

Ōtāhuhu College Graduation Policy

Rationale

The Board of Ōtāhuhu College will recognise the successful completion of the secondary school instructional program by the award of Graduation Diploma certifying the student has met all requirements for graduation. The Management will annually verify to the Board each student who has been awarded a diploma has met the requirements for graduation. Graduation requirements will be communicated termly to Year 13 students and their families

Requirements of Graduation from Ōtāhuhu College

A graduation student from Ōtāhuhu College must meet the following requirements by 31 October of their Year 13:

- NCEA Level 2
- 5 credits each, in a minimum of four Level 3 subjects
- A minimum engagement score of 2.5 out of five across all subjects for the year.
- Minimum of 70% attendance as measured by half days for the year. (Attendance criteria is based on Ministry of Education definition of Chronically absent being 70% half days)

Special Learning Needs

Students with identified special learning needs may graduate if they meet the following:

- Completion of Individual education plan
- A minimum engagement score of 2.5 out of five across all subjects for the year.
- Approved transition plan

Chronic Illness/ Medical Concerns

Students who are unable to attend school regularly may still graduate if they meet the following criteria:

- NCEA Level 2
- 5 credits each, in a minimum of four Level 3 subjects
- A minimum engagement score of 2.5 out of five across all subjects for the year.
- Dual enrolment in Health school, or medical/specialist certificate with approval by Ōtāhuhu College Health Centre.

Early Ōtāhuhu College Graduation

A student who completes early graduation requirements prior to the traditional graduation date may be awarded Certificate of Graduation at the end of the year. Early Graduation requirements are:

- 70% attendance for the year as measured by half days to student's last day of attendance
- 2.5/5 point scale for engagement
- NCEA Level 2
- Approved transition plan

A student who graduates early may continue to participate in school activities and social events and attend and participate in graduation events with the student's cohort, as if the student were still enrolled in Ōtāhuhu College.

Exceptional Circumstances and Appeals

If a student does not meet all the requirements to graduate, then they may appeal to the Board of Ōtāhuhu College in the October meeting. No later appeals will be considered. Appeals will only be considered under the following circumstances:

- Where the student has met all but one of the requirements to graduate in the appropriate category and is close to meeting the final category.
- There are exceptional circumstances.
- No appeals are possible for the Early Graduation category.
- Students who have been expelled or awaiting the outcome of suspension meeting will not be able to Graduate unless the Principal appeals to the Board.

The appeal must be in writing outlining the exceptional circumstances and with a cover note from the principal stating that the student has met all but one of the requirements and where they are on the final category. It is the Board's decision if that is deemed 'close' and if the circumstances are exceptional. The Board's decision is final.

Introduction into 2022

With the policy being approved at the June Meeting of the Board, the attendance requirements in 2022 will either be from start of the year, or start of Term 3 (25 July 2022) until 31 October. The highest percentage will be taken. All other criteria will be the same.