

EARLY POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

Start College Now

Eleventh and twelfth grade students may participate in the Start College Now and enroll at institutions of the Wisconsin Technical College to take courses which lead to credit granted toward high school graduation.

The Board of Education is responsible for the costs of 11th and 12th grade students attending technical colleges under the Start College Now program only if the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the Waunakee Community School District. Courses taken at a technical college may be taken at school district cost under conditions established by statute.

The Board of Education will limit the credits for which the district will pay technical colleges under Start College Now to 18 credits per student.

If a pupil received a failing grade or fails to complete a Start College Now course for which the Board of Education has made payment, the Board of Education will request reimbursement from the student/family. If the student/family fails to provide reimbursement for the dropped or failed course(s) the student will no longer be eligible for participation in the Start College Now program.

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

Early College Credit 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.

The Board of Education will limit the credits for which the district will pay at institutions of higher education under the Early College Credit Program to 18 credits per student.

The Board of Education is responsible for costs of a student attending institutions of higher education under the Early College Credit Program as defined in statute where the course is not comparable to a course offered in the Waunakee Community School District. If the student is taking a non-comparable course under the Early College Credit Program for college credit only the student's family is responsible for 25% of the cost. Any student costs that would otherwise be allowed under the program will be waived if they pose an undue financial burden to the student's family.

If a pupil received a failing grade or fails to complete an Early College Credit Program course for which the Board of Education has made payment, the Board will request reimbursement from the student/family.

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

Additional procedures relating to the implementation of Start College Now and Early College Credit Program will be addressed in administrative guidelines.

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