

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

The Board of Education shall administer the Youth Options Program in accordance with state law and regulations. The High School Principal shall be responsible for administering the Youth Options Program.

High school students in the district may participate in the Youth Options Program. Enrollment in the program will be limited to eighteen (18) postsecondary credits. Students interested in participating shall inform the school counselor and/or principal of their intention to take post-secondary courses under this program.

Technical College

Upon the student's request and with the written approval of the student's parent/legal guardian, any student who satisfies the following criteria may apply to attend a technical college under the Youth Options Program for the purpose of taking one or more courses:

1. The student has completed the tenth grade;
2. The student is in good academic standing;
3. The student has an acceptable disciplinary record;
4. The principal notifies the School Board of the student's intent to attend a technical college in accordance with the timelines established in state law;
5. The principal notifies the School Board if the student is admitted to the technical college and notifies the Board if the student is registered to attend a post-secondary course.

University

Any eleventh (11th) or twelfth (12th) grade student who is not attending a technical college under the Youth Options Program may apply to attend a participating institution of higher education (IHE) under the Youth Options Program for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses in accordance with state law. If a student applies for a course at a private participating institution of higher education and a similar course is offered at a public participating institution of higher education, the district's financial responsibility will be limited to the tuition cost imposed by the public participating institution of higher education.

The counselor and/or principal shall determine whether the institution of higher education course(s) is comparable to a course offered in the district, whether it satisfies any graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits are to be awarded to the student.

Approval from the School Board must occur prior to enrollment in the course(s) and within designated timelines. If a student is not satisfied with the Board of Education's decisions, s/he may appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

When a student gains 12th grade status, as determined by the Board (Policy 345.41), the student may participate in the Youth Options Program under this policy for no more than 2 consecutive semesters.

If the number of request for a post-secondary course offering is at a level normally required for the district to offer a course and the situation is expected to continue, the District shall offer the course at the District

level the next school year. However, if the cost of offering a particular course would impose too great a cost for equipment or space, the district may appeal to the state superintendent, asking that the need to offer the course be waived.

If the Board approves the request for post-secondary enrollment for high school credit, the Board shall be responsible for all costs for tuition, fees, and books. Any books purchased by the District shall remain the property of the district. The student will be responsible for any other necessary materials. Any fees paid by the student for incidentals (parking permits, etc.) and for equipment, tools and supplies will become the property of the student upon completion of the course.

Students may, at their discretion, use the approved course work credit for both high school and post-secondary credit. Unexcused absences or truancy from the approved post-secondary course(s) will be dealt with in accordance to District policy, and administration may nullify the approved post-secondary enrollment, including the District responsibility of the program costs.

The Board of Education is not responsible for transporting students to or from a technical college or institutions of higher education under this program.

If a pupil receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course at an institution of higher education or technical college for which the District has made payment, the pupil's parent/legal guardian, or the pupil if he or she is an adult, shall be required to reimburse the District the amount paid on the pupil's behalf back to the District. Students taking post-secondary courses shall be responsible for all costs as stated by the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§118.33, 118.55; PI 40

Cross References: Policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements

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