

Hardship Graduation

HARDSHIP REQUESTS

Students who experience extreme health or economic hardship may apply for assistance with graduation requirements for hardship reasons. In the case of extreme hardship, the District may provide alternative methods for the student to complete District graduation requirements which may allow for early graduation. Methods may include, but are not limited to, regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, online courses, performance-based opportunities, college programs, consideration of waiver of District requirements that exceed state minimums (the District cannot waive state minimums), or credit recovery. Application should occur as early as the completion of the student's junior year in high school and no later than September 1 of their senior year. Hardship Graduates who have completed all requirements ~~will~~ may graduate at the end of the first semester of their senior year.

APPLICATION

A written request for graduation assistance for hardship reasons must be completed. Requests for graduation assistance for hardship reasons shall be reviewed by the guidance staff and presented to the Principal who shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent/designee. The Board shall then approve or reject the request based on the Superintendent's recommendation.

Valid reasons for approving such a request require written documentation and shall include:

1. Entrance into armed forces;
2. Extreme health situation;
3. Family hardship; or,
4. Other unique situations as determined by Superintendent/designee to be beneficial to the student.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students no longer enrolled in the District shall not be permitted to participate in any graduation, senior class or other school activities. Students who graduate for hardship reasons may participate in the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.

REFERENCE:

[704 KAR 003:305](#)

RELATED POLICY:

08.113

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