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## EARLY GRADUATION/ADMISSION PROGRAMS

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The Bangor School Committee believes that it is advisable for the great majority of students to complete a normal four-year sequence for high school graduation. However, the Committee also recognizes that there may be instances where certain students may be able to complete graduation requirements in less than four years and benefit from alternative graduation arrangements. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to approve such alternative arrangements subject to the following guidelines.

### SIX SEMESTER COMPLETION

In unusual circumstances a student may graduate upon the completion of six semesters of high school. The student must be enrolled at Bangor High School at the time of completing the sixth semester.

Students requesting graduation on the basis of six semesters of high school must comply with the following procedures:

1. The student and parent/guardian must make application for early graduation by the end of the fourth semester of high school on forms provided by Bangor High School.
2. The student will have to successfully complete Bangor High School's graduation requirements by the end of the sixth semester of high school.
3. The student, in narrative form, must explain the request in terms of short and long term objectives.
4. The student's request will be evaluated by the Bangor High School Principal following a recommendation from the Early Graduation Committee.

The Early Graduation Committee shall be composed of the student's guidance counselor and five other faculty members representative of various curriculum areas, one of which must be a current Department Head. The Early Graduation Committee shall recommend: (1) whether or not the student's plans provide for satisfactory fulfillment of Bangor High School's graduation requirements by the end of the sixth semester of high school and (2) whether or not the student's plans following graduation are reasonably definitive and confirmed by evidence of application to a post secondary institution or a letter from a prospective employer confirming the student's potential full-time employment.

The Early Graduation Committee shall recommend to the Principal the approval or denial of the request for early graduation. The Principal will consider the recommendation and make a determination of approval or denial. The Principal shall advise the student in writing of the approval or denial of the request and shall inform the Superintendent.

In the event the Principal denies the request, the student and/or parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Assistant Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent will review the decision, advise the student and parent/guardian in writing of the decision to affirm or not affirm the decision, and inform the Superintendent. If the decision is affirmed and the request for early graduation remains denied, the student or parent/guardian may appeal to the Superintendent, who will make a final decision regarding the request for early graduation.

Any plan for early graduation approved by the Superintendent shall be conditional upon the student's



satisfactory continued participation in and completion of the Bangor High School course of studies, including meeting all graduation requirements, by the end of the sixth semester of high school.

#### EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAMS

Students at Bangor High School may participate in Early Admission Programs after the successful completion of six (6) semesters of high school studies and receive a Bangor High School diploma upon successful completion of the freshman year at an accredited college or university.

Students requesting to participate in an Early Admission Program must comply with the following procedures:

1. The student must develop a plan with the student's guidance counselor and parents and submit such a plan prior to the beginning of the fifth semester of high school.
2. The student must complete all of the courses required for the Bangor High School diploma except Senior English and not more than ½ credit of Mathematics.
3. A student electing an Early Admission Program may transfer college credits, including English and a course in Mathematics, to Bangor High School and a Bangor High School diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of the freshman year at an accredited college or university. Students may participate in the graduation exercises for her or his graduation cohort but shall not be eligible for scholarships or awards from Bangor High School.

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