

**North Wasco County
School District 21**

Code: **IKFA**
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Orig. Code(s): The Dalles IKFA

Early and Delayed Graduation Requirements**

Early graduation means the completion of all requirements for graduation in less than 12 years.

Delayed graduation means the completion of all requirements for graduation in more than 12 years.

Increasingly diverse learning opportunities for high school students now make it possible for some students to complete graduation requirements in less than 12 years. Conversely more than 12 years of school experience may be equally desirable for some students.

Both educational and personal considerations suggest that most students should remain in the public schools through 12 years while completing graduation requirements. Premature transition to posthigh school experiences may require career skills, or academic maturity beyond that which students ordinarily possess at the end of grade 11. Enrichment experiences available within the high school during the senior year and off-campus experiences may complement school course work, fulfill graduation requirements and enhance the student's growth in the areas of vocational choice and community service. Nevertheless, early or delayed graduation may be appropriate and desirable for a limited number of students.

Implementation

Early graduation from high school may be permitted provided that:

1. The parents request early graduation in writing after personal conference with the school counselor(s) and principal;
2. There is a demonstrated educational or vocational purpose to be achieved by the early exit, or the student is over the age of compulsory education;
3. Requests and planning occur prior to expected graduation in order to permit completion of all course work credits. Requests must be submitted no later than one semester in advance.
4. The parents, student, school and other agency (college or employer) agree on the plans.

Delayed graduation may be considered to facilitate the desire and ability to demonstrate further development in breadth or depth.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.465](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

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