

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 can receive their diploma in December upon early graduation, or have the option to participate in the graduation ceremony in May to receive their diploma.
2. Students choosing to participate in the May graduation ceremony will be considered alumni after their early graduation in December and are not allowed to participate in spring senior activities. (Examples: Prom, Senior Awards Night, Decision Day, etc.)
3. Early graduates are not eligible for competitive recognition based on GPA and class rank, nor local scholarships and awards presented to graduating seniors who have completed eight (8) semesters of coursework.

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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