

Policy Number:

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Title:

Youth Options Program

District high school students who have reached junior or senior status and meet other eligibility requirements may participate in the Youth Options Program by enrolling in one or more courses at a Wisconsin institution of higher education or technical college.

The District shall pay the costs associated with students' enrollment in a technical college or higher education course under the Youth Options Program if the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District. The District shall pay only such fees and tuition, materials and equipment costs as are required by law. When the District is required to purchase a textbook or similar resource for a student's course, the student shall be required to return the materials to the District upon completion of the course.

The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student through the Youth Options Program. This limitation on total paid credits through the Youth Options Program does not prohibit a student from (1) taking other courses through a postsecondary institution where the District has authorized the coursework under a separate program or separate source of authority; or (2) taking other high school courses offered by the District that may result in eligibility for postsecondary credit(s).

The District shall only pay for courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent or guardian or the student, if an adult, is responsible for reimbursing the District for payment of the tuition and fees paid by the District. If this reimbursement is not made, the student on whose behalf the payment was made is ineligible for any further participation in the Youth Options Program.

The High School Counselor shall administer the Youth Options Program in the District. In doing so, he/she shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered at the District; whether it satisfies graduation requirements; and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

High school students shall be informed of the Youth Options Program annually through the Student Handbook. Students who wish to enroll in the Youth Options Program must notify the School Board no later than March 1st for the fall semester or October 1st for the spring semester.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.15(1)(d), Section 118.33, Section 118.55, Section 120.12(17)

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