

Mitchell School District #55

Code: IKFA
Adopted: 1/9/08

EARLY AND DELAYED GRADUATION

Definitions

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

Delayed graduation - 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 consideration suggests that most students should remain in the public schools through 12 years while completing graduation requirements. Premature transition to post high school experiences may require career skills or academic maturity beyond that which students ordinarily possess at the end of grade 11. Enrichment 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 compliment school course work, fulfill graduation requirements and enhance the student's growth in the areas of vocational choice and community service. Nevertheless, early graduation and in some instances delayed graduation is appropriate and desirable for a limited number of students.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 329.465

ORS 339.030

OAR 581-022-0102 (11)(c)

OAR 581-022-1130

OAR 581-022-1210

OAR 581-022-1350

Mitchell School District #55

Code: IKFA-AR
Adopted: 11/9/08

EARLY AND DELAYED GRADUATION PROCEDURES

Request for Graduation in Three (3) Years

1. Such a request must be made and approved before the semester break of the student's sophomore year.
2. The request must be made in writing by the parents or guardian and a conference held which will include the student, parents or guardians and the superintendent.
3. A request for early graduation will only be granted if the student plans immediate post high school education and/or training or there is extreme personal or family circumstances which merit such a decision.
4. The student requesting early graduation must be of sufficient academic stature that it is virtually assured he/she can succeed with an overloaded schedule.
5. Any student who is granted the privilege of graduation after three years will be considered a junior during the second half of their sophomore year and a senior during his/her third year.
6. Denial of a request by the superintendent may be appealed to the Board, whose decision is final.

Request for Graduation in Three and a Half (3½) Years

1. Such a request must be made and approved prior to the beginning of the Junior year.
2. The student making this request must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in academic classes.
3. The request for mid-senior year graduation will be granted only if the student has immediate educational or vocational plans.
4. Exceptional circumstances may be considered by the administration in granting the above request.
5. Denial of request by the superintendent may be appealed to the Board, whose decision is final.

Request for Delayed Graduation

Delayed graduation may be considered for the following reasons:

1. The desire and ability to demonstrate further development in breadth or depth;
2. The student has not met the minimum requirements as prescribed by the local Board;
3. To provide for re-entry following interrupted schooling.

:(continued)

Early Graduation*

Name _____ Age _____ Date _____
Address _____ Home Phone _____
Parents Name _____ Home Phone _____
Parents Address _____ Business Phone _____
Desired Graduation Date _____

Method of acceleration: i.e. correspondence, night school, college, on-site, post high school plans, credit by examination, employment.

Counselor Evaluation of Transcript
(Credits needed, requirements met, courses to be taken)

Counselor Conference Recommendation

Date _____

Parent Conference

Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Representative of Participating Agency (if appropriate)

_____ Date _____

The form for delayed graduation is the same.