

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Participation in commencement exercises is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. Successful completion of all graduation requirements.
2. Students who have completed less than 48 semester credits at the end of the fall semester of their senior year will receive notice from the Board of Education of the requirements that must be met in order to participate.
3. Graduation exercises will be held only at the end of the spring semester. All students receiving a diploma from Humboldt High School may participate in commencement exercises, with diplomas being issued at that time.
4. Students transferring credit or wishing to substitute credits earned through sources other than the local school program may petition the local administrative staff for approval.
5. Appropriate credit will be awarded for successful completion of the requirements for each semester.
6. The student's participation in the graduation ceremony is contingent on their successful participation in the graduation rehearsal.

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

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### EARLY GRADUATION OPTIONS:

Students may leave school at the completion of the first semester of their senior year after having met the graduation requirements. They will participate in the commencement ceremonies if the following requirements are met:

1. Must notify the high school principal and have an application in for approval prior to the start of the final semester.
2. They are eligible to participate in prom and the commencement ceremonies but forfeit their privileges to participate in extra-curricular activities during the last semester prior to commencement ceremonies.
3. Students will not receive their official class rank until the end of what would have been their final semester.
4. The student is responsible for keeping in touch with the high school principal's office to facilitate graduation plans.

Students desiring to graduate after completion of three successful years of attendance (9,10,11) must meet the following conditions:

1. A student may request senior status second semester of their junior year if enrolled in the courses which will complete all graduation requirements.
2. The request will be made of the high school principal prior to the beginning of the student's junior year.
3. No early dismissal will be granted during the "Senior Status" semester.
4. The student will take semester exams at the same time as the senior class and may participate in commencement exercises.
5. An Early Graduation Application will be presented to the principal prior to the start of their final semester.

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually.

Prior to graduation, the district will advise students on how to successfully complete the free application for federal student aid.

Beginning with the class of 2022, graduation requirements for special education students will include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies and three years of science.

Student who complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general assembly at the state capitol will be credited ½ credit of social studies.

Student enrolled in a junior officers' training corp will receive 1/8th physical education credit for each semester the student is enrolled in the program.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code SS 256.7, .11, .41, 279.8; 280.3, .14  
281 I.A.C. 12, .3(5); 12.(5).

Cross Reference: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement  
603.3 Special Education