

Early Admission to Institutions of Higher Learning

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I. General Policy Statement

The Board recognizes that early admission to institutions of higher learning may be appropriate. At the same time, the Board believes that the integrity of its programs must stand independent of the programs of other institutions. It is the philosophy of the Board that diplomas are awarded only upon meeting the stated requirements for graduation.

II. Regulations

A. Early Admission

1. Students may enter four-year institutions prior to completion of graduation requirements, provided they have been accepted by the particular institution.
2. Students who are full-time and successfully complete post high school course work for one full year and who meet the North Carolina State and Haywood County Board of Education requirements through completion of equivalent courses will be awarded a diploma. Transcripts will be presented to the high school principal for approval. The student will then have the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies if he or she desires.
3. These students are not eligible for competitive awards or honors normally bestowed by the high school on graduating seniors.

B. Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Learning

1. A student who is eighteen years of age or older may enroll at an institution of higher learning at any time. Courses taken shall not be accepted as credits required for high school graduation with the exception of Section II(A)(2), of this policy.
2. Junior and senior students in high school who are under age 18 may, with the approval of the principal and the superintendent, take courses at institutions of higher learning after school hours on an interest basis. Credit earned will not apply to high school graduation requirements.

C. Dual Enrollment

1. Students who are enrolled in a Huskins course sponsored by Haywood Community College will receive credit from both institutions if they receive a grade of "D" or higher. Students enrolled in classes for half a day at their high school and at Haywood Community College will receive credit from both institutions if they successfully complete the course(s) with a grade of "D" or higher.