

EARLY GRADUATION

Introduction

The benefit and value of a four-year high school experience includes more than the academic component and the required number of earned credits. Additional educational and social experiences inherent in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as well as the daily student-student and student-teacher interactions are important contributing factors in a student's overall educational program. Nevertheless it is recognized that some students have extenuating circumstances that merit consideration for an early graduation.

In order to insure that students carefully consider the early graduation option guidelines must be carefully followed. The school board retains the authority to approve the early graduation option provided the student complies with the necessary conditions as outlined.

Guidelines

Students interested in participating in early graduation must:

1. Complete the normal requirements for graduation by the end of the first semester of their senior year.
2. Notify the guidance counselor in writing no later than October 1st of their senior year of their desire to graduate early.
3. Complete a conference involving the student, his/her parent(s) or guardian, the high school principal, and the guidance counselor to discuss the student's reasons for requesting consideration for early graduation.
4. Verify that they will be gainfully employed or enrolled in a post-secondary program during the second semester of their senior year.

Students who graduate early will:

1. Not be allowed to participate in high school athletics, music or other activities during the second semester of their senior year.

2. Will be allowed to participate in the commencement activities and ceremony with their class at the end of the school year.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes 118.33

Cross References: Policy IKF-Graduation Requirements
Policy IKFB-Graduation Exercises

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