

KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL  
EARLY GRADUATION PROCEDURES

**A. TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:**

It is the belief of the educators of this school that, in most cases, the students will receive the greatest benefit from attending high school for a full four years. However, many senior students will complete basic requirements for graduation prior to the final trimester of their senior year. The Board of Education has made provisions for possible early graduation in a few of these cases.

Parents and students should think carefully about the welfare of the student before making requests for early graduation. Remember that some courses taught in high school in both the vocational and academic areas are offered only second or third trimester. Missing these courses may leave the student without some of the important skills needed for a job or further education.

Furthermore, many of the most satisfying personal and social experiences attained by a student during his school life occur during the final months of their senior year. Sometimes, students graduating early feel left out of many of these rewarding and worthwhile experiences.

Lastly, when applying for secondary education, colleges will look closely at a student's high school transcript to determine if the rigor of coursework and total number of credits in various subject areas meets their standards for admission. Students who apply for college before making the decision to graduate early will need to contact colleges to alert them of a change to their high school transcript which may affect admission decisions.

However, if such a request seems to be in the best interest of the student, please carefully follow the procedures for making this request. Be sure to comply with the deadline date and be sure that the student has good reasons for the request.

**Applications must be completed and turned in to Student Services by April 1st for students graduating after completion of trimester 1 and October 1st for students wishing to graduate after completion of trimester 2.**

**B. REASONS FOR CONSIDERING EARLY GRADUATION:**

The following three items will be reasons for the high school early graduation committee to consider a student for early graduation.

1. To permit students to begin advanced formal education.
2. To permit students to enter into apprenticeships, on-the-job training programs, and training programs in the armed services of the United States.
3. To permit students to aid themselves or their family during true personal or financial needs. This would include financing an education if, and only if, true financial need exists.

Requests must be completed and returned to Student Services by April 1st for trimester 1 and October 1st for trimester 2. No requests for early graduation will be accepted after this date.

I have read sections A & B and I believe that my (son/daughter) has good reasons to leave school at the end of (1st trimester/2nd trimester).

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Parent's Signature

I have read sections A & B and I believe that my plans are more worthwhile to me than a second and/or third trimester of high school.

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Student's Signature

**C. The student will supply the following items to be reviewed by a school committee and the school board:**

1. A written parental request for early graduation. The parents' reasons for making the request should be clearly stated with adequate explanation where necessary.
2. A written statement from the student giving his or her purpose in requesting early graduation. This would be a **detailed explanation of the exact plans** the student has for the second and third trimester when he/she would not be in school and should include the following:
  - A. Exact reasons why student and parent think the student will benefit more from this planned program than from a second and third trimester in high school.
  - B. Evidence of having met one or more of the reasons for considering early graduation.
  - C. The signature of both parent and student to approve and verify the statement.

**Early graduation will not be granted unless the student has successfully completed all graduation course and credit requirements. Students should verify eligibility with their school counselor before completing this application.**