

EARLY GRADUATION

The Board believes that with rare exception the many benefits of a high school education cannot be fully realized in less than four years. Further, it views the entire senior year as an important period during which the student should be able to enjoy many experiences providing academic growth and enrichment, exploration of new areas, and social growth and maturity.

Only in unusual or extenuating circumstances should a student forego the opportunities available during the senior year. For those who may have special needs or goals and who would benefit from early graduation, the following policy is established.

Requirements

The candidate must have:

1. Completed six semesters of high school attendance.
2. Satisfied all of the requirements of a four-year graduate.
3. Earned at least a 3.0 GPA.
4. Qualified by virtue of extenuating circumstances or special goals.
5. Achieve Choice Ready Status in at least two of the Choice Ready categories.
6. Candidate will incur any costs for additional courses/programs needed to achieve early graduation.
7. For a student to be considered a candidate for early graduation, the student must declare their intent within two weeks after completion of the 1st semester classes of their sophomore year.
8. If a student is a candidate for early graduation, they still have a responsibility to participate and complete junior class obligations (i.e., fundraising for prom, concessions stand work, etc.)

Procedures

If the applicant meets the above requirements, the student must submit a written request for early graduation to the high school principal. The request must contain a statement of endorsement and the signatures of the parents or legal guardian and must clearly express the reasons for the request.

The matter will be thoroughly reviewed in conference to include the student, counselor, parents/legal guardians, and the high school principal. After a complete evaluation of the request, the principal will forward a recommendation to the Superintendent for approval or denial.

Graduation

If early graduation is approved, the student may participate in commencement exercises on the same basis as other graduates. Students who do not participate in commencement will receive their diplomas as soon as practical.

Complementary Documents

- GDB, Graduation Exercises