



## Emergency Graduation Waiver for Class of 2021

- A waiver of credits is available for students who were reasonably expected to graduate this school year and who have demonstrated post-secondary preparation.
  - Demonstrated post-secondary preparation means that the student has demonstrated skills and knowledge indicating preparation for the next steps identified in their High School and Beyond Plan and for success in postsecondary education, gainful employment, and civic engagement.
- The school must provide information to students about the potential benefits/limitations that could result from receiving the waiver.
- The waiver extends through August 31.
- Two credits may be waived, including elective and core credits.
  - Core credits are limited to one in each subject area.
  - A previous waiver states that two elective credits may be waived.
    - This is a possible 4 credits.
  - A student must have earned at least 20 credits to receive their diploma.

***If you believe your student was reasonably expected to graduate in the spring of 2021 and has demonstrated post-secondary preparation, and is now credit deficient, please contact Jodi Sheppard at (509) 874-8635 to ask for more information on the emergency graduation waiver.***

### How will credits be granted and declined?

#### **Process For Granting Waiver:**

- Each senior student's academic records will be reviewed by the school counselor.
- The student must have been reasonably expected to graduate during the 2020-21 school year and has demonstrated post-secondary preparation.
- The building will contact the individual student and the parent/guardian of the student who is eligible for the waiver providing information regarding what is being waived, potential benefits and limitations that could result from the waiver and the option for the student to decline the waiver.
  - Students who decline the waiver will be provided with the opportunity to earn the credits needed to complete graduation requirements through continued enrollment beyond the planned graduation date.

#### **Process For Declining Waiver:**

- If, after reviewing a student's academic records, the criterion are not met, the waiver will be denied.
- A panel including the counselor, educators with trauma informed instruction and culturally responsive education, special education and EL instruction advocates will review and make recommendations to the district concerning any decision to decline a waiver.

#### **Process For Appealing Declined Waiver:**

Any student who is declined shall be allowed to appeal the decision in writing. The application must be submitted to the Principal. The request should include the following:

1. Reason(s) for needing the waiver and the specific classes needing waived
2. Proof or verification that student was on track to graduate in 2021
3. Any supporting statement from parent or guardian, or student (if over 18), indicating evidence of why waiver is imperative

The Principal will consider the request; notify the school employees involved; set the conference time; conduct a review conference (if appropriate); and make a recommendation within five (5) school days after receipt of the request.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision made by the Principal, he/she may then appeal to the Superintendent in writing.

**Record Keeping:** The school will maintain records on the use of the waiver and report data to the State Board of Education on an annual basis.