



RISE CHARTER SCHOOL

Policy 2710: Early Graduation

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A student who completes all of the graduation requirements set forth in Policy 2700 to the completion of eight semesters of school attendance in grades 9 through 12 may petition the Executive Director and Board for early graduation by submitting such a petition to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall submit the petition to the Board for endorsement and approval at the end of the quarter preceding the requested graduation date.

Early Achievement of College/Career Readiness and Flexible Schedule

A student may, at the student's option and upon notification to RISE Charter School, be relieved from completing their remaining high school graduation requirements and apply for a flexible schedule or graduate early if the student:

1. Is at least 16 years of age;
2. Maintains a cumulative 3.5 grade point average;
3. Obtains permission from a parent/guardian, if under the age of 18;
4. Files the following with school:
 - a. Notification of their intent to graduate early;
 - b. The student's participation portfolio defined in Idaho Code 33-6101 consisting of a description of a student's nonacademic and cocurricular activities including, but not limited to, student government, sports, music ensembles, theater, clubs, organizations, work, internships, and volunteering. A participation portfolio should also include any leadership positions a student holds in nonacademic activities; and

- c. An essay of at least one page explaining why the student wishes to graduate early must include their future plans;

6. Completes the following:

- a. The required civics test;
- b. The economics credit, government credits, and senior project required to graduate. A student's senior project may describe the student's experience in achieving a college and career readiness score and a detailed explanation of the student's future plan.

A student who completes all graduation requirements set forth by RISE Charter School and the State Department of Education before finishing eight semesters of high school may petition for early graduation by submitting an "Early Graduation Application Form" (Policy 2710F) to the Executive Director through the building principal. The Executive Director will then submit the application to the Board for approval at the end of the semester, preceding the requested graduation date. Senior students who expect to complete all required credits may also request mid-term graduation during their senior year by submitting the same application form at least 30 days before their intended graduation date to allow time for Board review. Students approved for mid-term graduation may participate in all graduation activities and will receive their diploma with their class.

The Executive Director is authorized to create any procedures necessary to assist students in achieving early graduation or flexible schedules as well as create incentives for participation in any early graduation program. Existing programs providing incentives to complete coursework early are described in Policy 2435 Advanced Opportunities.

Legal References	Description
IC § 33-1614	Financial Literacy
IC § 33-4601	Advanced Opportunities - Definitions
IC § 33-6101 et seq.	Opportunities for College and Career Ready Students
IDAPA 08.02.01.250.02	Required Attendance
IDAPA 08.02.01.350	Early Graduation
IDAPA 08.02.03.105	High School Graduation Requirements
Other References	Description
ISBA Policy Services	https://www.idsba.org/member-services/policy/

Cross References

Code	Description
2435	<u>Advanced Opportunities</u>
2435-F(1)	<u>Advanced Opportunities - Participation Form</u>
2440	<u>Online Courses and Alternative Credit Options</u>
2460	<u>Extended Learning Opportunities</u>
2610	<u>Advancement Requirements (9 through 12)</u>
2705	<u>Military Compact Waiver</u>
2710	<u>High School Graduation Requirements</u>

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