

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: High School Principals

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SUBJECT: 24-credit Diploma through Valley High School

Currently, all seniors who are deficient in the credits required for the traditional 27-credit Jordan District diploma, as outlined in the Jordan District Credit Guidelines, have the option of transferring to Valley High for the second semester of their senior year in order to complete a 24-credit diploma.

It was determined, as an alternate option, that Jordan District students who meet the Utah State graduation requirement of 24 credits, may be eligible to receive a Valley High School diploma at the conclusion of their senior year while remaining enrolled in their boundary school. Students who meet the qualifications required to access this option will work with their counselor and the boundary high school principal, the same way they do with an SEP, to apply for a 24-credit Valley High diploma.

The attached application will be made available to seniors, through their counselor, who have fallen short of meeting the Jordan School District graduation requirements, but plan to remain at their boundary school throughout their senior year. Students who apply for this diploma will acknowledge and commit to the following, as will their parents, counselor, building principal, and appropriate Administrator of Schools.

- They are working with their boundary high school counselor and principal to develop a plan to meet the 24 credits required by the state.
- They acknowledge that they are not eligible for early graduation.
- They acknowledge that they can only walk at the Valley High School graduation ceremony and not their boundary school's graduation ceremonies.
- Their diploma will be a "Valley High School Diploma" and not their boundary school diploma.

Students who have met the 24-credit state requirements will have the option of immediately receiving a Valley High diploma by transferring their credits to Valley 3 days prior to graduation in order to participate in the Valley High graduation ceremony. Students may otherwise choose to continue to pursue their 27-credit boundary school's diploma through the summer following their senior year in order to meet the requirements. At a designated date, which cannot be later than September 15th of their graduation year, a boundary school diploma or a Valley High School diploma will be issued if all requirements are met.