

BJHS EARLY COMPLETION

GRADUATING ONE YEAR EARLY



OVERVIEW

Students and their families may elect to complete high school requirements a full academic year early, thereby accelerating their graduation date to the end of the student's third year of high school.

REQUIREMENTS

COUNSELOR NOTIFICATION

Students electing to graduate at the end of their third year must notify their counselor by completing and submitting an [Early or Midyear Completion Form](#) by the end of 10th grade.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Early graduates must meet all [graduation requirements](#) set forth by Madison City Schools, including earning 26.0 credits, completing all necessary course requirements, and obtaining a [College & Career Readiness Indicator \(CCRI\)](#).

SCHEDULING

- It is ultimately the student's responsibility to ensure that he/she is taking the appropriate courses to qualify for early completion within three years.
- School counselors will assist students/families considering early completion in the development and scheduling of their graduation plan
- To attain 26.0 credits, it may be necessary for students to take additional courses in either summer school or in virtual classes concurrent to their in-person classload during the school year. Because three full years of coursework typically yields 24.0 credits (8.0 credits per year X three years = 24.0), early completers may be required to take up to 2.0 credits outside of the traditional school day through summer school or virtual classes.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Early completers will remain 11th graders throughout their final year of high school and will be required to take the ACT exam at school with their original cohort
- Early completers wishing to attend a 4-year college or university should strongly consider taking an ACT exam during their 10th grade year (sign up at [ACT.org](#))
- During their final year of high school, early completers can remain informed about senior-specific items (senior events, trips, graduation practice/tickets, etc.) by visiting the [Senior Information webpage](#) on the BJHS website
- To be included in the yearbook, early completers must have their formal senior portrait taken at Greg Machen Photography Studio (256) 461-0827 gregmachenphotography@gmail.com

Questions regarding Early Completion should be directed to the students' BJHS counselor