

III. Diploma Issuance

- A. Students awarded the diploma upon the successful completion of an approved accelerated program are not permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies occurring at the end of their eleventh grade year, but will receive the credential from the headmaster at that time.
- B. Students of accelerated programs may participate in graduation ceremonies that will **occur at the end** of what would have been their twelfth grade year, their originally scheduled graduation date.

Through this policy, the Board intends to evaluate and accommodate the student and family's request to accelerate the high school program for the purpose of matriculating early into higher education. However, the school and its administration **will not be** compelled to modify, vary, waiver or delete the conditions and standards pertaining to the awarding of an Erskine Academy diploma.

HOME SCHOOLING PARTICIPATION IN ERSKINE ACADEMY

Erskine Academy serves the public interest by making available its academic and extra-curricular resources only to students enrolled on a full-time student basis in its regular programs. A full-time student maintains regular and orderly school attendance and an academic schedule of no fewer than six classes per trimester.

I. ADMISSION TO THE REGULAR PROGRAM/PLACEMENT

A student who has received home-school instruction as approved under rules established by the Commissioner of Education **is eligible for full-time admission to the regular school program. Former home-schoolers will be placed in a grade commensurate with the level of the student's academic achievement as indicated by the issuance of academic credits. Placement shall be determined as follows:**

- A. **Transitioning from grade 8 to grade 9**—As academic credits are not applicable at the elementary level students must provide documentation of the completion of eighth grade or its equivalent.
- B. **Matriculating from home school to regular school**—Students seeking credit for secondary level home-school studies provided by an accredited equivalent instruction program must provide a transcript that documents grades and the issuance of academic credit.
Students requesting credit for equivalent instruction experiences other than those provided by an accredited program are subject to locally administered testing, an analysis of a portfolio of coursework (e.g., homework, journals, time logs, exams, etc.), records of study as verified by appropriate credentialed providers or overseers of the equivalent instruction or a combination thereof in order to determine that requisite academic standards have been met.
- C. **Grade Point Average/Final Class Standing**—Academic credits assigned to equivalent instruction experiences are not assessed "weight" for grade point average or final class standing calculation; therefore, only home-schoolers who terminated the home school program prior to entering grade 9 are eligible for top-ten distinction.

II. RE-ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Formerly home-schooled students who matriculate into the regular school program and then transfer out to reestablish home schooling will not be permitted to re-enroll.