**HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL 4771**

 **EARLY GRADUATION**

 The Board of Education believes that it is advisable for the great majority of students to complete a normal four-year sequence for high school graduation.

 The Board, in certain instances, shall grant students who wish to graduate from high school in less time than the ordinary four-year sequence permission to complete graduation requirements on an alternative schedule. To this end, all normal graduation requirements must be completed for early graduation. Furthermore, a student shall not be denied an exact class rank if he/she wishes to complete the usual four-year course of studies in three years.

 In regard to individual student requests, the following factors may be considered: the student’s grades, performance in school, his/her future plans, and benefits that would accrue to the student if the request for early graduation were to be approved. When a study program permitting early graduation meets with the approval of the student’s parents, guidance counselor, and high school principal, early graduation may be approved by the Board.

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