

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN THE WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wausau School District (WSD) offers a variety of educational options to students who reside within District attendance boundaries. The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program involves a progression from 4-Year-Old Kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

Some specific education programs offered to eligible students enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Early childhood special education (for at least 3-years-old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English Language Learner programs
- Gifted and Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program for at-risk students (students identified as being at-risk of not graduating high school)
- Summer learning programming
- Charter schools
- Virtual education program

Wausau School District schools include:

A.C. Kiefer Educational Center	Riverview Elementary
Franklin Elementary	South Mountain Elementary
Grant Elementary	Stettin Elementary
Hawthorn Hills Elementary	Wausau Area Montessori Charter
Hewitt-Texas Elementary	Horace Mann Middle
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	John Muir Middle
G.D. Jones Elementary	Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy
Lincoln Elementary	Wausau East High
Maine Elementary	Wausau West High
John Marshall Elementary	Wausau Engineering & Global Leadership Academy
Rib Mountain Elementary	Wausau Area Virtual Education

The District's most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed on the District's website: <http://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>. Under the "District" heading, scroll down and select "Wausau." You can then select the report card for the District or for any school within the District.

Educational options for WSD students that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a WSD school include:

The **Course Options** Program, which

- provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
- is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and
- includes certain District-approved dual credit opportunities that the District offers in conjunction with Northcentral Technical College

The **Youth Options** Program, which

- provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at certain institutions of higher education; and;
- is available only to students who are enrolled in grades 11 or 12 and who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Additional educational options for WSD students who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the District include:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- Full-time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a student with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the WSD but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include:

- The opportunity to attend WSD summer learning programming.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses per semester in a WSD school subject to sufficient space, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - apply for approval to take up to 2 courses per semester in a WSD school subject to sufficient space, pursuant to section 118.53 of the state statutes; and
 - participate in WSD interscholastic athletics pursuant to section 118.133 of the state statutes.

For more information about these educational options, please contact Thom Hahn, Director of Secondary Education, at 715-261-0527 or thahn@wausauschools.org.

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