

## Marengo County Schools

### Early or Mid-Year Graduation Procedures

Students may complete coursework for graduation early from Marengo County Schools by meeting all requirements for the Alabama Diploma as outlined in Alabama Administrative Code **290-030-010-.06(11)** and by meeting the conditions listed below. Students may also accelerate their program of study through dual enrollment with a postsecondary institution.

- A. Students must submit a completed **Application for Early Graduation** no later than the semester prior to the desired mid-year completion date. Forms may be obtained from the school counselor.
- B. Students must be enrolled as a **full-time Marengo County Schools student for one full academic year** before applying for early or mid-year completion.
- C. Students must follow appropriate course sequences and meet all prerequisite requirements.
- D. Students completing early will **not receive preferential treatment** for course selection or scheduling. Course availability is based on space after grade-level students complete registration.
- E. Students who complete graduation requirements early will **not be permitted to remain at school during the regular school day**. However, they **may return for senior activities and after-school activities** if they remain in good standing with the school and follow local procedures for returning to campus.
- F. Early graduates will be **included in class ranking, honors, and award determinations for their assigned cohort**.
- G. Students must be full-time to participate in extracurricular activities. Early completers are **not eligible** for extracurricular participation.
- H. Students graduating early will receive their diploma at the regularly scheduled May graduation ceremony.
- I. Students graduating early are **not eligible** to continue school-related internships or receive tuition assistance for dual enrollment or similar programs after completing graduation requirements.
- J. Students completing coursework early are responsible for contacting school officials regarding graduation, senior events, and related activities.
- K. Some colleges/universities may classify students who begin taking college courses immediately after mid-year completion as **non-freshman**, potentially impacting scholarship eligibility.
- L. Students who are current juniors in their first semester and request early graduation may be approved to graduate during their second semester as mid-year or early graduates; however, they are not eligible to participate in the valedictorian or salutatorian selection process.

Approval of such requests requires a recommendation from the principal and final approval from the superintendent.

**Parent/Student Acknowledgement**

I request that \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to pursue **mid-year completion** at the end of December of their senior year. By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the **Marengo County Schools Early or Mid-Year Graduation Procedures**.

I request that \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to **graduate one year early**, at the end of their next school year. By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the **Marengo County Schools Early or Mid-Year Graduation Procedures**.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be submitted with the application and registration documents.*

## MARENGO COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Application for Early Graduation

Students who will complete all requirements for high school graduation at the end of their junior year and/or prior to their official graduation date in May of their graduation cohort may be eligible for Early Graduation. The student must complete and submit this application to their school counselor no later than the end of their junior year.

Upon review of the completed application and supporting documents, the principal will notify the student of the date for his/her interview.

Once all sections of this application are complete and the interview has been conducted, the application, student responses, interview information, and the student transcript will be forwarded to the appropriate Marengo County Schools District Office for review.

#### Student Section

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this application or on an attached sheet, please answer the following five questions. You may be asked to clarify or expand your answers during your interview with the principal or designee.

1. What are your goals after graduation?
2. How does an early graduation date support these goals?
3. What preparations have you made to meet your goals?
4. What strategies will you use to manage the additional workload and time needed as you accelerate your current program toward early graduation?
5. Which indicator(s) of College and Career Readiness have you attained?

**Signatures**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator of Counseling Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Application for Early Graduation — Essay Questions***

1. What are your goals after graduation?
2. How does an early graduation date support these goals?
3. What preparations have you made to meet your goals?
4. What strategies will you use to manage the additional time and workload required as you accelerate your program toward early graduation?
5. What indicator(s) of College and Career Readiness have you attained?