

School Board Members,

My name is Mikelle Kerns and I am a Junior at Riverside High School. I would like to graduate early because I feel I have gotten all I need from my high school experience and am ready for a greater challenge. Although I have enjoyed the social experience and have learned a lot, I don't feel there is much more I can gain from another year in high school. I have worked hard to advance more quickly academically and I feel that spending more time here would not be the most beneficial to my future plans. I am prepared to move on to college and continue my education in preparation for a degree in Veterinary Medicine. My career plan includes a bachelor's degree in Pre-Veterinary Medicine followed by a graduate degree. I am already taking one of the required classes for my undergraduate program online through my college of choice, Brigham Young University-Idaho (BYU-I). I have also taken several dual credit courses at Riverside. These courses have and are preparing me to meet the expectations at that level of education. I am planning to attend BYU-I and have already been accepted for the Fall 2025 term. I have met the requirements for graduation through work study at the Columbia River Clinic as well as taking several classes that meet the credit requirements for early graduation. I appreciate your consideration and request that I be approved for early graduation. I am looking forward to moving on to the next phase in my life.

Thank you,

Mikelle Kerns