

School District of Hortonville

Title: Early Release for Seniors

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Policy Statement:

The policy of the School District of Hortonville is to allow early release for seniors provided that all graduation criteria are met.

Rationale:

Students are expected to enroll in six classes one semester and seven classes the other. However, second semester seniors may not need six classes to complete graduation requirements. At time, it may be in the best interest of some second semester senior to partake in non-school based opportunities which will assist in this transition to post high school options/opportunities for a portion of the school day. Application forms for early release will be available in the high school office during the second quarter of the school year.

Scope: High School Seniors

Responsibility:

Compliance with this policy shall be the responsibility of the high school principal

Implementation:

Requirements for Early Release

Second semester seniors needing 2½ or less credits to complete graduation requirements may apply for early release (criteria established in Policy #5030.1 Graduation Requirements 2000)

Procedure

1. A completed application for early release is submitted to the high school principal no later than December 1st of the senior year.
2. Students must enroll in a minimum of five courses of instruction per week. This may include School Supervised Work Experience.
3. Students must enroll in enough courses to earn one-half credit more than the minimum for graduation.
4. Students must enroll in a minimum of one class from one of the following academic areas: English, Social Studies, Math, Science and Foreign Language.
5. The principal and guidance counselors will evaluate the application and either approve or disapprove the request. The student's plans for using the released time will be the major factor in determining approval. (Applications from students with exceptional educational needs will be reviewed by the student's IEP team.)
6. Students enrolled in the following year-long courses are encouraged to stay in the classes both semesters. These classes include: physics, accounting or other business courses, foreign language, band, choir, yearbook and AP (Advanced Placement) classes.
7. If early release is approved, students should be in school from the beginning of their first class until the end of their last class. Students are required to attend all study halls but may use open campus privilege, if earned.
8. Early release privilege may be revoked at any time and the student assigned to study halls for disciplinary reasons.

ASSOCIATED INFORMATION: Policy #5030.1 Graduation Requirements 2000

President _____ Date March 12, 2001

Clerk _____ Date March 12, 2001

