

January Completion/Early Graduation Proposal

Coursework Completed after First Term

Students who complete all graduation requirements after first term in high school and do not take any classes for high school credit during the spring term, will no longer be classified as January completers but will be **January graduates**. The bulleted list below gives an overview of how this impacts students:

- Diplomas will be ordered and awarded to the January graduates by the individual base high school after first-term grades are finalized. The final transcript, dated the last day of first term, will be archived through PowerSchool Vault. The January graduate's PowerSchool records will be moved to "Graduated."
- January graduates will **not receive a final rank** with the other high school seniors who elected not to exit the system early.
- Since January graduates will no longer be students in Horry County Schools, they will receive no privileges as those of active students (i.e. prom, senior awards program, senior celebrations, etc.). This applies to base schools and academies.
- January graduates will be eligible to attend the spring base school graduation ceremony. January graduates who opt to participate in the spring graduation ceremony must attend practice.
- January graduates will be eligible to begin a post-secondary education program and receive all scholarships for which they are eligible.
- Prospective January graduates must complete the application prior to the beginning of their senior year.

Students who complete all graduation requirements after the first term, but do not want to graduate in January, may continue to take courses either in a face-to-face setting or through an on-line method. Students are required to take a minimum of two full 1.0 credit courses. These courses will be recorded on their high school transcript, included in their GPA and their final class rank (which will occur after the 180th day of school).