



West York Area High School Early Graduation Contract - 2025-2026

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

I am currently enrolled in the West York Area Class of _____.

EARLY GRADUATION GUIDELINES:

- Students participating in early graduation will not be included in valedictorian/salutatorian consideration or rankings.
- Students interested in early graduation should plan early with their parents and counselors to ensure all required courses are complete.
- Intent to apply for early graduation must be submitted for approval to the counseling center **by OCTOBER 3, 2025 for SENIORS. The deadline for juniors is January 5, 2026.** The principal or designee will make the final determination for approval.
- **Seniors:**
 - Students meeting all graduation requirements (including Act 158 and the senior survey) may elect to graduate early, at the end of the first semester, with administrative approval
 - Students will receive a diploma and will be treated as West York Area High School alumni
 - Students will be listed as a graduate (no longer active) - no participation in academic, co-curricular program, or school affiliated events (ex. Prom, Mini-THON, etc.)
 - Student's final class rank may be negatively impacted
 - Students may participate in the end of year commencement ceremony. All students participating in the commencement ceremony are required to participate in all graduation practices.
- **Juniors:**
 - Students meeting all graduation requirements may elect to graduate early at the end of his/her junior year with administrative approval
 - Student's GPA does not affect class rank for graduating class
 - Students may participate in the end of year commencement ceremony. All students participating in the commencement ceremony are required to participate in all graduation practices.
 - Students will not be recognized for honor status at graduation.

Please check which of the following obtains to you:

- I am a senior and would like to graduate at the end of the first semester of my senior year.
- I am a junior and would like to graduate at the end of my junior year.

Please check which of the following obtains to you:

- I will be participating in the graduation ceremony.
- I will not be participating in the graduation ceremony.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please be sure to do the following:

- Check school emails regarding graduation information.
- Return Chromebook and charger at graduation practice.
- If you are planning to participate in the graduation ceremony, we will order a cap and gown for you and you will be responsible for the cost (\$30).
- If you are not participating in graduation, you are expected to return the chromebook and charger before receiving your early diploma.

What are your plans after graduation?

Please provide a brief statement of the reasons for your interest in graduating from West York in fewer than four years (8 semesters).

It is important to note that commencement ceremonies are conducted and diplomas are issued in May of each year. During the interim between the completion of requirements and distribution of diplomas, a letter from the principal may be requested to certify graduation. Students approved for early graduation are responsible for communicating with their class advisors and other school personnel concerning commencement procedures and other information of interest to seniors.

It is understood that all requirements outlined in the West York Area High School Course Selection Guide must be fulfilled prior to graduation or early graduation. These requirements include credits in specified areas typically earned in grades nine through twelve.

Required Signatures:

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Principal or Designee Signature