

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting To Be Held: 1/31/24



Recognition: Students Staff Parents
Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report
Action: Resignations Hiring Contract Service Agreements
 Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals
 Termination Legal Matters Other: _____
This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: 1/22/24

To: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
Superintendent

From: Matthew Johnson
Title: Director of Alternative Education

Subject: Early Graduation Request 2023-2024

Description: Makayda SkunkCap is currently a Junior with 14.25 credits. She is scheduled to take classes this year in all of the remaining required content areas to receive her diploma. She's been with us since the start of her sophomore year and has demonstrated a strong work ethic, a commitment to her classwork, and a willingness to independently strive to be as healthy and as equipped for the next step in life as possible. She plans on enrolling at BCC as soon as she's able to continue developing her academic knowledge and skills. And after receiving an associates degree in a couple years, she plans to move to a larger school in Montana to complete her Bachelors degree. Because of her maturity and natural leadership abilities, we feel it's in her best interest to graduate a year early with the class of 2024. Her family supports and encourages this decision. We also ask that the Board waive policy #4510 within this request.

Financial Impact: N/A

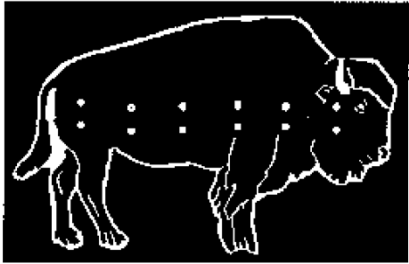
Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): N/A

Attachment(s): Counselor/Director Letter; Student Letter; Parent Letter; Transcript

Superintendent Action: Approved Denied Deferred Initial & date: _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____



Buffalo Hide Academy
Browning Public Schools
132 2nd Ave SW
Browning, MT 59417

(406) 338-4380

1/22/24

Dear School Board,

Please consider our request to allow Makayda SkunkCap to reclassify to senior status and graduate high school this school year. Makayda is currently a Junior at Buffalo Hide with 18.25 credits. She is scheduled to finish all remaining required classes this year in all content areas to fulfill graduation requirements. As of today, those in-progress remaining requirements Makayda needs to complete are all credit recovery courses (meaning they are nearly completed!):

- .5 Credits Math Recovery
- .5 Credits Astronomy Recovery
- .5 Credits Blackfoot Studies Recovery
- .25 Credits English Recovery

Makayda has been with us since the start of her sophomore year and has demonstrated a strong work ethic, a commitment to her classwork, and a willingness to independently strive to be as healthy and as equipped for the next step in life as possible.

She plans on enrolling at BCC as soon as she's able to continue developing her academic knowledge and skills. And after receiving an associates degree in a couple years, she plans to move to a larger school in Montana to complete her Bachelor's degree. Because of her maturity and natural leadership abilities, we feel it's in her best interest to graduate a year early with the class of 2024. Her family supports and encourages this decision, as per their attached letter.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Thanks,

Charlie Speicher
Matthew Johnson

January 22nd, 2024

Hi, my name is Makayda Skunkcap, I would like to thank you for this opportunity that I have been given, I would also like to say Thank You for reading this letter and taking into consideration my request. I have done very well for myself in all my classes in the Browning Public schools despite my struggles. I have worked very hard to put myself in this position and to even be considered to have this opportunity to graduate early. Throughout my education it hasn't been easy but I have overcome such obstacles with these obstacles in my way I have never lost focus on what was most important. My personal challenges have affected me could have lead me to a direction away from my education, but I owe this motivation to my grandmother Karen who raised me from a baby until she passed away this pass September. This woman had a very big impact on my life, and her death had troubled me but I still worked for the goals I set in front of me.

This is a history to my education a why I'm given this opportunity, I have always been a student of the Browning Public Schools, in my sophomore year at Browning High School I was struggling with personal issues, these issues were getting in the way of my education. I made the decision to transfer to the Buffalo Hide Academy just because they worked with me and understood the struggles I was going through. The staff was very supportive and helped me to keep up with my education. My grandmother was in and out of the hospital for over year before she passed away so I was in and out of school throughout this time. I tried hard to keep up with everything, still attend school and with the help of the staff at the Buffalo Hide Academy I never lost my way.

I would like to keep moving forward with my education, I don't want to lose my focus and if I am approved this request I have plans on continuing my education and earning my degree. I don't want to settle for anything less, this goal is for me and my grandmother. I would like to thank you again for reading this request.

Makayda Skunkcap



P.O Box 1403

Browning, Mt. 59417

My name is Angel Tail my daughter is Makayda Skunk Cap, she is a student at Buffalo Hide Academy. I am writing this letter to request early graduation for Makayda. She has been working hard and has completed all the necessary credits required for graduation. She is also interested in pursuing her career goals and planning on starting college early.

Just like every other family, our family has faced a lot of challenges and hardships since Makayda has been in Browning Public Schools. I've seen Makayda handle the situations in her own way and she started looking for ways to escape her heartache. She started to fall behind at BHS so a counselor referred her to BHA. This was the best decision we ever made together, as a mother and daughter.

The staff at BHA is exactly what Makayda needed. They not only helped boost her self-esteem, but they taught her to encourage herself and to believe in herself. Once she realized that no matter what she faced in life, as long as she makes decisions based on wisdom and not emotions, as long as she gets up every day and keeps going, she knows everything is going to be ok.

I've watched my daughter make a lot of bad choices, but I'm so proud to be able to say, I also, watched my daughter learn from those mistakes. I'm proud to know she knows, she's the only person that can make her life what she wants. She knows she can't depend on her mom or anyone else. This is why I am confident in requesting early graduation for my daughter, Makayda Skunk Cap.

We understand that early graduation is not a common request and that it requires special consideration. We would be happy to discuss this matter further with you and provide any additional information that you may need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Angel Tail

Browning High School Transcript
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Skunkcap, Makayda
 Student Number: 62234 Grade: 11
 PO Box 2681, Browning, MT 59417
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Enrollment History

Start	End	Grade	School
08/23/2021	06/02/2022	09	Browning High School
08/29/2022	06/08/2023	10	Browning High School
08/21/2023		11	Browning High School

Transcript Statistics

Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	1.81
Class Rank	4 of 31
Percentile	87.10%

Student #: 62234

Current Grade: 11

Birthdate: 07/06/2007

**Courses Taken 2021-2022 Grade 09
 from 0543 Browning High School**

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
0004A Advisory 9A	P	1.0000	0.500
0004B Advisory 9B	F	1.0000	0.000
2011A English 9 A	C	1.0000	0.500
2011B English 9 B	F	1.0000	0.000
3542 Algebra 1 -A	C	1.0000	0.500
3543 Algebra 1 -B	F	1.0000	0.000
4015B Guitar 8	C	1.0000	0.500
4041A Choir - Mixed A	C	1.0000	0.500
4041B Choir - Mixed B	A	1.0000	0.500
5001A PE A	B	1.0000	0.500
5071B Health B	A	1.0000	0.500
6085A Earth Science A	D	1.0000	0.500
6085B Earth Science B	F	1.0000	0.000
6545A World Geography A	D	1.0000	0.500
6573B Blackfeet Language Beg.B	B	1.0000	0.500
7100A Cul. Arts/Family Cons.Sc.A	C	1.0000	0.500
Total Credits:			6.000

**Courses Taken 2022-2023 Grade 10
 from 0543 Browning High School**

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
01052 English Language Arts	D	1.0000	0.500
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01061 Mindfulness/ILC	F	0.0000	0.000
01061 Mindfulness/ILC	Pass	0.0000	0.250
01064 Blackfeet Literature and Film	D	1.0000	0.500
1566 Computer Skills	D	1.0000	0.500
*2011B English 9 B	C	1.0000	0.500
3000 Math	C	1.0000	0.500
5001 PE	A	1.0000	0.500
55167 Photography	B	0.0000	0.500
6085 Earth Science	B	1.0000	0.500
6115 Astronomy	F	1.0000	0.000
6521 Psychology	F	1.0000	0.000
6571 Blackfeet Studies	F	1.0000	0.000
6586 NA Arts & Crafts	A	1.0000	0.500
8040 General Science	D	1.0000	0.500
8050 General Social Studies	F	1.0000	0.000
8060 Buffalo Hide Academy Culture	B	1.0000	0.500
8062 Mental Health Seminar	P	1.0000	0.500
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8062 Mental Health Seminar	P	1.0000	0.500
8062 Mental Health Seminar	P	1.0000	0.500
Total Credits:			8.250

**Courses Taken 2023-2024 Grade 11
 from 0543 Browning High School**

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
01052 English Language Arts	D	1.0000	0.500
01063 Literature of a Theme	D	1.0000	0.500
3000 Math	C	1.0000	0.500
5 Writing	B	1.0000	0.500
6586 NA Arts & Crafts	C	1.0000	0.500
8050 General Social Studies	A	1.0000	0.500
8050 General Social Studies	C	1.0000	0.500
8062 Mental Health Seminar	P	1.0000	0.500
9000 TLC ILC	F	1.0000	0.000
Total Credits:			4.000

Credit Summary

Browning High School	Attempted	Earned
Elective	3.750	3.000
English	5.000	4.250
Fine Arts	3.500	3.500
Graduation Matters Advisory-Elective	1.000	0.500
Health	0.500	0.500
Math	2.000	1.500

* Repeat Courses

Transcript for Skunkcap, Makayda cont.
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<u>Browning High School</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>
Physical Education	1.000	1.000
Science	2.500	1.500
Social Studies	2.500	1.500
Technology	0.500	0.500
Vocational Education	0.500	0.500
Total	22.750	18.250
