

CHILDREN AT RISK OF NOT GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

342.4

The Waunakee Community School District “Children at Risk of not graduating from high school” identifications are established to meet the requirements of state law and established regulations.

Children at risk of not graduating from high school means students in grades 5 to 12 who are at risk of not graduating from high school because they failed the high school graduation exam (when applicable), are dropouts, or are 2 or more of the following.

- 1) One or more years behind their age group in the number of high school credits attained.
- 2) Two or more years behind their age group and basic skill levels.
- 3) A student who is absent without an acceptable excuse for part or all of 5 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.
- 4) Parents - A student who is a parent as defined under state law. School-age parent means any person under the age of 21 who is not a high school graduate and is a parent, an expectant parent, or a person who has been pregnant within the immediate preceding 120 days.
- 5) Adjudicated Delinquent - A student who has been adjudicated delinquent under state law. Delinquent means a child who is less than 18 years of age and 12 years of age or older who has violated any state or federal criminal law except as provided in state law.
- 6) Below Level Scores – Eight grade pupils whose score in each subject area on the examination administered under s. 118.30 (1m) (am) 1 was below the basic level, (8th grade pupils who failed the examination under s. 118.30 (1m) (am) 2)*, and 8th grade pupils who failed to be promoted to 9th grade.

* Note: Current Law (July 2000) requires this provision (parentheses) but does not define what is a “failure” on the tests nor does the state report failures on the 8th grade test. Until that is done this specific provision cannot be applied.

The superintendent will appoint an at-risk coordinator who will be responsible for preparing a list of students who meet the criteria, inform parent(s)/guardians in writing that the child has been identified by District procedures as being at-risk of not completing his/her education, and develop a plan of service for the student.

The service plan shall do the following:

- 1) Describe how curriculum modifications, alternative programs, remedial instruction and student support services will be used to meet the needs of the child.
- 2) Include a list of community support services available to the child and describe how the services will be used and coordinated to meet the needs of the child.
- 3) Seek to actively involve parents/guardians and describe how parental involvement will be used to meet the needs of the child.

The at-risk coordinator will also be responsible for completing evaluation and monitoring requirements as required, by the Department of Public Instruction.

The District shall not discriminate in admission to any public school participation in any curricular, extra curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, religion, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures. This does not, however, prohibit placing a student in a school class, program or activity based on objective standards of individual performance or need. PI 9.03 (1) (a)

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.13
118.153 Wisconsin Statutes
118.33
PI 9.03 (1)(a) Wisconsin Administrative Code

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345.5 High School Graduation Requirements/Procedures
411-Rule (1) Student Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedures

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