

## OPTIONAL EARLY GRADUATION

The 1989 Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 27 requiring “the state board to implement standards to enable students to graduate at the conclusion of the eleventh grade” (53A-15-101 Utah Code Annotated). In September of 1989, the State Office of Education issued “Rules for Implementation of Optional Eleventh Grade Graduation” (R700-703). The Logan School District’s early graduation plan is based on these standards.

1. Students desiring to graduate at the conclusion of the eleventh grade or after should indicate their intent beginning in the ninth grade in an SEP conference or as soon thereafter as the intent is known. School authorities may require an SEP review during the initial eleventh grade registration.
2. Each student must complete the courses and credit required by the Utah State Board of Education and the Logan Board of Education to be eligible for early graduation from high school.
3. A formal letter requesting early graduation must be submitted to the principal or designee prior to the beginning of the third trimester of the junior year. The letter must be signed by the student, parents, and a Logan High School counselor. The letter should include a statement regarding the student’s future intentions following early graduation and a plan by which the student intends to meet all of the regular graduation requirements.
4. Additional credit for early graduation may be earned in any of the following ways. Prior approval may be required.
  - a. Successful completion of a course.
  - b. Demonstrated proficiency via assessment as assessment tools become available.
  - c. Demonstrated mastery of approved courses outside of the school day or year.
  - d. Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment course that has been approved by a post-secondary training institution.
  - e. Successful completion of an Advanced Placement course.
  - f. Demonstrated mastery of approved correspondence or extension courses.
  - g. Demonstrated mastery in a special experimental program upon application by the Logan Board of Education to the Utah State Board of Education (R300-703-3 Rules for Implementation of Optional Eleventh Grade Graduation).

5. Under provisions of Standard R300-703-5, the building principal has the authority to waive graduation requirements relating to semesters in membership for students who have met all other graduation requirements.
6. Students who graduate from high school at the conclusion of the eleventh grade, and who qualify, shall receive a partial tuition scholarship to be used at a Utah public college, university, community college, area vocational center, or any other institution in Utah accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges that offers post-secondary courses. The post-secondary institution may submit a warrant request quarterly or half-yearly to the Utah State Office of Education beginning with the fall quarter or semester following the student's high school graduation to seek scholarship reimbursement from the Utah State Office of Education. The institution's request shall include each student's name and the high school from which he graduated. Upon verification that the student has graduated from high school and has registered at a Utah institution of higher education accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the Utah State Office of Education will pay the institution a scholarship reimbursement in an amount equal to one-third (if the institution uses the quarter system) or one-half (for the semester system) of .25 of the value of each verified WPU set for the year in which payment is made. (R300-703-6 Rules for Implementation of Optional Eleventh Grade Graduation).

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