

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: EARLY GRADUATION

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	<p style="text-align: center;">217.1. EARLY GRADUATION</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Students may graduate as much as one (1) year in advance after satisfactorily completing all of the requirements prescribed by the Department of Education and the district.</p> <p>In the event that a student has completed the necessary course work, projects, and all other requirements for high school graduation prior to that student's year or semester of scheduled graduation from high school, the student may be graduated from high school at the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the School Board.</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>Students who wish to graduate early from high school must put their request in writing to the principal. That written request must include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement requesting to graduate early. 2. Reason(s) for requesting to graduate early. 3. Signature of parent/guardian that shows support of the request. 4. Signature of student requesting to graduate early. <p>It should be noted that students who elect to graduate at the end of the first semester of their senior year may not participate in any school activities (i.e. clubs/athletics) or musical program beyond that date.</p> <p>Early graduating students may participate in the following end of the year activities: Class Trip, Senior Farewell/Picnic, June graduation ceremonies and the all night graduation party following graduation ceremonies.</p> <p>Students may choose to graduate prior to the normal commencement date for their class at one of the following times:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the end of the second semester of the junior year.
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2. At the conclusion of an approved summer school following the junior year.

3. At the end of the first semester of the senior year.

Students seeking graduation at the end of the second semester of the junior year shall observe the following requirements:

1. Complete an application by the start of the second semester of the junior year.

2. Seek approval of his/her application by a guidance counselor, the principal and the Superintendent.

3. Request presentation of the application for graduation to the Board for final approval at the regular April meeting of the Board.

Given final approval by the Board, the following conditions shall apply:

1. The applicant shall participate, if s/he chooses, in commencement exercises with the senior class of that year.

2. The applicant, insofar as the time element permits, shall become a member of the senior class of that year in determining such things as class rank, senior awards and other similar senior activities.

Students seeking graduation at the conclusion of an approved summer school following the junior year shall:

1. Complete an application by the start of the second semester of the junior year.

2. Obtain the approval of the application by a guidance counselor, the principal and the Superintendent.

3. Present the application for graduation to the Board for final approval no later than the regular April meeting.

4. Given final approval by the Board, the following conditions shall apply:

a. The applicant may receive his/her diploma in either of the following ways:

1) S/He may be awarded his/her diploma by a member of the administrative staff upon successful completion of the required courses.

2) S/He may participate in the regular commencement exercises the following spring.

- b. Once s/he has been awarded the diploma, and as time permits, the applicant shall become a member of the senior class of that year in determining such things as class rank, senior awards and other senior activities.

Students seeking graduation at the end of the first semester of the senior year shall:

1. Complete an application by the end of the second week of school in the senior year, except for those cases where a later application would not necessitate a schedule change.
2. Obtain the approval of the application for early graduation by a guidance counselor, the principal and the Superintendent.
3. Present the application to the Board for final approval not later than the regular December meeting of the Board.

Given final approval by the Board, the applicant shall remain a member of his/her normal graduating class for all purposes and shall be permitted to participate in the regular commencement exercises the following spring.

Special Considerations

1. Credits from nonapproved sources, including nonapproved summer schools, shall not be accepted for graduation purposes.
2. Students seeking graduation at the conclusion of an approved summer school following the junior year shall be expected to return to school as a regular student for the fall term if they fail to successfully complete the summer school work.