

MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: EARLY GRADUATION OPTION

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education of the Murray City School District (Board) shall provide an educational program and delivery system which allows an option for a student who completes all high school graduation requirements, or demonstrates mastery of required skills and competencies to graduate from high school early. The purpose of this policy is to outline these options and specify the standards and procedures for those options.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

At the request of the student, and with the approval of the student’s parent or guardian and an authorized local school official, any secondary school student who has completed all required courses may graduate at any time.

A student intending to graduate early shall satisfy the existing graduation requirements of the Murray City School District. Options for earning additional credit are outlined in the section titled “COURSES*” of this policy.

In consultation with a student’s parent/guardian and school counselor, each student shall indicate to his or her school principal the intent to graduate early at the beginning of the ninth grade year or as soon as possible thereafter as the intent is known.

To be eligible for early graduation, a student shall have a current student Plan for College and Career Readiness on file at the student’s high school. The Plan for College and Career Readiness shall outline the course work needed to satisfy the early graduation goal.

To be eligible for early graduation, the student shall meet all existing citizenship requirements for graduation.

GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION

Students who complete the graduation requirements by the end of the regular academic year, may participate in that year’s graduation ceremony.

Students who complete the graduation requirements any time after the end of the regular academic year, may participate in the next graduation ceremony.

Students who graduate early will receive a high school diploma and assume the status of alumni.

PARTIAL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Any student who graduates at the conclusion of the eleventh grade year or during the twelfth grade is eligible to apply for a partial tuition scholarship in the form of the Early Graduation Centennial Scholarship Certificate to be used at a Utah institution of higher education approved by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). It is the responsibility of the student and parent or guardian to investigate the transferability of the scholarship to the institution in question.

To be eligible for the scholarship the student must enroll in an eligible post-secondary institution within one calendar year of graduation.

COURSES*

District approved:

High School Classes or College/University Courses**

Regular

Early Morning

Summer

After School

Online/Electronically delivered

Technical Center/Applied Technology College

Accredited High School or College Level Correspondence/Extension Courses

*All Classes/Courses must be from fully accredited institutions approved by the Department of Education.

**Equivalence Ratio of higher education hours to high school credits: five (5) quarter or three (3) semester hours' equal point five (.5) unit of high school credit.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Students completing the requirements for Early Graduation and leaving school cannot participate in extracurricular activities (music, drama, athletics, etc.) with their senior class.