

REQUEST FOR EARLY GRADUATION FORM

_____ is applying to graduate at the conclusion of the:

_____ 7th semester (end of first semester of Senior year)

_____ 6th semester (end of Junior year)

Student plans to start college in the Fall of Senior year ____Yes ____No

Student plans to apply for the *Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship* ____Yes ____No

It is the *student's responsibility* to complete the application in the spring of the junior year. For more information and the application, visit www.in.gov/sfa/

Expectations and policies for a 7 semester graduate:

- Complete the information below and obtain counselor and parent signatures.
- This form must be returned to the guidance counselor by **June 1st* of the Junior year.**
- All graduation requirements must have a planned completion by the end of the 7th semester.
- Must have a passing score on the *Algebra ISTEP* and the *English ISTEP*; OR eligible for a *Graduation Pathway*.
- Must complete at least **1 Senior requirement** during summer school *prior* to the start of senior year (English or Social Studies)
- Students will be allowed to participate in commencement and can qualify for valedictorian, salutatorian and/or Cum Laude honors.

Expectations and policies for a 6 semester graduate:

- Student must type a formal letter to the high school principal explaining the reason for the request to graduate early. The letter needs to be signed by the student and the parent.
- This form and written request must be returned to the guidance counselor by **June 1st* of the Sophomore year.**
- The counselor will submit this form and the letter to the Academic Review Committee for approval.
- After the committee has acted upon the request, the student and parents will be notified in writing of the decision.
- Must complete at least **2 Senior requirements** during summer school *prior* to the start of Junior yr (English or Social Studies).
- It is important for Juniors who are granted permission to graduate after 6 semesters to meet all Senior deadlines for ordering cap & gowns, and must also participate in commencement practice.
- Students will be allowed to participate in commencement.
- Because he/she is graduating with a different cohort from which they began, a student graduating after 6 semesters *cannot* be valedictorian or salutatorian but *may* earn Cum Laude honors if requirements are met.

Important note: Students may pursue an early graduation; however 4 years and 8 semesters are recommended, especially if college-bound. Reasons to be carefully considered may include: Accelerated entry into college; Accelerated entry into the military; Family hardship; A unique personal opportunity.

Reason(s) for request: (Students requesting to graduate after 6 semesters, must attach a letter to this form).

Student is scheduled to complete all graduation requirements by the date requested above:

_____	Counselor Signature	_____	Date
_____	Principal's Signature	_____	Date
_____	(for 6 th semester graduates)	_____	
_____	Student Signature	_____	Date
_____	Parent Signature	_____	Date

*Applications submitted after this date will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Academic Review Committee