

Early Graduation

Students who demonstrate a high degree of ability, maturity, responsibility and who have either a medical or financial need or immediate post-high school educational plans may be considered for early graduation. All applicants for early graduation must meet the following requirements:

- Complete all graduation requirements of School District #38 (See Policy 2410, 2410P)
- Apply for early graduation by the last day of the first semester of junior year
- Students seeking to graduate in six semesters must apply for early graduation by the last day of the first semester of their Freshman year
- Successfully complete six semesters of high school
- Provide documentation of post-high school educational plans
- Arrange to complete ½ credit of senior English and ½ credit of senior American Government through Bigfork High School or an accredited correspondence program (must be approved by the high school principal prior to enrollment)
- Agree to forfeit all participation eligibility in MHSAA sponsored activities & sports after sixth semester.

The student seeking early graduation must first discuss his/her plans with the school counselor. The counselor will meet with the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian to fill out a *PETITION FOR EARLY GRADUATION*. The completed form with student and parent (or guardian) signatures and the counselor's recommendation will be submitted to the principal.

The high school principal upon receiving the petition will form a committee of at least two of the student's current teachers who have had the student in class within the last semester. This committee will meet with the student and his parent(s) or guardian. The student will review post-high school plans with the committee. Following the meeting the committee will recommend or deny the petition.

Graduation diplomas will only be awarded at the Spring graduation ceremony.

Denials may be appealed to the Superintendent.

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