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## **Early Graduation**

The RSU 54/MSAD 54 Board of Directors believes that it is advisable for the great majority of students to complete a normal four-year sequence for high school graduation. However, the Board also recognizes that there may be instances where certain students may be able to complete graduation requirements in less than four years and benefit from alternative graduation arrangements. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to approve such alternative arrangements subject to the following guidelines:

**Timeline:** A formal written request must be made by the start of Q4 in the sophomore year. Determination will be made prior to the end of the sophomore year.

**Meeting:** Prior to approval, a meeting including student, parent, guidance, and principal will be held to discuss rationale and plan for an early graduation.

**Requirements:**

- Student must be in good academic standing with a minimum grade of 80 in all classes. The principal shall have discretion to modify individual grade expectations.
- Student must have a reasonable purpose to request early graduation including a post-secondary plan.

Early graduates are not considered seniors. For that reason they are not recognized in the senior photo section of the yearbook, are not eligible for senior privileges or recognitions, and are not involved with the senior class honors banquet.