

SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION

Educational Program - 340

Youth Options (342.9)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District recognizes the obligation it has under s. 118.55 Stats., and Wisconsin Administrative Code 40, to provide post-secondary opportunities to pupils enrolled at Brookwood High School. The Brookwood High School Principal is the contact person and administrator of the Brookwood High School Youth Options program.

Qualifying Students

Students who qualify for post-secondary opportunities are students enrolled in Brookwood High School, have achieved at least 11th grade status by completing two years of high school and earning a minimum of 12 credits.

Students may apply for enrollment in Youth Option Program classes through an institution of higher education (ie., University of Wisconsin system and participating colleges) if they meet the admissions requirements of the particular institution and if there is space available.

Students may apply for enrollment in Youth Options Program classes through a technical college if they are in good academic standing and are not a child at risk of not graduating from high school as defined by state law. For the purposes of this policy, “good academic standing” means the student has at least a 2.5 grade point average.

The district board of the technical college may deny a course application from a student who has a record of disciplinary problems (as defined by the technical college board).

Credit for Post-secondary Courses

In accordance to PI 40.07(2) Wisconsin Administrative Code, a student will receive ¼ high school credit per 1 semester credit offered by the post-secondary institution. To receive high school credit, the student must apply to the NOW Board of Education for approval, and the NOW Board of Education through the administration shall grant credit if the course meets any of the high school graduation requirements under 118.55 Stats., including requirements under 118.33 (2) or if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. If the youth options course is complimentary to, or consistent with, or expands on a course of study or sequence of courses offered by the school.
2. If the youth options course expands on the opportunity for the pupil to move to another level of academic or vocational course of study.
3. If the youth options course curriculum meets or exceeds the same standards of rigor and content as other courses approved by, but not offered by the district for credit toward graduation.

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To receive high school credit for the course, the student must successfully pass the course. Grades earned at an institution of higher education or technical college will not be used in calculating the student's grade point average.

Student Responsibilities

A pupil participating in the youth options program may take a post-secondary course during or after regular school hours, but not during the summer session, and shall comply with the following requirements.

1. Submit an application to the IHE or technical college in which the student wishes to attend and indicate if the coursework at the IHE or technical college is for high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both.
2. Indicate to the Brookwood High School Principal of the pupil's intention of enrolling to an IHE or technical college no later than March 1 for fall semester enrollment and October 1 for spring semester. The pupil will use form PI-8700A.
3. Purchase any equipment associated with participation in the post-secondary course. The equipment will then become the property of the pupil.

Parent Responsibilities

1. The parent or guardian of a pupil involved with the youth options program will be responsible for the pupil's compliance with compulsory school attendance requirements.
2. The parent or guardian will apply to the State Superintendent for reimbursement for the cost of transporting the pupil between Brookwood High School and the IHE or technical college where the student is enrolled.
3. Pay for tuition costs if the pupil is taking the class for post-secondary credit only according to PI 40.05(1)(a) and PI 40.055(1)(a).
4. Pay for all tuition and related fee costs if the pupil drops out of the post-secondary course or fails the post-secondary course after the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District has paid for the tuition.
5. Pay for all tuition and related fee costs for all post-secondary credits that exceed 18 credits. (Applicable when the pupil takes credit that counts for both high school and post-secondary). This payment may be made by the student if the student is an adult.
6. If reimbursement of tuition and fees is not made, the student is ineligible for further participation in the Youth Options program.

School District Responsibilities

1. Furnish students with the appropriate application for the IHE or technical school.
2. Pay the tuition costs if the student is taking the class for high school credit or both high school credit and post-secondary credit as stated in PI 40.05(2)(a) and PI 40.055(2)(a).

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3. Inform all pupils in grades 9, 10, and 11 by October 1 of each school year about the district's youth options program by placing a notice in the student handbook.
4. Determine if the post-secondary course is qualified for a student to receive high school credit in accordance with PI 40.07.
5. Determine if the post-secondary class taken by a pupil is comparable with offered classes at Brookwood High School in accordance with PI 40.07 (1m)(a)(b)(c).
6. Pay tuition and fees that could include course fees, books and other required materials. The School District is only required to pay up to 18 post-secondary credits, total, in a student's junior and senior years. A student may take more than 18 credits but the school district is only responsible to pay for 18 college credits. (Applicable when the pupil takes credit that counts for both high school and post-secondary).
7. Pay additional costs required for students with disabilities if the additional costs are a direct result of the disability. The district may not approve attendance if the disability imposes an undue financial burden on the school district.
8. Notify the student of the school board's decision by November 15 for second semester courses and May 15 for first semester courses.

Appeals

A student or student's parent may appeal the school board's decision in regards to awarding of high school credit/comparability of a post-secondary course to the State Superintendent within 30 days after notification of the school board's decision.

Legal Reference: Section 118.15(b), 118.33, 118.55 Wisconsin Statutes
PI 40 Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Reference: 342.1 – Programs for Students With Disabilities
342.4 – Student At Risk Program
342.7 – Services for English Language Learners
345.6 – Graduation Requirements
411 – Equal Educational Opportunities

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