

EARLY GRADUATION

Generally, students will be required to complete the necessary course work and graduate from high school at the end of grade twelve. Students may graduate prior to this time if they meet the minimum graduation requirements stated in board policy.

A student who graduates early will no longer be considered a student and will become an alumnus of the school district. However, the student who graduates early may participate in commencement exercises.

Grinnell Community High School students, with consent of parent(s) or guardian(s) and the High School Principal, may graduate prior to their normal, chronologically scheduled graduation date, provided they have completed the early graduation application and satisfied all legal requirements, rules, regulations, and policies of the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District and the state of Iowa.

NOTE: This is a mandatory policy. School districts do not have the authority to limit when a student may graduate early. Students can graduate early whenever they meet the school district's graduation requirements. It is recommended that when a student graduates early, the student either gets the diploma or a notice from the school district that the student has graduated. The board should determine in policy how an early graduate will be treated after the student graduates. The board should determine whether the early graduate will be allowed to participate in activities and, if so, which activities.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 12.2, .5.

Cross Reference: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement