

District: Tupelo Public School District

Section: I - Instructional Program

Policy Code: IFG - Early Graduation

EARLY GRADUATION Beginning with incoming 9th graders 2018-2019

1. Early graduation involves the completion of all high school academic requirements in less than a traditional four-year program. Any high school student who will complete the number of Carnegie units and other exiting standards required by both the state and the District prior to completing eight (8) semesters of high school work may petition to graduate early.
2. Early graduation will be permitted under circumstances where the student will benefit from early graduation. Early graduates may participate in the regular spring commencement ceremony.
3. The intent of this policy is to provide an opportunity for the student to improve his/her educational or vocational future by graduating from high school with less than eight semesters of attendance in grades nine through twelve.
4. The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

Last Review Date:

Review History:[1/1/1900][1/1/1901]

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Eligibility - To be eligible for early graduation, a student must meet the graduation requirements for one of the three endorsements diplomas listed in District policy (IHF) Exhibit IKF - E4.
2. Application - A student and his/her parents may make application to the high school principal for early graduation. The application form for Early Graduation is available through the counseling office and is attached to this policy as an exhibit. Applications will be accepted from students during the spring semester of their sophomore or junior year. Before an application will be given to a sophomore student, the parent/guardian must submit a written request to the counselor.
3. Conference - The student will schedule a conference with the counselor to: (a) review the application procedure and student's records, and determine if early graduation is possible, and (b) discuss the reason(s) for early graduation in view of the student's educational and/or vocational goals. Following this conference, the counselor will schedule a meeting with the student, the student's parent/guardian to discuss the student's application for early graduation.
4. Under special circumstances, a student who will have successfully completed all courses required for graduation and all state mandated assessments will be allowed to graduate early without having completed the application process.

5. In the event that an approved early graduation student falls below the minimum diploma endorsement criteria, the student's application will be terminated.
6. If the request for early graduation is approved and all requirements for graduation are completed, the high school principal will issue the student's diploma at the regular spring graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

High school graduation exercises will be scheduled as determined by the Board and designated in the school calendar. Only those students who have completed all graduation requirements as specified by the Board and the State of Mississippi may participate in graduation ceremonies.

All students participating in graduation exercises will have complied with all rules and regulation inclusive of, but not limited to, required attendance at practice for graduation exercises, dress in designated attire, and other rules and regulations which may be deemed appropriate by the principal.

Adopted Date: 3/5/2013

Approved/Revised Date: