

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

The District shall administer the Youth Options Program in accordance with state law and regulations. The Principal shall be responsible for administering the Youth Options Program.

Courses Taken at an Approved College or University

Upon student request and with the written approval of the student's parent/guardian, any student who satisfies the following criteria may apply to attend an approved college or university under the Youth Options Program for the purposes of taking one or more non sectarian courses, not to exceed 18 post secondary credits, total, in the student's Junior and Senior year.

1. The student has completed 10th grade;
2. The student is in good academic standing (G.P.A. 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale);
3. The student does not have a record or disciplinary problems.
4. The student notifies the Board of his/her intent to attend an approved college or university in accordance with the timelines established in state law.
5. The student is not a child at risk as defined in state law.

The Principal will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the institution's courses or higher education courses are comparable to a course offered by the District, whether it satisfies any graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits are to be awarded. If a student is not satisfied with the Board's decisions, the student may appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Courses taken at an institution of higher education as part of the Youth Options Program shall be paid for as follows:

1. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District, the Board shall pay as required by law.
2. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is comparable to a course offered in the District, the student shall pay as required by law.
3. If the course is taken for postsecondary credit only, the student shall pay as required by law.
4. High school credit may be denied for a course that repeats the postsecondary course content for which the student has taken and failed.

If a pupil receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete a course, at an institution of higher education or technical college for which the school board has made payment, the pupil's parent or guardian, or the pupil if he or she is an adult, shall reimburse the school board the amount paid on the pupil's behalf upon the school board's request. If the reimbursement of payment is not made as requested, the pupil on whose behalf the payment was made, is ineligible for further participation in the Youth Options Program.

High school credit will be awarded for courses taken through the Youth Options Program if they meet any of the District's graduation requirements and any of the following conditions apply:

- a. Credit will be awarded for those courses successfully completed that are complementary to, consistent with or expand on a course of study or sequence of courses offered at Bayfield High School.
- b. Credit will be awarded for those courses successfully completed that expand the opportunity for a student to move to another level of academic or vocational course of study.
- c. Credit will be awarded for those courses successfully completed that meet or exceed the same standards for rigor and content as other courses approved by but not offered by the District for credit toward graduation.
- d. Credit will be awarded for those courses successfully completed that support rather than prevent a student from completing high school graduation requirements.
- e. A Youth Options Program course approved for high school credit will recognize a 3 to 1 ratio for credit conversion.

Students attending an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for their own transportation and transportation costs.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 118.33 Wisconsin Statutes
 Section 118.55 Wisconsin Statutes

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