

EARLY GRADUATION (End of Junior Year)

Students may request permission to graduate early, at the end of their junior year. Early graduation is an opportunity for very capable students to **complete their high school academic requirements early**. They have concrete plans to pursue further education and/or full-time employment. Students must complete 22 credits *required for the district's standard diploma* and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The specific details of the standard diploma requirements may be found in our Curriculum Handbook.

Students wishing to graduate early must apply by *May 1st of their previous academic year* to be considered for this opportunity. After reviewing his/her plan with the counselor, the student must submit a detailed proposal to the principal. The principal will evaluate the proposal before presenting the student's request to the Superintendent or designee by June of the previous school year. The Superintendent will either grant or deny the student the opportunity to graduate early. If the student is granted the opportunity to graduate early, they must fulfill all of the district's graduation requirements to earn a standard diploma. Students requesting a modified or honors diploma are not eligible for early graduation consideration.

A completed early-graduation request will contain the following:

1. A completed early graduation request form with signatures from the parent, counselor, student, and principal.
2. A copy of the student's most recent transcript.
3. A copy of the student's current schedule.
4. A graduation plan that details the classes the student will take to complete all graduation requirements.
5. A one-page typed letter from the student that explains:
 - Why the student wants to graduate early.
 - The educational benefit the student will gain through early graduation.
 - What the student plans to do with the time that would have been their senior year.
6. A letter from the principal to the Superintendent or designee indicating support for the early graduation request.

The school and district will not offer additional or special programs to facilitate early completion for a student. Summer school, credit recovery, and other similar programs are primarily for students facing credit deficiencies given the four-year graduation timeline.

EARLY-COMPLETION REQUEST TO WALK WITH CLASS (End of Senior Year)

Some students may finish the required credits for graduation at the end of the first semester of their senior year and desire to participate in graduation exercises. These students **must apply for the right to walk with their graduating class by October 1st of their senior year.** The application will be made to the principal of the high school. Upon *receipt* of the request, the principal will review the application with the high school counselors and administrators for feedback prior to a presentation to the Superintendent or designee for final consideration.

A completed request to walk with the class will contain the following:

1. A completed early completion request form with signatures from the parent, counselor, student and administrator.
2. A copy of the student's most recent transcript.
3. A copy of the student's current schedule.
4. A copy of the early completion plan that details the classes the student will take to complete all graduation requirements.
5. A one-page typed letter from the student that explains:
 - Why the student wants to complete their schooling at the end of the first semester.
 - The educational benefit the student will gain through early completion.
 - What the student plans to do with the time secured as a result of early completion.

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