

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST FORM

This form must be completed by the end of September in the first semester of your senior year and submitted to your Counselor to be considered for early graduation.

STEP 1: Meet with your Counselor to:

- Review credits and graduation requirements
- Establish tentative schedule for 7th semester.
- Discuss future plans
- Write essay detailing reasons for early graduation. Essay should be at least five paragraphs in MLA format and reviewed by an OHS English teacher prior to submission.
- Return completed form and essay to your counselor.

STEP 2: Counselor will forward your request to the Principal to review.

STEP 3: Principal will submit your request to the Superintendent for consideration by the OCUSD Board of Education.

I, Gabriel Crook, am requesting to graduate at the end of my 7th semester of high school.

- I understand that this request will be considered by the review committee for approval or not.
- I understand that by graduating early, I may not have all the necessary skills to be successful in the academic world or workplace.
- I understand that there are certain academic requirements that I must meet to be considered for early graduation.
- I understand I must pass 3 credits in the following courses to fulfill my academic requirements:

English – 1 credit
Health - .5 credit
Electives – 1.5 credits

- I understand that after early graduation, I will not be allowed to participate in any athletics or extracurricular clubs/organizations as a member.
- I understand that to attend school sponsored activities, such as prom, I must have approval from the Principal.
- I understand that I will be considered a visitor when in the school building and must register in the main office.
- I understand I must have parental permission to graduate early.
- I understand that I will be allowed to participate in the OHS graduation ceremony (highly encouraged).

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Student Signature

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Principal Signature

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Parent(s) Signature

Superintendent Signature

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Counselor Signature

OCUSD Board of Education President Signature

Gabe Crook

27 September 2018

Early Graduation Essay

Hello. The end of my high school career is just about here, but I believe that my time could be spent on much more important things at the moment. There's a lot to do after high school, so I don't want to be here for much longer than I need to, especially when I could be working already, or going to college right after this. Graduating early would allow me to get a head start on my plans to pursue a career in the medical industry by starting to attend Sauk full time with the possibility of getting financial aid, and that's not an opportunity I am willing to give up on.

One of the first reasons that I would like to bring up is how time is something that nobody in the world can ever really get back. Spending seven hours a day at school instead of spending that time working and earning money that I could be putting towards my college fund doesn't seem like the best plan to me. Of course, college isn't something I can pay for with minimum wage, but that's not an excuse for me not to at least try and help with the costs of it by working part time or full time. If I am no longer required to spend most of my day at school, the amount of time that's freed up for me to work is too big of an important detail to ignore, and it will definitely contribute to my life in a beneficial way in the future.

Another reason to graduate early that I find to be even more helpful to me than the first is the opportunity to go to a community college early. This would allow me to get my general requirements out of the way sooner than most would be able to, which would then let me take the classes I find truly interesting early as well. As I've stated earlier, time is something I can never

get back, so moving half a school year ahead would certainly be a much appreciated leap on my path to academic success.

The career path I plan on following once my general requirements are out of the way isn't exactly the easiest or shortest. My goal is to work towards becoming a doctor, and the training required for that field of work is one of the most mentally taxing, taking up much of a person's time in just the classes alone, not to mention the practice needed. Although half a school year may seem like it isn't very much compared to the amount of time one may spend in medical school, I would be a fool if I didn't take every opportunity I could to get to work on these studies. Getting out of high school quickly isn't something I'm willing to ignore.

It is for these reasons that I believe that an early graduation would be incredibly useful for me to get started on my higher education sooner, which would assist me immediately after high school, and in turn, in the rest of my future life. I truly appreciate those reading this for considering my request, and I will continue to do whatever I can to succeed in my studies and to succeed in life.

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- Discuss future plans
- Write one page letter outlining reasons for early graduation
- Return completed form and essay to your counselor.

STEP 2: Counselor will forward your request to the Principal to review.

STEP 3: Principal will submit your request to the Superintendent for consideration by the OCUSD Board of Education.

I, KATLYN REBER, am requesting to graduate at the end of my 7th semester of high school.

- I understand that this request will be considered by the review committee for approval or not.
- I understand that by graduating early, I may not have all the necessary skills to be successful in the academic world or workplace.
- I understand that there are certain academic requirements that I must meet to be considered for early graduation.
- I understand I must pass 4 credits in the following courses to fulfill my academic requirements:
 - 1 credit English
 - 1 credit Science
 - .5 credit of PE
 - 1.5 credits of Electives
- I understand that after early graduation, I will not be allowed to participate in any athletics or extracurricular clubs/organizations as a member.
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- I understand that I will be allowed to participate in the OHS graduation ceremony (highly encouraged).

Katlyn Reber
Student Signature

Heidi Deininger
Principal Signature

Doug Reber
Parent(s) Signature

Superintendent Signature

Jim Trapp
Counselor Signature

OCUSD Board of Education President Signature

September 13th, 2018

Subject: Early Graduation

To whom it may concern,

With having all of the required credits for early High School Graduation, I would like to formally apply to graduate in December of 2018. With this opportunity, I would be getting a head start on furthering my education at the collegiate level.

This summer I completed Analytical Geometry and Calculus I in which I received five credit hours. I am currently taking General Physics and General Chemistry along with English 103 in an online format. These classes, once successfully completed, will equal a total of twelve credit hours. These classes require a substantial amount of time outside of the classroom which entails homework and preparing for lecture for the upcoming days. My ultimate dream is to become a Pharmacist. To help achieve my dream, I'm going to add additional classes to my schedule in the Spring Semester. Such classes would include a Pharmacy Tech Program and General Education Courses. After speaking with potential College Advisors, these classes would help achieve this goal faster and could potentially alleviate future college expenses.

To most students, their Senior year is the time to take the easy route. Being accepted into the EMSA program at Kishwaukee Community College has pushed me to work harder than my average Senior peer. The EMSA program allows me to take classes geared towards my future major, Chemistry. That being said, having these college credits under my belt sets me apart from the rest.

Overall, the extra time off of high school would give me the ability to apply myself entirely.

I would be able to attend more perplexing courses, work to save up for college expenses and focus on the final goal of becoming a successful Scholar. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Katlyn E. Reber