

EARLY GRADUATION POLICY

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School acknowledges that some students seek to pursue educational goals that include graduation from high school at a date earlier than with their designated class. Any WAACS student who anticipates completing all graduation requirements prior to completing eight (8) semesters of high school may request an early graduation. This request must be made to WAACS Administration before the end of the first semester if they plan to complete their requirements by the end of the school year or by the end of the summer school session. The request must be made by the end of the previous school year if a student plans to complete their requirements by the end of the first semester of the following year.

For the request to be granted, the student and at least one parent or guardian must meet with WAACS Administration and present a plan of constructive activity for the time between the early graduation and the date of graduation for their designated class. Granting of Early Graduation status is at the sole discretion of WAACS Administration.

Students qualifying for early graduation status at the end of the school year may participate in the graduation ceremonies of that class and will receive a diploma at that time. Students who qualify for early graduation status at the end of a summer school session may participate in graduation ceremonies at the end of the following school year while students who qualify for early graduation status at the end of the first semester may participate in graduation ceremonies at the end of the school year. Diplomas will be awarded at that time. However, the principal may issue a letter of completion prior to the graduation ceremonies if the student needs documentation of graduation.