

## **STUDENTS**

## **Regulation 2540**

### **Student Academic Achievement**

#### **Early Graduation**

A student who has earned the minimum required credits for graduation by the end of the seventh (7) semester may discontinue his/her attendance at Knox County R-I High School. Students who wish to graduate early will be required to meet with the guidance counselor and submit written notification to the principal by June 15 following completion of six (6) semesters. The guidance counselor will notify the student's parents or guardians of the student's decision if the student is a dependent.

For students graduating early, the following guidelines apply:

1. Students will receive a diploma upon the attainment of all requirements as set by the state and the local School Board and will not participate in spring graduation ceremonies or other end of the year senior activities and will be considered an alumni for all other purposes.
2. Students are not eligible for competitive recognitions that are based on GPA and class rank. These include:
  - A. Valedictorian and salutatorian
  - B. Local scholarships and awards presented to graduating seniors who have completed eight (8) semesters of course work.
3. Students will need to check with colleges to which they are applying as to their eligibility for college-based scholarships, awards and aids.

After an application has been submitted, the principal shall rule on the request and report to the Superintendent the names of all students who are approved for early graduation. This same report shall be transmitted to the Board of Education. In the event the principal denies the request, the student may appeal to the Superintendent who will respond in a reasonable time. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Superintendent, an appeal may be made to the Board of Education with the appeal to be heard at the next meeting of the Board.

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