



Early Graduate Process

An Early Graduate (sometimes referred to as a mid-year graduate) is a student who graduates from high school during the current school year and not at the end of the instructional school year. When a student is an Early Graduate, the following steps must be taken when withdrawing the student before the school's last instructional day.

Important: Early Graduate students will be moved into the Graduated Students School during the End of Year (EOY) Process in PowerSchool if all the Scheduling Setup fields are completed correctly. They should not be moved manually before EOY; this affects the GDV and cohort graduation reports.

Student Academics Page

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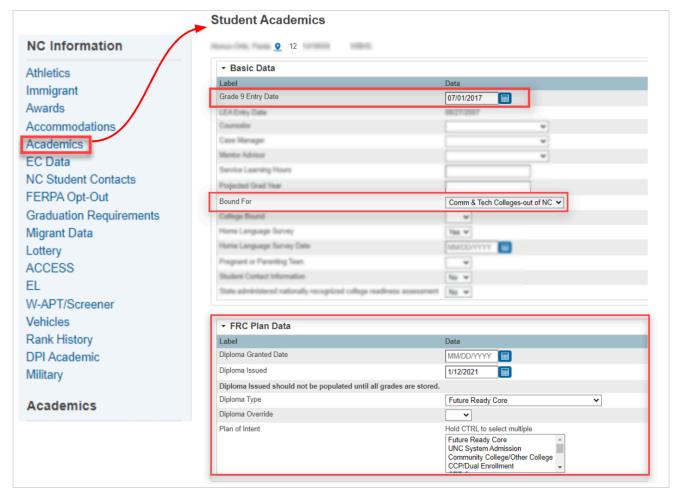
Student Academics Page

Specific fields on the Student Academics page must be populated for all early graduate students for the EOY process to move the students to the Graduated Students School. Following the steps below will ensure Early Graduates are reported correctly.

Navigation: Start Page > Student Selection > NC Information > Academics

- 1. Populate the following information on the **Student Academic** page:
 - **a. Grade 9 Entry Date:** The year the student first entered 9th grade. If a repeater, you will use the first year, not any repeated year.
 - **b. Bound for*:** What the student is doing after High School.
 - c. Diploma Granted Date: The date the student met all graduation requirements
 - d. Diploma Issued*: The date the diploma was issued to the student. This date must be populated to trigger electronic transcripts for CFNC. This is also the graduation date populated on the transcript.
 - e. Diploma Type*: Future Ready Core (FRC) or Certificate

Note: * These are required fields for GDV to report correctly. All listed fields must be populated for Early Graduates reporting.



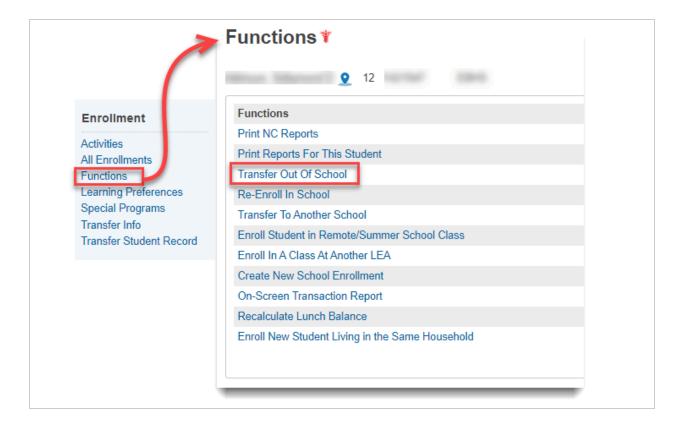
2. Click Submit

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Once the Diploma dates and Next School information has been entered for the student, the last step is to withdraw the student from school using the Transfer Student Out of School function and run the Preliminary GDV.

Important: Do not drop courses. The student should not be dropped from their completed courses. Course enrollment records should remain intact for early graduates.

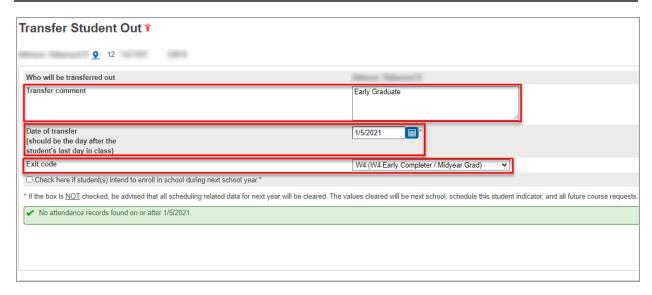
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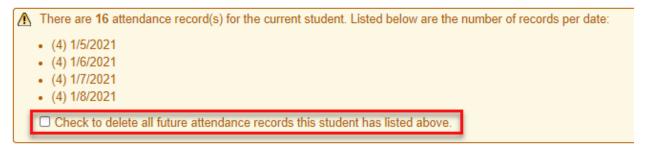
- 3. On the **Transfer Student Out** screen, populate the following fields:
 - a. **Transfer Comment =** enter an appropriate comment
 - b. **Date of Transfer =** enter the date after the student's last day in class
 - c. **Exit Code =** W4 (Early completer/Mid-year grad)

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d. Check the box to delete attendance if a yellow warning box appears.



4. Click Submit

Important: Do NOT manually move the student to 'Graduated Students' School. The student should remain transferred out at the school they graduated from until EOY. A script will be run to change the status of early graduates during EOY, and they will be processed to the Graduated Student school during EOY if the <u>scheduling setup screen</u> is populated correctly.

Setting Next School Indicator and Next Grade

For the End of Year process to move the students to the Graduated Students School, the student must be 'pointed' to the correct grade level and school in the Scheduling Setup.

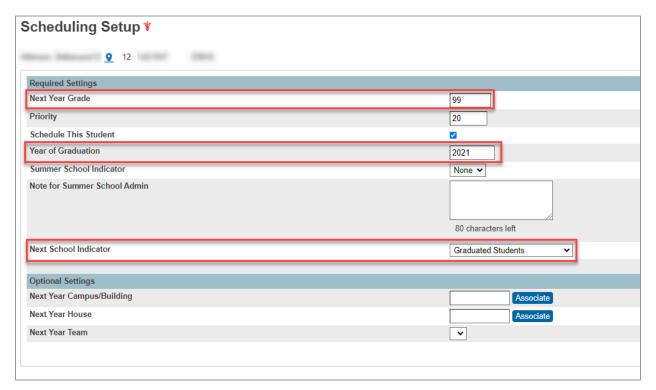
A script is run before EOY that saves the student's graduation date and exit date, then sets their status to enrolled to be processed during EOY.

Note: When the student is transferred out, the scheduling setup screen is automatically cleared. It is important to populate this information after you have transferred the student out, not before.

Navigation: Start Page > Student Selection > Scheduling > Scheduling Setup



- 5. On the **Scheduling Setup** screen, the following fields must be populated:
 - a. Next Year Grade = 99
 - **b.** Year of Graduation = The school year in which the student is graduating.
 - c. Next School Indicator = Graduated Students



Note: Don't forget to run the Preliminary GDV report on the state reporting dashboard and ensure the student appears on the report correctly.

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