

EARLY GRADUATION POLICY

The BHRSD School Committee acknowledges that most students will satisfactorily complete the requirements for graduation as set forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District in the traditional four years, while other students may satisfactorily complete the requirements in three or five years. Therefore, the BHRSD School Committee will accept modification to the traditional four-year high school attendance requisite for high school graduation provided the student has satisfactorily met all standards and expectations.

Students planning to graduate early must notify the Principal by December 1 of their junior year.

In order to graduate early, a student must complete six (6) semesters or three years of high school attendance and have successfully completed the terms of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Graduation Requirements.

The following procedures must be followed when a student requests early graduation:

1. It is recommended that students indicate their intention to graduate early to a counselor any time during their sophomore year, but must do so before the deadline of December 1 of their junior year.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 80 is recommended to apply for early graduation.
3. The student must have met the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAS) requirement
3. The student and parents/guardians will set up a conference with the counselor to complete the following:
 - a. Academic credit check.
 - b. Document reasons for early graduation that align with post-high school plans.
 - c. Set up a tentative final schedule.
 - d. Give parental/guardian permission form for early graduation, which must be completed before February 1 of their Junior year. This form is returned to the Principal.
 - e. Instruct student to have parent/guardian and student request conference with counselor, Principal, student and parent/guardian after the permission form is completed.
4. A conference with the Principal is mandatory. The Principal will approve or disapprove the student's request for early graduation. If the student disagrees with the recommendation of the Principal, the request may be appealed to the superintendent.

Early Graduation Request Form

To the Principal of Monument Mountain Regional High School:

Regarding the early graduation of _____,
we, the parent/guardian of the student named above, have discussed the pros
and cons of early graduation from Monument Mountain Regional High School.
We request that our student named above be allowed to graduate early, upon
completion of all requirements.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, hereby request the privilege of
graduating from Monument Mountain Regional High School after three years of
attendance. I assume full responsibility for meeting all the requirements and
deadlines. My parent/guardian approves my plan and will set up a conference
with the high school Principal.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: A conference including the student, parent/guardian, counselor and high
school Principal is mandatory. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to
contact the Principal to schedule this conference.

The Principal will approve or disapprove the request. If the student disagrees
with the recommendation of the Principal, the request may be appealed to the
superintendent.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PLACED IN THE STUDENT'S PERMANENT FILE