

### EARLY GRADUATION

A student may graduate without spending four years in high school attendance. The student's program must be approved in advance by the student, parent/guardian, principal, guidance counselor, and superintendent.

An application for early graduation must be filed by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year preceding anticipated graduation.

1. Calculations for Valedictorian and Salutatorian are computed at the end of the third marking period of the senior year. Therefore, early graduation students WILL NOT be eligible for any awards, specifically designed and intended for four (4) year graduating seniors, of the senior class, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
2. An early graduate may participate in the graduation ceremonies when he/she is eligible for a high school diploma.

### APPLICATION FOR EARLY GRADUATION

- I. Definition and Criteria:
  - a. Early graduation is defined as: Graduation based on completing all regular academic requirements within three years.
  - b. Approval of early graduation is a privilege granted to students who are able to present a valid written reason for completing graduation requirements in a three year period.
  - c. Approval is not to be considered automatic.
  - d. Approval is contingent upon the merits of the case presented by the student.
  - e. Contact the guidance counselor prior to filling out the application.
- II. Requirements:
  - a. Applicants for early graduation must have fulfilled all graduation requirements of both the New York State Department of Education and Sharon Springs Central School.

| GROUP<br>CONSTANTS:<br>COURSE | REQUIRED<br>UNITS                         | COMPLETED<br>8 | COMPLETED<br>9 | COMPLETED<br>10 | COMPLETED<br>11 | COMPLETED<br>12 | <b>MUST<br/>PASS</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| ENGLISH                       | 4   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| SOCIAL<br>STUDIES             | 4   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| MATH                          | 3   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| SCIENCE                       | 3   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| FOREIGN<br>LANGUAGE           | 1   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| HEALTH                        | .5  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| ART/MUSIC                     | 1   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| PHYSICAL<br>EDUCATION         | 2   |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |
| ELECTIVES                     | 1.5-4.5<br>DEPENDING<br>ON THE<br>DIPLOMA |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                      |

YEAR ENTERED NINTH GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF DIPLOMA: \_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_ REGENTS \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED REGENTS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you wish to complete graduation requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Assuming successful completion of the courses you are presently enrolled, the following courses must be passed in order to fulfill graduation requirements:

| <u>COURSE</u> | <u>CREDITS</u> |
|---------------|----------------|
| _____         | _____          |
| _____         | _____          |
| _____         | _____          |
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Please indicate in writing why you wish to graduate early. Include your plans for next year (Attach additional sheets if necessary).