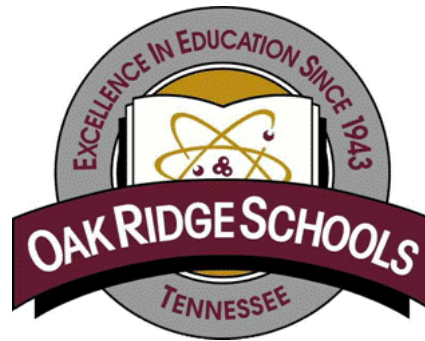


Oak Ridge Schools

Office of the Superintendent



Administrative Procedure 4.605

Early Graduation Program

A student desiring to complete an early graduation program shall indicate to the high school principal his/her intent prior to the beginning of grade nine (9) or as soon thereafter as the intent is known. The intent shall be indicated on a form provided by the Department of Education and signed by the parent/guardian.

In order to graduate early, students shall meet the following requirements:

1. Earn the required seventeen (17) credits;
 - a. English I, II, III, and IV;
 - b. Algebra I and II;
 - c. Geometry;
 - d. United States history;
 - e. Two (2) courses in the same foreign language;
 - f. One (1) course selected from the following:
 - i. Economics;
 - ii. Government;
 - iii. World civilization; or
 - iv. World geography;
 - g. One (1) course selected from the following:
 - i. History and appreciation of visual and performing arts; or
 - ii. A standards-based arts course, which may include studio art, band, chorus, dance, or other performing arts;
 - h. Health;
 - i. Physical Education;
 - j. Biology; and
 - k. Chemistry.
2. Achieve a benchmark score for each required end-of-course exam;
3. Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Meet the minimum ACT or SAT benchmark score for mathematics and English;
5. Obtain a qualifying benchmark score on a world language proficiency assessment; and
6. Complete at least two (2) types of the following courses:
 - a. AP;
 - b. IB;
 - c. Dual enrollment; or
 - d. Dual credit.

The principal will be responsible for overseeing the completion of the student's early graduation program and ensuring that all requirements are met. Monthly meetings shall be scheduled with the student to review progress of the program and to notify the student of any deficiencies.

Once the early graduation program is completed, the student shall be awarded a high school diploma.

