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5113.01 - COURSE OPTIONS

The Board of Education will provide students enrolled in the District with the ability to take up to two (2) courses at any given time through one or more other educational institutions, including in a non-resident public school district, the University of Wisconsin system institution, a technical college, a nonprofit higher education institution, a tribal college, a charter school, and any other nonprofit organization approved by the Department of Public Instruction. Likewise, the Board will consider the enrollment of a non-resident student in up to two (2) courses per term under the criteria set forth in this policy and any criteria required by law.

Resident Student Applications for Course Options

A. General Procedures

The parent of any student enrolled as a resident of the District who wishes to attend one (1) or two (2) courses at another educational institution under this policy shall make a written application to such other institution no less than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the term in which the course(s) is(are) offered. The application:

1. must be on a form provided by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction;
2. must be copied to the Board at the same time as the application is made to the other educational institution.
If the District determines that the course does not satisfy the District's high school graduation requirements, it shall notify the student in writing of this determination at least one week prior to the start date of the course. This notice shall be provided whether the application is approved or rejected.

B. Decisional Criteria for Resident Applications

The Board shall review all applications received under this policy to attend courses at an outside educational institution under the criteria below. Both the educational institution of proposed attendance and the Board must approve the course.

Acceptance or denial of any resident student's application shall be made no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the course. Rejection of a student's application to attend such courses shall be made in writing and shall provide an explanation of the reason for rejecting the application. One of the following reasons must be the basis for such rejection:

1. *Individualized Education Program (IEP)*. If the Board determines that the proposed course conflicts with the student's IEP, the Board shall reject the course.
2. *High School Graduation Requirements*. If the Board determines that the proposed course does not satisfy graduation requirements, the Board may reject the application.
3. *Student Plan*. If the Board determines that the proposed course does not satisfy the student's academic and career plan, the Board may reject the application.

If the District determines that the course does not satisfy the District's high school graduation requirements, it shall notify the student in writing of this determination at least one week prior to the start date of the course. This notice shall be provided whether the application is approved or rejected.

Non-Resident Student Applications for Course Options

1. General Procedures

The parent of any non-resident student that wishes to attend one or two courses offered by the District shall make a written application to the Board no less than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the term in which the course(s) are offered. The application:

- 1. must be on a form provided by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction;
- 2. must be copied to the student's resident School Board at the same time as the application is made to the non-resident School Board.

2. Decisional Criteria

The Board will determine acceptance or rejection of a non-resident student's application to attend courses in the District using the same criteria and policies for entry into the course that apply to resident students, except that preference for attendance may be given to resident students. Applications from non-resident students that are already accepted into two courses in a particular term will be rejected on that ground. If a particular course has limited enrollment, those spots not taken by resident students will be allocated to non-resident applicants under this policy that otherwise qualify for enrollment on a randomly selected basis.

The parents and the resident school district are to be notified, in writing, no later than one (1) week prior to the commencement of the course whether the application has been accepted or rejected. If accepted, the notification is to include the name of the school the student is to attend and that the enrollment is valid only for the forthcoming semester or school year or special time period during which the course(s) will be offered. If rejected, the notice shall state the reason for the rejection.

General Requirements

A. Notice of Intent to Enroll

The parents of the student must notify both the resident school district and the district in which the student has applied for course options enrollment of the student's intent to enroll after receipt of the decision to accept the application but before the beginning of the applicable course.

B. Transportation

By enrolling in a course under this policy either as a resident or non-resident, the parent understands that the parent is responsible for transporting the student to and from any courses attended under this policy, unless the Department of Public Instruction agrees to reimburse the parent directly for such costs.

C. Tuition for Attendance at Another School District

Tuition costs shall be paid for by the resident school district. Parents may not be charged any cost by either the resident school district or educational institution of attendance under this policy.

D. Tuition for Attendance at an Institution of Higher Education

The resident school board shall pay to the institution of higher education (educational institution), for each resident student attending a course at the educational institution under this section, an amount equal to the cost of providing the course to the student, calculated in a manner determined by the department.

Except as provided below, the institution of higher education (educational institution) may not charge to or receive from the student or the student's resident school board any additional payment for a student attending a course at the educational institution under this section.

An educational institution that is an institution of higher education may charge a student, or the parent of a minor student, additional tuition and fees for attending a course at the institution of higher education under this section, but only if the student will receive post-secondary credit for the successful completion of the course. The Board and the educational institution under this paragraph shall determine the amount of tuition and fees the institution of higher education (educational institution) may charge a student for attending such a course.

E. Appeal of Rejection

Any application that is rejected under this policy may be appealed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within thirty (30) days of the decision. The Superintendent's decision is final and will only reverse the initial decision if that decision was arbitrary or unreasonable.

Release of Resident Students

- The Board shall release any resident student who wishes to apply for part-time enrollment in another school district except that the District must refuse to allow a student to enroll if the course conflicts with the provisions of an IEP for the student.

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