

1 **Bigfork School District #38**

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Early Graduation

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7 Students who demonstrate a high degree of ability, maturity, responsibility and who have either a medical
8 or financial need or immediate post-high school educational plans may be considered for early
9 graduation. All applicants for early graduation must meet the following requirements:

- 10 -Complete all graduation requirements of School District #38 (See Policy 2410, 2410P)
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12 -Apply for early graduation by the last day of the first semester of junior year
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14 -Students seeking to graduate in six semesters must apply for early graduation by the last day of
15 the first semester of their Freshman year
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17 -Successfully complete six semesters of high school
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19 -Provide documentation of post-high school educational plans
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21 -Arrange to complete ½ credit of senior English and ½ credit of senior American Government
22 through Bigfork High School or an accredited correspondence program (must be approved by the
23 high school principal prior to enrollment)
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25 -Agree to forfeit all participation eligibility in MHSA sponsored activities & sports after sixth
26 semester.
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29 The student seeking early graduation must first discuss his/her plans with the school counselor. The
30 counselor will meet with the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian to fill out a *PETITION FOR*
31 *EARLY GRADUATION*. The completed form with student and parent (or guardian) signatures and the
32 counselor's recommendation will be submitted to the principal.

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34 The high school principal upon receiving the petition will form a committee of at least two of the
35 student's current teachers who have had the student in class within the last semester. This committee will
36 meet with the student and his parent(s) or guardian. The student will review post-high school plans with
37 the committee. Following the meeting the committee will recommend or deny the petition.

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39 Graduation diplomas will only be awarded at the Spring graduation ceremony.

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41 Denials may be appealed to the Superintendent.

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43 Procedure History:

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