

# Hortonville Area School District

**Title:** Early Graduation

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## **Policy Statement:**

The Board of Education will grant early graduation when it appears to be in the best interest of the student and parents in accordance with the criteria noted below.

The Board of Education believes that most students can benefit from eight semesters of high school even though graduation requirements can be met in seven semesters. The entire senior year is viewed as an important period during which the student should be able to enjoy many experiences which provide opportunities for academic growth, enrichment, exploration of new areas, social growth and maturity.

The Hortonville Area School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.

## **Rationale:**

The Board of Education realizes that at times, it may be in the best interest of the students to graduate early. Early graduation may provide a range of opportunities for students beyond the regular high school curriculum. For students who have special needs or goals and who could benefit from early graduation the following policy is established.

**Scope:** High School Students

**Responsibility:** Compliance with this policy shall be the responsibility of the High School Principal.

## **Implementation:**

Students who complete all Hortonville Area School District minimum graduation credit requirements may graduate subject to the recommendation of the High School Principal *and* approval of the District Administrator before the normal graduation date has been reached. Exceptions to this policy will only be granted by the Board of Education.

1. Students are advised to see their guidance counselor before the first day of their final semester at Hortonville High School for preliminary information.
2. Application for early graduation must be initiated by the student and parent in writing on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> for one semester early or April 1<sup>st</sup> for one year early.
3. The principal of Hortonville High School will add his/her recommendation and forward the request for early graduation to the District Administrator of the Hortonville Area School District.
4. Students completing graduation requirements early will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies held at the end of the school year in which the student completes the graduation requirements.

**Associated Information:** Wisconsin State Statute 118.13

Wisconsin State Statute 118.15

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_