

Early Release Guidelines - Spring Semester of Senior Year

Proposal: In the Spring of 2019, pilot a system which would allow second semester seniors who have earned 26 credits to modify their spring semester schedule to reflect only the classes they need for the following areas:

1. Graduation
2. Musical Performance classes
3. CTE Pathway Completer
4. Kansas Honors Curriculum
5. Maintaining athletic/activity eligibility
6. IEP Maintenance

Rationale:

At Abilene High School, graduating seniors are required to earn 26.5 credits to graduate, including:

4 Language Arts	3 Mathematics
1.5 Wellness (1 PE, .5 Health)	3 Science
3 Social Science	1 Fine Arts
1 Technology	.5 Career and Lifetime Finance
9.5 Electives	

Students who pass all of their classes in grades 9-11 will enter their 12th grade year with 24 credits, and the spring semester of their 12th grade year with 28 credits.

In most cases, the only classes needed for a senior to graduate are English 12 and American Government, leaving 6 classes to fill a schedule.

54/114 students are enrolled in a student aide class or Work Place Experience in the spring of 2018.

Scenarios to consider:

A senior with 28 credits who is pursuing a Kansas Honor's Scholar curriculum completion would take the following spring courses: English 12 (or Comp 12), American Government (or AP Government), Physics, and Trig (or calculus/college algebra).

A senior with 28 credits who is maintaining eligibility for spring athletics would take the same classes above, plus one more to meet KSHSAA guidelines of enrollment in 5 classes.

A senior with 28 credits will also be a pathway completer, would take English 12 (or Comp 12), Government (or AP Government) and the appropriate completion class for the pathway.

