

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Declaration of Early Graduation

Date: _____ School: _____

Name of Student: _____

Plans for Early Graduation:

Students graduating early (fewer than eight [8] terms in attendance)

1. **Must return the completed Declaration of Early Graduation form by May 1 of the junior year;**
2. Must have earned at least twenty-four (24) credits by the end of the junior year;
3. Must meet all state and local graduation requirements at the end of the seventh (7th) semester;
4. Must have a minimum **unweighted** GPA of 3.5 and a minimum ACT composite of 25;
5. Must complete four (4) units of math by the end of the seventh (7th) term, including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and at least one higher math;
6. Must meet one of the following:
 - a. Be enrolled in a college or university with no deficiencies, or
 - b. Be enrolled full-time in a certificate program at a community college/technical school, or
 - c. Be accepted into a full-time Department of Labor approved apprenticeship program.
7. Must complete all class work and examinations on the regular high school schedule (NOTE: Student and parent/guardian must make arrangements with college if terms overlap.)
8. Must obtain a letter from the principal stating his/her recommendation to approve and why it is supported

Early Exit through Hardship

A student applying for an early exit due to hardship must submit a request in writing and provide documentation to a review team for approval. The review team will consist of a high school counselor, a teacher, a youth links specialist, a principal/assistant principal, and a secondary supervisor.

PROPOSED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: _____

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE: _____

I understand that it is the responsibility of the student parent/guardian to be informed about all procedures, guidelines, legal implications, etc., which might be applicable to early graduates (i.e., scholarship opportunities, insurance, custody payments, social security benefits).

I also understand that the official date of graduation will be the last day of the term in which the student meets all graduation requirements. As a graduate/alumni, the student will forfeit the right to participate in student activities (i.e. sports, prom), except as a guest of a full-time student. The student will be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies at the end of the school year, provided that he/she participates in practice activities as required by the school. (Wilson County Board of Education Policy, 4.2031)

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ANGELA ROHEN FOR FINAL APPROVAL.