

COURSE OPTIONS ENROLLMENT

The district shall accommodate resident students who wish to participate in the Wisconsin Course Options Program. District resident students, and those accepted full-time through Open Enrollment, may submit an application to an Institute of Higher Education (IHE), or other Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approved program. The Course Options program is not available to private school or home-based students.

Through the Course Options Program, students may receive both high school and postsecondary credit for successfully completed courses. District high schools grant a diploma to students who successfully complete district high school graduation requirements, regardless of whether the student satisfied all or any portion of the requirements through the Course Options Program.

The School Board is responsible for the costs associated with student enrollments for any course under the Course Options Program. The district shall pay the educational institution a calculated amount in a manner determined by DPI. An IHE may charge a pupil, or the parent or guardian of a minor pupil, additional tuition and fees for attending a course at the IHE for postsecondary credit.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

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| Sections | 115.28(59)(a) | (Academic and career planning) |
| | 118.13 | (Student discrimination prohibited) |
| | 118.15 | (Compulsory school attendance) |
| | 118.15(4) | (Broad board power to do all things reasonable to promote education of students) |
| | 118.16 | (School attendance enforcement) |
| | 118.33 | (High school graduation standards) |
| | 118.51 | (Full-time open enrollment) |
| | 118.52 | (Course options) |
| | 121.004(7)(em) | (Inclusion of pupils attending school outside or in his or her district shall be counted accordingly) |

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| CROSS REF.: | 5110 | Equal Education Opportunity Discrimination Complaint |
| | 5120 | Student Enrollment Reporting |
| | 5200 | School Admissions |
| | 5210 | Entrance Age |
| | 5260 | Open Enrollment Full Time |
| | 5310 | Student Attendance |
| | 5320 | School Attendance Areas |
| | 6100 | Mission, Principals, Core Values and Strategic Directions |
| | 6421 | Services for Students with Disabilities |
| | 6423 | Talent Development Program |
| | 6426 | Student Program or Curriculum Modifications |
| | 6434.2 | Youth Options Program |
| | 6456 | Graduation Requirements |
| | | Special Education Program and Procedure Manual |

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All district resident students in grades K-12 by law are eligible to participate in the Course Options Program. The student and parent/guardian must submit an application (PI-8900) to the Institute of Higher Education (IHE) or other DPI approved educational institution no later than six weeks prior to the start of the requested course. A student may take up to two courses at any one time under Course Options, though there is no limit to the total number of courses in this program. The courses may be taken at different educational institutions at any time. Educational institutions are defined under the Course Options Program 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; and
- A nonprofit organization that has been approved by DPI.

To accommodate the Course Options Program for district resident students, and those enrolled full-time through open enrollment, the district shall:

- Provide assistance and information to students and parents/guardians who seek information regarding the Wisconsin Course Options Program.
- Cover the related enrollment costs associated with the approved Course Options course for a calculated amount in a manner determined by DPI.
- Ensure that beginning no later than the 2017-18 school year, academic and career planning services are provided to pupils enrolled in grades 6-12.

A resident district must deny the application if the course conflicts with the student's individualized education plan. A resident district may deny the application if:

- The course does not satisfy a high school graduation requirement; or
- The course does not conform to or support a student's academic and career plan, if one exists.

The student's parent/guardian is responsible for satisfactory student attendance and compliance with the state compulsory school attendance law. It is also the responsibility of the student to ensure that their schedule can accommodate any participation in the Course Options Program. The student and parent/guardian are accountable for obtaining any related prerequisites or other requirements prior to participation.

The Board or designee shall determine whether a postsecondary course is eligible for high school credit and how many high school credits may be awarded. Course Options courses that result in high school credit will be factored into the high school GPA. Such decisions shall be made consistent with state law requirements and established by district procedures.

The parent/guardian or student is responsible for transportation between the school and the assigned educational institution. Transportation assistance is available from DPI for students who are eligible for free/reduced-price meals under the federal school lunch program. Transportation costs may only be reimbursed if the student is taking a designated Course Options approved course. The transportation reimbursement form is available from DPI (oe.dpi.wi.gov) and must be submitted to DPI no later than July 15 for courses attended during the previous school year.