

NOTICE to EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

for Children who Reside in the Shiocton School District

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School District of Shiocton is focused on providing a quality education to all of the students within our district. We strive for understanding and application; we educate so that all may meet the common expectation: “Shiocton, Where Excellence is Expected”.

The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old-kindergarten through Grade 12 leading to a high school diploma. Schools in our district include **Shiocton Elementary School (Grades ECH – 8)** and **Shiocton High School (Grades 9 – 12)**.

Specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District’s schools include:

- Early Childhood (for students who are at least 3 years of age but not yet school-age)
- Special Education programming for student with disabilities
- English-language learner (ELL) education
- Gifted & Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- After School Tutoring
- Summer school education
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications, including at-risk and alternative education programming

In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms, Shiocton School District seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. Options include:

- CAPP/PIE courses through UWO, UWW, and other UW system schools (college credits)
- Transcript and Advanced Standing courses through FVTC (tech college credits or advanced standing)
- Career Pathway courses including industry-standard certifications
- KSCADE, Virtual, and Blend-ed courses
- Youth Options (courses at certain colleges & universities for students in Gr 11 & 12)
- Course Options (up to 2 courses at other educational institutions subject to state and local eligibility requirements including dual-credit opportunities)
- Youth Apprenticeships
- 66.0301 enrollment agreements between school districts
- Other: open enrollment; private schools within 5 mile radius; part-time enrollment for homeschooled students

If you are interested in learning more about these educational options, please contact Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen, MS/HS Counselor, at x762 or Mrs. Sandee Cornell, ES Counselor, at x711.

Additional educational options for children who reside within the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program or other educational institution other than a District school include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other program 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 school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a non-resident school district

- Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a child 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 Wis. Stat. § 115.7915.
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program. The following participating private schools are located within the District’s boundaries or within 5 miles of the District’s boundaries (for transportation purposes):
 - Most Precious Blood Catholic School – New London
 - Emmanuel Lutheran School – New London
 - Bethelhem Lutheran School – Hortonville
- 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 within the District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Such students have the opportunity to participate in middle school after school athletic activities.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 118.145(4).
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under Wis. Stat. § 118.53 and to participate in District interscholastic athletic activities and other District extracurricular activities as provided under Wis. Stat. § 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District’s main administrative office at (920) 986-3351 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The School District of Shiocton will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.

SCHOOL/DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

Per the State, accountability report cards will not be created for 2014-15, but assessment results will still be publicly posted in WISEdash. Results from the 2014-15 Badger Exam, The ACT, ACT Aspire, DLM, and WKCE (science and social studies) will all be reported in the WISEdash Public Portal (<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>).

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As per state budget bill 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/55>) and Wisconsin State Statute Section 115.7915(5) (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/115/V/7915/5>), school boards are required to annually notify the parents/guardians of each child with a disability enrolled in the school district of the new Special Needs Scholarship Program (private school voucher program), which is available to students with an individualized education program (IEP) who meet specified conditions outlined in state law.