

## EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee believes that it is advisable for all students to complete a normal four-year sequence for high school graduation. However, the Committee also recognizes the fact that there may be instances where certain students may be able to complete graduation requirements in less than four years and profit from an early graduation. When a program of study permitting early graduation meets with the approval of the student's parents, guidance counselor and high school principal, early graduation is permitted by the Committee.

A student who desires to attain early Wells High School graduation must have completed all high school graduation requirements for a diploma. In addition to such requirements, the following conditions must be met:

1. A student who feels that he/she is able to satisfy credit requirements must file a formal application, including parental approval, with the high school principal requesting permission to graduate early. Such application must be filed before the beginning of the junior year if the student expects to graduate at the end of his/her junior year, or before the beginning of the second semester of the junior year if the student expects to graduate before the end of his/her senior year.
2. For each student making application, a conference shall be held with the student, his/her parents or guardian, his/her guidance counselor, the high school principal and any teacher(s) of the student's choosing.
3. If a student is approved for early graduation at the end of his/her junior year, the student will go through the graduation ceremonies with that year's senior class. If a student is approved for graduation at any other time, the student and his/her parents should be informed that, having met all the requirements, the student will be considered as having completed the requirements, but not graduated, as of the end of the quarter when the student completes his/her requirements. In such cases, the diploma will not be awarded until the official graduation of the student's class. Once graduation requirements have been met, the student is no longer eligible to participate in extra/co-curricular activities.
4. The student who makes application and is, in all respects, prepared and qualified to fulfill graduation requirements early, but who then changes his/her mind and elects to finish the year with the class, is bound by the same regulations as are other seniors including enrollment in five (5) full-time subjects.
5. The Superintendent of Schools and the high school principal shall evaluate each request for early graduation and shall determine whether sufficient prior planning and maintenance of appropriate academic standards warrant the approval of early graduation as requested.

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