

Early Graduation

Code #345.61

The Tri-County Area School District recognizes that in exceptional cases, a student may be eligible to seek early graduation. (For example, highly accelerated students or students who are older than their grade peers.)

Students must meet all requirements in accordance with state law and established procedures. Only those students who meet all the requirements of the Board's minimum required certifiable credits for graduation will be considered for early graduation. All requests will be considered on an individual basis.

If a student (other than members of the 12th grade class) applies for early graduation, they relinquish the right to the higher education aids board scholarship and all other locally generated scholarships available to 12th grade students. A student requesting graduation in January of their 12th grade year is considered a 12th grade student and is eligible for all scholarships.

Final approval of early graduation requests shall be made by the Board, upon the recommendation of the administration at a regular Board meeting.

All requests for early graduation must be made in writing to the Board at least one semester prior to the expected withdrawal date using the "Application Form for Early Graduation From High School" (Code #345.61 "Exhibit"). The application date for early graduation may be waived by the administration under special circumstances. A letter from the student and from the student's parents/guardians, if the student is under age 18, shall be included with the application and shall provide: reason(s) for the request, why greater benefit would be derived from leaving school early, and anticipated activity during the year or semester when the student would not be attending school.

No formal diploma will be issued or commencement exercises held in mid-year. Those January graduates, who meet district established attendance requirements for their senior year, will be permitted to return for regularly scheduled commencement activities if they so desire. Their school records will indicate completion of all graduation requirements.

Those individuals who graduate early will not be permitted to take part in any organized school activity (such as athletics, clubs, school dances, field trips, etc.), with the exception of the regularly scheduled commencement activities. They will, however, be permitted to attend school functions open to the public, like any other member of the adult community.

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Legal Reference: Section 118.33, Wisconsin Statutes
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Reference: 345.61 Exhibit, Application for Early Graduation from High School
470.01 Rule, Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board
Scholarship Criteria

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