Sitka High School students may apply for early graduation. Applications are available in the counseling office and must be completed and returned to a high school counselor one semester prior to requested graduation date.

A. Criteria. Criteria for early graduation are:

- The student has exhausted academic opportunities and resources in Sitka, including those outside of the Sitka School District.
- The student has satisfactorily completed a strong core of math, science, social studies and world language courses.

B. Requirements

A high school faculty committee will review the application’s compliance with the following requirements:

- Student has a minimum 3.25 accumulated grade point average.
- Student has had satisfactory attendance.
- Early graduation applicants will meet all graduation requirements at the time of graduation.
- Student has parent/guardian approval for early graduation.
- Student has clearly defined future plans and a demonstrated maturity to be successful in college or a post-secondary training setting.

The superintendent, or his/her representative, may waive these requirements on individual basis; age may be a consideration along with other factors.

C. Early Graduation Approval

The high school faculty review committee will forward its recommendations to the superintendent or his/her representative for final approval.

D. Graduation Ceremonies and Diplomas

Sitka High School graduation ceremonies occur once a year in May. Anyone meeting graduation requirements during that academic year may participate in the May graduation
ceremony. Diplomas are issued in May and will state May as the graduation date. The actual date the student has completed graduation requirements will be reflected on the final transcript with a special notation.

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