

Section 600 – Instruction

Academic Achievement

Graduation Requirements – Early Graduation

File: 611.07

Graduation from Holt County School District No. 7 will be made on the recommendations of the principal and superintendent of schools, provided the student has attended an accredited or approved high school (grades 10-12), for a minimum of two years with the final semester's credit being earned in this school district and passed all the required subjects. Any exceptions to this policy must be brought before the board of education for special consideration.

The following credits are required for graduation beginning with the freshman class of 2010-11:

Regular High School Course Requirements		Credits
Computer Applications		5
Physical Education		10
Mathematics		30
Science		30
Social Science		30
Which must include:		
World History	10	
19 th Century US History	10	
20 th Century US History/Am Gov't	10	
English		45
Which must include: Speech		5
Electives		95
Activity		5
Total Credits Needed for Graduation		250

A student who wishes to graduate early must meet all graduation requirements applicable to their school program, and shall file a written request, which includes written parental approval, with school officials. The student will meet with the superintendent of school and the secondary principal to discuss his or her reasons for requesting to graduate early, the advantages and disadvantages, and the school's policies affecting early graduation. (The parents or a guardian are encouraged to attend this meeting.) At the discretion of school administration, students aged 18 or older may not be required to obtain parental permission for early graduation.

If all graduation requirements have been met, the superintendent will forward the student's written request and if appropriate the parental approval to the board of education for the board's approval.

A student who graduates early from the Regular High School Program will be given his or her diploma at the January meeting of the board of education and will not participate in any further school activities, including the prom (unless attending as a date of a currently enrolled student eligible to attend prom) or commencement exercise held for his or her classmates.

Section 600 – Instruction
 Academic Achievement
Graduation Requirements – Early Graduation

File: 611.07

Alternative Education Program Course Requirements		Credits
Computer Applications		5
Physical Education		10
Mathematics		30
Science		30
Social Science		30
Which must include:		
World History	10	
19 th Century US History	10	
20 th Century US History/Am Gov't	10	
English		45
Which must include: Speech		5
Electives		60
Total Credits Needed for Graduation		210

A student attending the Alternative Education Program may discontinue attendance upon completion of all required credits for graduation, unless they want to participate in commencement exercises with their class. In that case, they must continue attendance at the Alternative Education Program until the commencement exercises. Those not wanting to go through commencement exercises with their class will be issued their diploma at the January or May meeting of the board of education and will not participate in any further school activities, including but not limited to, the prom or commencement exercise held for his or her classmates.