

Mountain Heritage High School ***Early Graduation Requirements***

In order to graduate early, students would have to have earned enough credits to graduate after seven semesters. Students who graduate early would not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. To meet the requirements, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. A senior must be on track to graduate or be eligible for early graduation option. If a student has failed a course, it must have been made up either with a dual-enrollment credit(s) and/or they may make up one credit as a senior by going to Yancey Evening School for 30 days to take a Senior Make-up Elective.
2. He or she must submit an early graduation request form to the counselor or principal prior to or during registration for classes for the upcoming senior year. An administrative committee consisting of the one or more of the following will review each request: high school principal, assistant principal and school counselor.
3. The form must be signed by the student and her/his parent/guardian.
4. The student must meet all graduation requirements set by the Board of Education for the class with which student graduates.
5. The student must pass all required classes by the end of the first semester of the senior year.
6. All fees must be paid in full (cafeteria, course fees, media center, etc.) and all textbooks, classroom or athletic equipment and library books must be returned by the end of the last semester in classes. Upon receipt of all these items, a graduation sign out sheet must be completed and turned in.
7. Eligibility for all extra curricular activities will end when the student successfully completes all course work in December of the senior year. Graduates will not be allowed to participate in MHHS events.
8. Early graduates will be eligible to attend local school functions, such as homecoming activities and prom. If an early graduate wants to participate in any other school functions, she/he must be approved by the teacher/director/sponsor involved and by the high school administration.
9. Early graduates will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies and the scholarship/awards program in May, as long as the student remains in good standing with the school.
10. Early graduates are eligible to take courses at MCC during the spring semester, as a dual-enroll student. Contact MCC Dual-Enrollment Advisor Diana O'Shields at the Yancey campus for more information 682-5654.

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Request for Early Graduation

(must be submitted to school counselor or principal prior to or during registration for the upcoming senior year)

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Student ID#: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Course of Study: _____ **Pathway (if applicable):** _____

Reasons student is requesting early graduation:

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Approved by committee: Yes No **Date committee met:** _____

Reasons for denial: _____

Signature of Committee Chair

You will only be notified if NOT approved, otherwise assume you are approved and you will be on the Early Graduate list.

