

Items to Consider...

All students are unique, so as you think about Early Graduation, there are many factors which may affect your decision.

- Has your child met the benchmarks on state or school assessments?
- Is your child emotionally mature enough to work independently?
- Is your child socially mature and able to participate in classes with older students?
- Does your child have clear academic and/or career goals in mind?
- Does your child want to stay in high school to complete four years of activities, sports, or competitions?
- Would your child benefit from taking advanced level AP or dual credit courses to gain college credit while remaining in high school?
- Are you ready financially to send a student to college early?
- Are there scholarships, academic opportunities or events in high school that the student would benefit from by staying four years?
- Does your child have a Career & Technical Education (CTE) track that they can add onto their college readiness by staying four years?
- Does early graduation adequately prepare your child for his/her academic plan?
- Is your child willing to forego participation in athletic activities, or other activities such as prom, banquets, award ceremonies, trips, competitions, and recognitions?
- Will your child be eligible for scholarships?

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**Breckinridge
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**Early
Graduation
Option**



**BCHS:
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Early Graduation Option

What is the Early Graduation Option?

The Early Graduation Option is intended to target students who have shown high achievement and express their intention to move on an accelerated timeline through high school and graduated college ready in three academic years or less.

What are the requirements of the Early Graduation Option?

Students choosing to participate must:

- Meet state and district graduation credit requirements.
- Meet all requirements in three years or less.
- Meet the counsel of Post-Secondary Education (CPE) defined college readiness benchmarks on college readiness exam. Current benchmarks for the ACT (English-18; Reading- 20; Mathematics- 19).
- Declare an intent to graduate by September 15th.

What are the incentives for students who choose the Early Graduation Option?

- Students who are eligible for the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program and graduate from a Kentucky high school in three years may be eligible for a KEES award equivalent to four years of high school, based on the average of GPA awards.
- Students shall earn an Early Graduation Certificate and be eligible for a one-time scholarship award to be paid directly to a SACS accredited Kentucky college or university. The award shall be equal to one-half of the state portion of the average statewide per pupil guarantee for one year.
- Students can enroll in a Kentucky two or four year public or non-profit college at least a year early if they must meet the requirements of that institution.

Who decides if a student is eligible to participate?

- An early graduation committee will be established at the middle and high schools.
- The committee must be in an agreement before a student can enter the program.

How does a student apply for the program?

- Any student interested in the Early Graduation Option must complete a letter of intent by September 15th.
- Any student considering the Early Graduation option is advised to speak with a counselor or principal to discuss options of Early Graduation.