

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation

1. Early Graduation - Students with six completed semesters of attendance, may be graduated if the following criteria are met:
 - o Parent’s written permission is obtained.
 - o A letter of intention is submitted one semester prior to completion of requirements for graduation.
 - o Administrative approval of the high school principal is obtained.
 - o All graduation requirements for a high school diploma have been completed.

Students who graduate early should be involved in an activity such as:

- o The student has been accepted by an institution offering advanced educational or vocational training.
- o The student can show proof of fulltime and continuous employment.
- o The student can provide evidence of engaging in an acceptable alternative program of education (world tour, etc.)

2. Course Load Requirements - A full load of classes is defined as enrollment in 4 credit-bearing classes.
3. Correspondence Courses and/or University of Alaska Courses for credit which have prior approval of the high school principal may be taken for credit toward graduation.
4. Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 20 will be determined by Grade Point Average. Students who graduate with an adjusted curriculum (i.e., take courses determined by a Child Study Team (CST) or Individual Educational Plan (IEP) shall not be eligible for these academic awards.
5. Work Experience/Community Service – One hundred hours of work experience, community service, or a combination of the two is needed for graduation. These can be obtained all at once in the same year or spread out over a four year period. Students who enter high school from outside of the district will need to perform twenty-five hours of Work Experience/Community Service for each year they attend secondary school in Ketchikan in order to receive a diploma (e.g. a student entering the District in their senior year would only have 25 hours, junior year 50 hours, etc.)

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6. Work Keys – Beginning with the class of 2020, all Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District students must take the Work Keys or ACT or SAT assessment to be eligible for graduation.

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