

## **5066 Early Graduation**

**General Policy.** Students most effectively obtain the skills and experience necessary to graduate from high school by completing grades 9 through 12 over the course of 4 years. Unless otherwise permitted by Board policy or other applicable law, students must finish all 4 grade levels in order to graduate.

**Requirements for Early Graduation.** In unique circumstances, the Board may waive the four-year attendance requirement for high school graduation, provided that the student has met the requirements of this policy.

Students may graduate from Platteview High School in seven semesters provided they have met the following requirements:

1. Proof that the student will meet all academic requirements necessary to graduate on or before the proposed graduation date;
2. Earned 49 units of credit.
3. A grade of D or higher must be maintained in all courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.
4. A student must have an application regarding the approval or denial of their child's application.
5. Parents will receive written notification regarding the approval or denial of their child's application.
6. Seniors wishing to change graduation plans and remain in school the second semester shall:
  - a. have a meeting with a counselor together with the parents/guardians.
  - b. sign a statement that they will comply with the attendance requirement for the second semester.
  - c. carry a minimum of 5 units.
7. In extremely rare instances, and in the best interest of the student and the school, it may occur that graduation at the end of six (6) semesters is desirable. In such cases there will be no compromise on the units required for this to occur. The principal, counselors, and student and parent or legal guardian will meet to review the individual case and the Superintendent would render a decision based on their recommendation. The decision is final and is not subject to review. The request for this extreme early graduation must be made by January 1 of the year in which they anticipate graduation

The student may submit any additional materials which support the student's efforts to graduate early. Such materials may include, but are not

required to include: letters of support from staff and community members; proof of admission in a postsecondary program; and/or any other materials which the student believes to support the student's application.

**Miscellaneous**

1. Early graduation terminates the student's relationship with the regular school program. The Nebraska School Activities Association prohibits any early graduate from competing in any interscholastic activity sponsored by the NSAA.
2. Early graduates will be considered graduates of the district at the time the Board confers such status upon them. Therefore, early graduates will no longer be considered members of the student body and will forfeit those rights and privileges accorded such students.
3. Early graduates are welcome to attend the Junior/Senior Prom.
4. Early graduates may participate in the annual spring Commencement program.
5. Early graduates become ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities which include cheerleading and drill team.

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