

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLSBoard of Education Policy

EARLY GRADUATION

Statement of Purpose

The Board of Education believes that with rare exception the many benefits of a high school education cannot be fully realized in less than four years. Further, the entire senior year is viewed as an important period during which the student should be able to enjoy many experiences providing him or her with academic growth and enrichment, exploration of new areas, and social growth and maturity.

Only in unusual or extenuating circumstances should a student forego the many opportunities available to him or her during his/her high school career. For those very few who have special needs or goals and who would benefit from early graduation, the following policy is established.

Requirements

In order to be eligible for early graduation the candidate must have:
completed all of the requirements of a four-year graduate, and
qualified by virtue of extenuating circumstances or special goals.

Consideration of early graduation applications shall be in accordance with established procedures.

CROSS REF.: 345.61 – Rule, Guidelines for Early Graduation
345.6, Graduation Requirements

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GUIDELINES FOR EARLY GRADUATION

Procedures

If the applicant meets the policy requirements, the procedures below are followed:

A written request for early graduation is submitted to the high school principal no later than the sixth semester.

- a. The request must contain a statement of endorsement and the signatures of the parents or legal guardian.
- b. The letter should clearly express the reasons for the request.

The matter is thoroughly reviewed by the student and the counselor.

A conference will be held involving the student, the parents, the counselor, and the high school principal.

After a complete evaluation of the request and its merits, the principal will forward his recommendations to the district administrator for consideration and the Board of Education action.

Commencement

If early graduation is approved by the school board, the student may participate in spring commencement exercises on the same basis as other graduates.

Students who do not participate in commencement will receive their diplomas as soon as practical after the exercises.