

Subchapter 38.12 (District Board Duties) New Program; “Start College Now”

(14) ATTENDANCE AT TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(a) Upon the pupil's request and with the written approval of the pupil's parent or guardian, any public school pupil who satisfies the following criteria may apply to attend a technical college for the purpose of taking one or more courses:

1. The pupil has completed the 10th grade.
2. The pupil is in good academic standing.

3. The pupil notifies the school board of the school district in which the pupil resides of his or her intent to attend a technical college under this subsection by March 1 if the pupil intends to enroll in the fall semester and by October 1 if the pupil intends to enroll in the spring semester.

4. The pupil is not a child at risk, as defined in s. 118.153 (1) (a).

5. The pupil is not ineligible under s. 118.55 (7t) (c) to participate in the program under this section.

(am) A school board may refuse to permit a pupil to attend a technical college under this subsection if the pupil is a child with a disability, as defined in s. 115.76 (5), and the school board determines that the cost to the school district under par. (dm) would impose an undue financial burden on the school district.

(b) The technical college district board shall admit the pupil to the technical college if he or she meets the requirements and prerequisites of the course or courses for which he or she applied, except as follows:

1. The district board may admit a pupil to a course under this subsection only if there is space available in the course after admitting to the course all individuals applying for admission to the course who are not attending the technical college under this subsection.

2. The district board may reject an application from a pupil who has a record of disciplinary problems, as determined by the district board.

(c) If a child attends a technical college under this subsection, the technical college shall ensure that the child's educational program meets the high school graduation requirements under s. 118.33. At least 30 days before the beginning of the technical college semester in which the pupil will be enrolled, the school board of the school district in which the pupil resides shall notify the pupil, in writing, if a course in which the pupil will be enrolled does not meet the high school graduation requirements and whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the school district. If the pupil disagrees with the school board's decision regarding comparability of courses or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, the pupil may appeal the school board's decision to the state superintendent within 30 days after the decision. The state superintendent's decision is final and is not subject to review under such. III of ch. 227. The pupil is eligible to receive both high school and technical college credit for courses successfully completed at the technical college.

(d) Subject to s. 118.55 (7t), for each pupil attending a technical college under this subsection, the school board shall pay to the technical college district board, in 2 installments payable upon initial enrollment and at the end of the semester, for those courses taken for high school credit, an amount equal

to the cost of tuition, course fees, and books that a pupil who is attending the technical college and who is a resident of this state would be charged, except that the school board is not responsible for payment for any courses that are comparable to courses offered in the school district.

(dm) If a pupil who is attending a technical college under this subsection is a child with a disability, as defined in s. 115.76 (5), the payment under par. (d) shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of any special services required for the pupil.

(e) The school board of the school district in which the pupil resides is not responsible for transporting a pupil attending a technical college under this subsection to or from the technical college that the pupil is attending.

(f) A pupil taking a course at a technical college for high school credit under this subsection is not responsible for any portion of the tuition and fees for the course if the school board is required to pay the technical college for the course under par. (d).

Cross-reference: See also ch. TCS 9, Wis. adm. code.

History: 1971 c. 154; 1975 c. 198 s. 65; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 221; 1981 c. 20, 269; 1981 c. 391 s. 210; 1983 a. 27, 192; 1983 a. 379 ss. 2, 5, 6, 7; 1983 a. 391; 1985 a. 332 s. 251 (1), (3); 1987 a. 399; 1989 a. 56, 121, 177, 359; 1993 a. 227; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 448; 1997 a. 27, 237; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 2001 a. 22; 2003 a. 69; 2005 a. 324, 470; 2013 a. 56; 2017 a. 59 ss. 632f, 632h, 1570b to 1570y.

Cross-reference: See also ch. TCS 7, Wis. adm. code.