

Graduation Requirements

The Board will establish graduation requirements for the awarding of a high school diploma, modified diploma, extended diploma, alternative diploma and alternative certificate which meet or exceed state requirements.

A student may satisfy graduation requirements in less than four years. The district will award a diploma to a student fulfilling graduation requirements in less than four years upon the student's request and, if required, if the student's parent or guardian consents.

The district will ensure that students have access to the appropriate resources to achieve a diploma, modified diploma, extended diploma, alternative diploma or alternative certificate at each high school. The district will provide age appropriate and developmentally appropriate literacy instruction to all students until graduation.

The district may not deny a student, who has the documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers, or of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievements, the opportunity to pursue a diploma with more stringent requirements than a modified diploma, extended diploma or alternative diploma for the sole reason the student has the documented history.

The district may award a modified diploma, extended diploma or alternative diploma to a student only upon the consent of the student's parent or guardian. The district shall receive the written consent during the school year in which the modified diploma, alternative diploma or the extended diploma is awarded. A student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18 at the time the modified diploma, alternative diploma or the extended diploma is awarded may sign the consent. A student shall have the opportunity to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative diploma or certificate in either four years after starting the ninth grade, or until the student reaches the age of 21, if the student is entitled to a public education until the age of 21 under state or federal law.

A student may satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative diploma or certificate in less than four years but not less than three years. In order to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative diploma or certificate in less than four years, the student's parent or guardian or a student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18 must provide written consent which clearly states the parent, guardian or student is waiving the fourth year and/or years until the student reaches the age of 21. A copy of the consent will be forwarded to the district superintendent who will annually report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the number of such consents.

Beginning in grade five or after a documented history to qualify for an extended diploma has been established, the district will annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about

the availability and requirements of a modified diploma, an extended diploma, an alternative diploma and an alternative certificate.

A student who receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative diploma or certificate will have the option of participating in a high school graduation ceremony with the student's class.

A student who receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative diploma or certificate shall have access to individually designed instructional hours, hours of transition services and hours of other services that equal at least the total number of instructional hours that are required to be provided to students who are attending a public high school, unless reduced by the individualized education program (IEP) team.

The district will award to students with disabilities a document certifying successful completion of program requirements. No document issued to students with disabilities educated in full or in part in a special education program shall indicate that the document is issued by such a program. When a student who has an IEP completes high school, the district will give the student an individualized summary of performance.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until the age of 21, even if they have earned a modified diploma, an extended diploma, an alternate diploma or certificate or completion of a General Education Development document. The continuance of services for students with disabilities for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate is contingent on the IEP team determining the student's continued eligibility and special education services are needed.

Students and their parents will be notified of graduation and diploma requirements.

The district may not deny a diploma to a student who has opted out of the Smarter Balanced or alternate Oregon Extended Assessment if the student is able to satisfy all other requirements for the diploma. Students who opt out will need to meet the Essential Skills graduation requirements using another approved assessment option.

The district will issue a high school diploma, upon request, to a person who served in the Armed Forces¹, as specified in Oregon law, if the person was discharged or released under honorable conditions and has received either a General Educational Development, a post-secondary degree or has received a minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.095](#)
[ORS 329.451](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 332.114](#)
[ORS 338.115](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.505](#)

[ORS 343.295](#)

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TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL, APPENDIX L-REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT OF ESSENTIAL SKILLS.

Cross Reference(s):

IKFA - Early Graduation

¹The policy applies to any person who:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. at any time during:
 - a. World War I;
 - b. World War II;
 - c. The Korean Conflict; or
 - d. The Vietnam War;
2. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. and was physically present in:
 - a. Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada);
 - b. Operation Just Cause (Panama);
 - c. Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Persian Gulf War);
 - d. Operation Restore Hope (Somalia);
 - e. Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); or
 - f. Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq);
3. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the U.S.