

Notice of Educational Options

The state of Wisconsin requires that all school districts include a notice in a local newspaper and on their website about educational options for all children who reside in that district.

The Waunakee Community School District offers students a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District.

The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The District's schools, and each school's most recent state-assigned performance category, are listed below:

Institution	State Rating	Level
District	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	4K-12
4K	Not Rated by State	4K
Arboretum Elementary School	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	K-4
Heritage Elementary School	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	K-4
Prairie Elementary School	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	K-4
Waunakee Intermediate School	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	5-6
Waunakee Middle School	Exceeds Expectations	7-8
Waunakee Community High School	Exceeds Expectations	9-12

Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- Gifted and talented programming
- English language learner
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Youth Apprenticeships.
- Virtual learning in grades 7-12.
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program(s)
- Summer school programming
- Early post-secondary options for high school students including:
 - High school courses with concurrent enrollment at UW-Oshkosh
 - High school courses with concurrent enrollment at Madison College
 - High school courses with credit by examination agreements with institutions of higher education.
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

The full version of the District's most recent school and district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/> (if the report has been issued by DPI).

Student may participate in early post-secondary opportunities by enrolling in off-site courses at higher education institutions as allowed under state law to advance in their academic and career pathways. These opportunities may be accessed through the Start College Now program for Technical Colleges and the Early College Credit Program for UW System institutions, private non-profit higher education institutions, and tribally controlled colleges in the State of Wisconsin. Students may not participate concurrently in both the Start College Now and Early College Credit Program in the same term as defined in statute.

Early College Program

- High School students in grades 9 through 12 may participate in the Early College Credit program and enroll in UW System institutions, private non-profit higher education institution, and tribally controlled colleges in the State of Wisconsin to take courses which lead to credit granted toward high school graduation, or for college credit only if they are not comparable to a course offered at the high school.
- Provides opportunities to take up to 18 credits under this program;
- If the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and satisfies a high school graduation requirement there is no cost to the family except for the responsibility of transportation.
- If the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and is for college credit only there is a 25% cost to the family in addition to the responsibility of transportation.

Start College Now Program

- Eleventh and twelfth grade students may participate in the Start College Now and enroll at Wisconsin Technical Colleges to take courses which lead to credit granted toward high school graduation.
- Provides opportunities to take up to 18 credits under this program;
- Is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including that the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and satisfies a high school graduation requirement
- There is no cost to the family except for the responsibility of transportation.

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the Waunakee Community School District include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to a 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 nonresident school district.
- 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 section 115.7915 of the state statutes.

- 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 in the Waunakee Community School District but who are enrolled in a private school include the following:

- 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 section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Participate in the band program under guidelines established in policy.
- 7th and 8th grade athletics as established in policy.
- Attend summer school classes/programs.
- Attend community education classes/programs.

Educational options for children who reside in the Waunakee Community School District but 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 section 118.53.
- Participate in the band program under guidelines established in policy.
- Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extra-curricular activities as provided under section 118.133, plus 7th and 8th grade athletics as established in policy.
- Attend summer school classes/programs.
- Attend community education classes/programs.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District’s administrative office at 608-849-2000 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.