

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Graduation Instructions

Early graduation is an opportunity for competent students to complete their high school graduation (adhere to this rule) requirements by the end of Junior year (6th semester) or December of Senior year (7th semester) to continue their educational experience in college, vocational school, or employment/apprenticeship training program.

Early Graduation Criteria and Requirements

Students must complete the required units of credit for graduation and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to qualify. If a student does not meet the GPA requirement, special cases caused by unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, including health reasons, may be presented to a committee for review. The head principal, counselor, junior or senior assistant principal are committee members. In addition, students must complete all state-required End of Course exams, score at the Basic level on the Algebra 1 End of Course exam, complete two post-secondary assessments, complete and pass a college dual/credit course, submit a completed plan of study (ICAP), attend Hazelwood's annual Early Graduate Career Fair (when the event is offered), and submit documented completion of the community service requirement needed for graduation. The specific details of the standard diploma requirements and early graduation requirements may be found in the High School Course Registration Guide.

Early Graduation Procedure

Students wishing to graduate early must work with their counselors to submit a completed application by the end of their first semester of Junior year (5th semester). A complete application consists of the following:

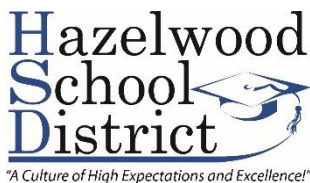
1. Early Graduation Application
2. Parent Approval Form
3. Counselor Recommendation Form
4. Principal Approval Form

The principal will review and sign the application before submitting it to the Assistant Superintendent for approval. The Assistant Superintendent will either approve the application or deny the application and return it to the student along with a written explanation for the denial.

Before the student will be granted the opportunity to graduate early, he/she must fulfill all of the district's graduation requirements to earn a standard diploma by the end of their 6th or 7th semester. Failure to complete all required courses and/or verification of a post-secondary plan will void the early graduation agreement.

Early Graduation Checklist

- o Completion of graduation requirements (24 credits in required areas)
- o Cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher, or approval from the committee for a GPA lower than 2.5
- o Completion of EOC Exams (must score Basic or above on Algebra 1, English II, Biology, Government Exams)
- o Completion of two Post Secondary Assessments (ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER, ASVAB, WorkKeys)
- o Completed ICAP
- o Completion of 50 community service hours, transferred community service hours will be accepted
- o Attended Early Graduate Career Fair (if offered)
- o Early Graduation Packet
 - o Early Graduation Application with/ verification of post-secondary plan (college acceptance letter, employment training verification, etc.)
 - o Parent Approval Form
 - o Counselor Approval Form (with most recent transcript)
 - o Principal Approval Form
 - o Assistant Superintendent Approval Form



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Select School: ☐ Central High School ☐ East High School ☐ West High School

Please complete this form in its entirety. An incomplete plan may result in the denial of the early graduation request.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student First Name MI Student Last Name

Student ID # Grade Date of Birth

Cumulative Weighted GPA: _____ Cumulative Credit Hours Completed: _____

Community Service Hours Completed: _____ Desired Graduation Date: _____

Attended Hazelwood Early Graduate Career Fair? (*Please Circle one*) Yes No

END OF COURSE (EOC) EXAM INFORMATION

Student must complete EOC Exams before approval will be granted: (*Circle Y or N for each exam below, if yes, please enter the date the exam was completed*) must score Basic or above on EOC Exams

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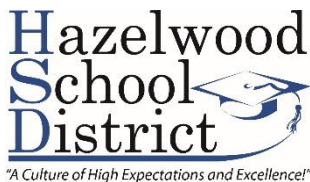
Please enter the date and score the exam was completed on the line, if applicable: (Month and Year, Exam Score)

Algebra I: Y N _____ English 2: Y N _____ Biology: Y N _____ Government: Y N _____

POSTSECONDARY ASSESSMENTS INFORMATION

Post-Secondary Assessments: (*Select which two assessments you have completed.*)

☐ ACT ☐ SAT ☐ ACCUPLACER ☐ ASVAB ☐ ACT WorkKeys



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POST GRADUATION PLANS

Why do you want to graduate early?

What are your goals after early graduation? (*Select one below*)

☐ College ☐ Military ☐ Trade/Technical Program ☐ Apprenticeship ☐ Employment Training

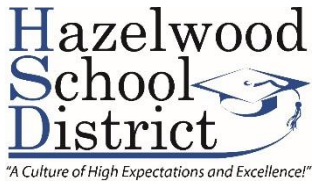
How does an early graduation date support these goals?

What preparations have you made to meet your goals?

Please attach verification of your post-graduation plan to this application. Examples include:

- College Acceptance Letter
- Enlistment Letter
- Verification Letter of Employment Training/ Apprenticeship on company letterhead
- Trade/Technical School/Program Acceptance Letter

Failure to provide documented verification of a post-secondary plan will result in the denial of your application.



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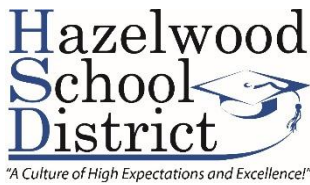
PLAN FOR COMPLETION

List the courses needed to fulfill the remaining graduation requirements

FALL SEMESTER COURSE	SPRING SEMESTER COURSE

I understand that I must complete the remaining requirements for graduation listed above by the end of Junior year (6th semester) or December of Senior year (7th semester) of high school to graduate early. I further understand that completing high school by the 7th semester means I am not eligible to participate in school activities after my graduation date.

Student Signature _____ Date _____



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PARENT APPROVAL FORM

The parent's signature below verifies the understanding of the following statements:

- The student will not be enrolled in high school for an 8th semester if all requirements are met:
- The student will not have any benefits associated with enrolled students after the graduation date, including but not limited to:
 - Extra-curricular activities, i.e., sports, clubs, dances, plays
 - Bus transportation
 - Lunch program
 - Special education and related services
 - English Language Learner services
 - Dual credit or dual enrollment courses?

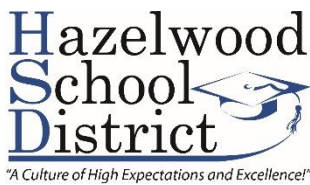
Students can walk in the graduation ceremony with their graduating class year and participate in senior activities with their graduating class year at the discretion of the principal/designee.

- After the early graduation date, the student is considered a “visitor” when on campus and must follow all the procedures and conditions that apply to visitors to the school.
- It is the student’s/parent’s/counselor’s responsibility to contact any college/university admissions office to ensure that early graduation from high school will not negatively affect the student’s admission or financial aid.

I have reviewed the requirements for early graduation with my student, and I support the student’s request for early graduation.

Print Parent Name _____

Signature of parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____



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COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Select School: ☐ Central High School ☐ East High School ☐ West High School

Student First Name _____ M Student Last Name _____

Student ID _____ Grade _____ Student Date of Birth _____

The following documentation must be on file for the student to be approved for early graduation. Please determine if the student has met the requirements below for early graduation. **Please attach a copy of the transcript.**

REQUIREMENTS	MET	NOT MET
Completion of 24 credits in the required areas		
Has a 2.5 Cumulative GPA or higher, or approval of the Assistant Superintendent of High Schools		
Completion of EOCs (Algebra I, Biology, English II, Government) Score Basic or Above on each EOC Exam		
Completion of at least 2 Post-Secondary Assessments (ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER, ASVAB, ACT Workkeys)		
Completed ICAP on file		
Completion of 50 community service hours, transferred community hours are accepted		
Attended the Hazelwood Early Graduate Career Fair (if applicable)		

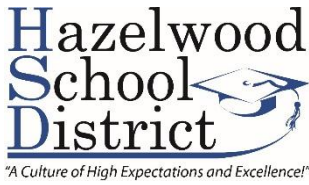
If the student is currently enrolled in any classes required for graduation, please indicate the courses below and if the student is passing the course(s).

My signature verifies that I have reviewed this student's record, have met with the student and parent, and have communicated the conditions associated with early graduation. After careful review, I

_____ Recommend the student for early graduation

_____ Do NOT recommend the student for early graduation

Counselor Signature _____ **Date** _____



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PRINCIPAL APPROVAL FORM

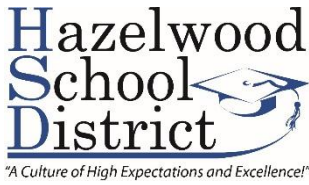
Select School: ☐ Central High School ☐ East High School ☐ West High School

My signature verifies that I have reviewed this student's record and have reviewed the conditions associated with early graduation. After discussion with the student, counselor, and parents, and careful review of all the submitted documents, I, the principal

☐ Recommend _____ for early graduation
Student Name

☐ Do NOT recommend _____ for early graduation for the following reason(s)
Student Name

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____



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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL FORM

Select School: ☐ Central High School ☐ East High School ☐ West High School

My signature verifies that I have reviewed this student's record and have reviewed the conditions associated with early graduation. After careful review of all the submitted documents, I

☐ Approve _____ for early graduation
Student Name

☐ Do NOT recommend _____ for early graduation for the following reason(s)
Student Name

Circle One: Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Deputy Superintendent

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the signed packet to the high school junior/senior office

RMK September 2026