsored scholarships and awards
- Learner will forfeit dual enrollment and advanced placement opportunities that are available for high school learners and the financial benefits of these courses.

Learner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____
