

Early Graduation

The District's high school graduation requirements are established with the intent that students will normally attend high school for four (4) school years. Early graduation by a student who has attended high school (or an equivalent program) for less than four school years is permitted, but only if the student has met the District's high school graduation requirements, is eligible to receive a high school diploma, and has met all of the following additional requirements:

1. The student, or, if the student is under age 18, the student's parent or guardian, must submit a written request for approval of early graduation, meet with a high school guidance counselor or a member of the school's administrative staff to discuss the potential advantages and disadvantages of early graduation, and receive the high school principal's approval for a plan that, if successfully completed, will satisfy the applicable graduation requirements.
2. After meeting with school staff, the student, or, if the student is under age 18, the student's parent or guardian, must provide written consent for early graduation.
3. Prior to graduating, the student must have completed a meaningful period of enrollment and attendance in a District high school or in a District-sponsored alternative education program. The minimum period of in-District attendance shall normally include the full credit-earning grading period that immediately precedes the student's graduation.

Students released early from high school may participate in graduation exercises at the end of the school year if all of their accounts are paid in full.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 118.13	[student nondiscrimination]
Section 118.33(1)	[high school graduation requirements]
Section 120.13	[board and district authority regarding management of the district; including but not limited to student conduct and discipline]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

PI 9	[student nondiscrimination, including complaints and appeals]
PI 18	[high school graduation requirements]

CROSS REFERENCES:

345.6	High School Graduation Requirements
345.6 Rule	Additional Parameters for High School Graduation Requirements and Procedures.

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