

Early Graduation

Students are generally expected to attend high school for four years, grades 9-10-11-12. In some cases, students may be allowed to graduate in less than the time recommended, provided that sound guidance procedures have been followed and that all requirements have been met.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF EARLY GRADUATION

The following are the requirements for early graduation from the Dubuque high schools.

1. Students may graduate from high school before they complete the traditional four years of schooling, grades 9 through 12, if they complete all the requirements for a diploma prior to the time they would “normally” graduate, and if their parents petition the principal for “early” graduation. Written approval from the parents is mandatory. This means they must have earned the established number of credits and completed all required courses for graduation. It further means that students must complete physical education ONLY for the semesters when they are in attendance.
2. Diplomas are awarded only at the conclusion of the second semester.
3. In order for a student to participate in graduation ceremonies, a student must have his/her signed application on file by the end of the semester preceding the graduation date.

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