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**Any high school student who completes all state and district requirements for high school graduation may graduate early if the following requirements are met:**

- 1. Recommendation of a high school counselor.**
- 2. Approval by the high school principal.**

**Early graduates may participate in the regular spring commencement ceremony but will not be eligible to receive the Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards.**

**Reference: Policy 6119, "Alternate Routes to Graduation"  
Policy 6125, "Graduation Ceremony"  
Policy 6126, Graduation Policy"  
Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements"  
Procedure 6120p, "Early Graduation Procedure"**

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A student who completes all of the graduation requirements set forth by the District and the State Department of Education prior to the completion of eight semesters of school attendance in grades 9-12 may petition the State Board of Education for early graduation by submitting such a petition to the superintendent of schools through the building principal. The superintendent shall submit the petition to the Board of Trustees for Board endorsement and approval at the end of the quarter preceding the requested graduation date.

1. **Attendance:** To be eligible for early graduation, a student must complete seven semesters of school attendance and must have been in attendance at Snake River High School prior to the beginning of his/her seventh semester of attendance. During the student's seventh semester of school attendance, the student must be in school for six class hours and must pass five or more subjects during his/her seventh semester of attendance.
2. **Guidelines:** Students should notify the school of their interest to graduate early by the end of their junior year. Approval to enter the seven semester program must be subsequent to a conference of parents, student and school principal. The conference and application should be submitted to the school prior to the last day of the first quarter of the Fall semester.
3. Students who stay out of school the Fall semester and attend the Spring semester will be ineligible for athletics during the Spring semester.
4. Students graduating on the seven semester program have the average daily attendance for the first semester apply to the second semester, as well as the first, in determining the funding for the educational support program.

Participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege extended to students. Students may be denied the right to participate.