

Youth Options Program (E-7)

The State of Wisconsin's Youth Options Program was created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27. This program allows 11th and 12th grade pupils to enroll at technical colleges and/or Wisconsin Institutions of higher education referred to as IHE that include the UW system and private, non-profit institutions of higher education. Accordingly, the St. Francis School District adopts the following procedures and requirements that shall be followed to implement this program:

Student-Parent Responsibilities

1. Students must contact the Wisconsin technical college or an institution of higher education (IHE) from which admission is being sought to determine the application and admission process required by that institution.
2. The student must by March 1 preceding the fall enrollment and no later than October 1 for spring semester, notify in writing the St. Francis Board of Education of his/her intention to attend an institution under the Youth Options Program. This notification will be made through the Youth Options Program Plan and Report (DPI Form 8700 A).
3. As soon as possible, the student must notify the Board of Education whether he/she has been admitted to a technical college or to an institution of higher education and whether he/she is registered to attend a course.
4. Within 30 days after receipt of the Board of Education's decision regarding satisfaction of high school graduation requirements or the number of high school credits to be awarded, a student may appeal the School Board's decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
5. The parent shall be responsible for the student's compliance with the compulsory school attendance requirement under Wis. Sts. 118.15(1)(a).
6. The student must pass the fall semester (IHE/Tech) course in order to take a course during spring semester.

Board Responsibilities

1. The Board of Education by May 15 (Spring) or November 15 (Fall), will notify the student if the technical college or an IHE course selected will be awarded high school credit and how much credit will be awarded. The action will be that specified in DPI rules. (PI 40.07)
2. The Board of Education shall annually, by October 1, provide information about the Youth Options Program to all pupils enrolled in the School District in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.
3. The Board of Education shall appoint the High School Principal as the contact person in the District to administer the Youth Options Program.

4. Enroll a student applying for the Youth Options Program full-time within the School District until it receives notification from the pupil that he/she is actually registered to attend a post secondary course.
5. Inform the student and his/her parents/guardian if the student's timetable for graduation may be negatively affected if the student chooses to participate in the Youth Options Program.

Costs/Tuition/Transportation

The Board of Education is responsible for the costs of 11th and 12th grade students attending institutions of higher education (IHE) in the UW system or private, non-profit institutions only if the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the St. Francis Public Schools. Tuition will be reimbursed at the level approved for undergraduate credit charged by the University of Wisconsin System. Students who attend the Wisconsin Technical College System will be reimbursed in total for less than seven credits and pro-rated per state formula for seven or more credits. The School District will limit the number of credits it will pay for to the equivalent of eighteen (18) post secondary semester credits per student. Eighteen post secondary credits is equivalent to four and one-half (4 1/2) high school credits.

If a Youth Options student attends a technical college for less than ten credits per semester, the school district is not responsible for payment of comparable courses offered by the District.

Reimbursement will cover the approved tuition cost, fees, books, and other necessary materials directly related to the course but will not include consumable materials such as pens, pencils, and notebooks typically used and paid for by a pupil when taking a course at the School District. If the School Board chooses to pay for equipment such as tools, calculators, instruments and microcomputers, the pupil will relinquish any such equipment to the School Board after completion of the Youth Options course. Reimbursement of a payment made for a Youth Options Program course (including tuition and fees) will be required of a student and/or the student's family if the student receives a failing grade in the course or fails to complete a course.

Students with a disability may participate in the Youth Options Program, but the School Board may refuse to permit a student with a disability to attend an IHE if the cost would impose an undue financial burden on the School District.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent and student. State reimbursement may be available through direct application by the parent or student to the Department of Public Instruction.

Legal Ref: Wisconsin Statute Sections
118.15 (1)
118.37
118.55

PI 40 Wisconsin Administrative Code
2003 Wisconsin Act 131

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