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ANNUAL NOTICE OF SHAWANO SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The Shawano School District offers a variety of educational options and programming to parents and children who reside in the district. The district's primary educational pathway for students involves a progression from Four-Year-Old Kindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The district's schools, along with each school's most recent state-assigned Performance Category, are listed below. The Performance Category designation is from the 2020-21 school year. The district's Performance Category is also presented.

School	Shawano School District	LEADS Primary Charter	Hillcrest Primary	Olga Brener Intermediate School	Shawano Community Middle School	Shawano Community High School
Grades	4K-12	4K-2	4K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
2020-21 Performance Category	Meets Expectations	Alternative Rating – Satisfactory Progress	Alternative Rating – Satisfactory Progress	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations

The full versions of the district and each school's accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, can be accessed from the district's website: <https://www.shawanoschools.com/page/state-report-cards>

Other Educational Options

Parents/guardians of children who reside in the Shawano School District also have a variety of other educational options available to them including the following:

Open Enrollment

The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside. Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district. Additional information about Wisconsin's Open Enrollment program can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Charter Schools

Charter schools are public, nonsectarian schools created through a businesslike contract or "charter" between the charter governance board and the sponsoring school board or other chartering authority. Additional information about charter schools in Wisconsin including a list of currently operating charter schools can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools>

Private School

Parents have the option of enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable). The DPI maintains a directory of private schools on its website, though not all private schools operating in the state are listed in this directory: <https://apps6.dpi.wi.gov/SchoolDirectory/>

Early College Credit Program

Wisconsin's youth options program is an opportunity for students in grades 11 and 12 currently enrolled in a Wisconsin public high school to attend a Wisconsin postsecondary institution for the purpose of taking one or more courses for high school and college credit. There is no limit on the number of credits or courses a student can take through Youth Options each semester. Institutions of higher education are defined under the Youth Options statute as:

- University of Wisconsin System
- a technical college
- a tribal college
- Private Institutions (if they have completed their annual notice of intent to participate)
- nonprofit institutions of higher education (if they have completed their annual notice of intent to participate)

Additional information about the Youth Options program in Wisconsin can be found on the DPI's website:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/youth-options>

Part Time Open Enrollment

Course Options allows students enrolled in Wisconsin public school districts to attend up to two courses at a time in a variety of educational institutions. Educational institutions are defined under the Course Options statute as:

- A public school in a nonresident school district
- the University of Wisconsin System
- a technical college
- nonprofit institutions of higher education
- a tribal college
- a charter school
- a nonprofit organization that has been approved by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

Additional information about Course Options is available on the DPI's website: [https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-](https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/course-options)

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Virtual Schools

In Wisconsin, a virtual charter school is a specific form of online learning. It is the only form of online learning which allows an open enrolled pupil to participate remotely, that is, without having to physically attend school in the nonresident school district during all the days and hours that school is in session. Additional information about virtual charter schools, including a current list of virtual charter schools, can be found on the DPI's website:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>

Private School Choice Programs

The Private School Choice Programs allow students to attend a participating private school if certain eligibility criteria are met. Additional information about the Private School Choice Programs, including a list of participating schools can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>

Special Needs Scholarship Program

The Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) allows a student with a disability, who meets certain eligibility requirements, to receive a state-funded scholarship to attend a participating private school. Additional information about the Special Needs Scholarship Program, including a list of participating schools and the Student Application, can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>

Home-Based Private Educational Program

Under Wisconsin Statute 118.15(4), a parent or guardian has the right to select a home-based private educational program, commonly referred to as homeschooling, for his or her child or children, in order to comply with the compulsory school attendance law. Additional information about the Home-Based Private Education Program option, including parental requirements, can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/home-based>