

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CORNELL
EARLY GRADUATION POLICY**

In exceptional cases, a student may be allowed to graduate in three and one-half years if a satisfactory program can be worked out with the student, parents of the student, guidance counselor, and School Administrator.

1. Graduation requirements for grades 9-12 are 26 credits.
Included in these credits are : four (4) credits in English; three (3) credits in science; three (3) credits in social studies (one (1.0) credit of World Studies ,one (1.0) credit of US History II, one half (.5) credit of American Government); Passing grade on the Wisconsin State Civics test; three (3 credits) in mathematics; one and one half (1 ½) credit in physical education; one-half (1/2) credit in health.
2. In addition to meeting the credit requirements, students shall also be required to be in attendance eight semesters, except as otherwise provided.
3. In exceptional cases, a student may apply for early graduation. Students who wish to complete their high school education in less than eight semesters may receive permission to graduate early. Request to graduate early shall be acted on by the High School Principal and shall be approved on a case-by case basis.
4. Students graduating early shall receive their diploma at the end of the school year in which they complete district graduation requirements.
5. The student must complete the following:
 - A. File a request, including specific reason, for early graduation prior to the end of the 11th grade year.
 - B. The parents of the student must also file permission for early graduation.
 - C. A conference involving the student, parent, counselor, and principal will be held.
 - D. All of these requests and signatures must be filed with the high school principal.
6. The board will review all requests and you may be called to a Board meeting to justify your request.
7. The student may only graduate one semester early (2 terms).
8. All early graduates must successfully meet all of the school's requirements in English, social studies, mathematics, science, health, and physical education.
9. Only one commencement will be held each year and those fulfilling requirements early will be eligible to participate in the year-end commencement. In being granted this early graduation, the student also agrees to accept the following conditions:
 - A. If the student is placed on detention, he/she will serve on the nights assigned without argument.
 - B. Those individuals who graduate in January will not be permitted to take part in any organized school activity (such as athletics, field trips, youth options, etc.), with the exception of the graduation activities (class trip, Honor's banquet, lock-in etc.).

**School District of Cornell
Early Graduation Request Form**

It is understood that if any of these conditions are voided the early graduation will be terminated and the student will be required to spend the entire school year in regular attendance.

I _____ request the opportunity to graduate
Print student's name
from Cornell High school at an earlier date.

Specific reason for requesting earlier graduation:

Student signature

Date

Dear Parents:

This policy is not being advocated by the School Board or Administration. It only sets up some guidelines to follow for those students who wish to be considered for possible early graduation.

It is the feeling of the Board of Education and Administration that high school is and should be a full four year experience. Our Cornell high School has a variety of course offerings that student's may select. We feel our course offerings will help a student be academically challenged for a full four years of high school.

Please acknowledge this form by signing it and return it, giving your parental permission for your student to apply for early graduation.

Parent signature

Date