

### **EARLY GRADUATION**

The School Board encourages all candidates for the high school diploma to have at least eight (8) semesters of attendance in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

The School Board acknowledges that some students are pursuing educational goals which include graduation from high school at an earlier date than their designated class.

Application for early graduation shall be in accordance with State regulations.

Students may apply to the Principal to graduate after five semesters for six semester graduation, and after six semesters for a seven semester graduation. The student must make a strong case for early graduation that demonstrates a strong educational or social need. To be considered as a candidate for early graduation, the candidate must meet all state and local requirements. In addition, one of the following requirements must also be satisfied:

1. Must be enrolled at a college/university/trade school
2. Must have proof of entering military service
3. Must have proof of starting a full time job/trade

Students must contact their guidance counselor during the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) semester if they are planning to graduate after six (6) semesters. A student must contact their guidance counselor during their sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) semester if they are planning to graduate after seven (7) semesters. An application is required and the School Board must approve all early graduation requests.

The principal may honor this request if all conditions for graduation are met and the student fulfills the graduation requirements. The Principal shall make reports at the end of each semester to the Board regarding early graduations, including how many students were granted early graduation and the plans of the students.

Students granted early graduation may participate in graduation ceremonies with their designated class.

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