

**WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONTINUOUS NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

The Wausau School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes").

Anyone who believes that the Wausau School District has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, may file a complaint with the District Compliance Officers at the Longfellow Administration Center, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin, 54403, or by telephone at 715-261-0500.

Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex) and Section 504 (disability) should be referred to:

Cale Bushman
Director of Pupil Services
Wausau School District
415 Seymour Street
Wausau, WI 54402-0359
715-261-0500

Tabatha Gundrum
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Complaints can also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights:

U.S. Department of Education	Phone:	312-730-1560
Office for Civil Rights- Chicago Office	Fax:	312-730-1576
500 W Madison Street, Suite 1475	TDD:	312-730-1609
Chicago, Illinois 60661	E-mail:	OCR.Chicago@ed.gov
	Website:	http://www.ed.gov/ocr

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN THE WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wausau School District (WSD) offers a variety of educational options to students who reside within District attendance boundaries. The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program involves a progression from 4-Year-Old Kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

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

- Early childhood special education (for at least 3-years-old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English Language Learner programs
- Gifted and Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program for at-risk students (students identified as being at-risk of not graduating high school)
- Summer learning programming
- Charter schools
- Academic and Career Planning
- Virtual education program

Wausau School District schools include:

Franklin Elementary	Riverview Elementary
Grant Elementary	South Mountain Elementary
Hawthorn Hills Elementary	Stettin Elementary
Hewitt-Texas Elementary	Wausau Area Montessori Charter
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Horace Mann Middle
G.D. Jones Elementary	John Muir Middle
Lincoln Elementary	Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy
Maine Elementary	Wausau East High
John Marshall Elementary	Wausau West High
Rib Mountain Elementary	Wausau Area Virtual Education

The District's most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed on the District's website:

<http://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>. Under the "District" heading, scroll down and select "Wausau". You can then select the report card for the District or for any school within the District. Since state-required assessments were waived for the 2019-20 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, any state assessment performance data included in the school and school district performance reports required under section 115.38 for the 2020-21 year will likely be assessment data from the 2018-19 school year.

Educational options for WSD students that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a WSD school include:

The Early College Credit Program, which

- Allows students in grades 11 and 12 to take college credits through the UW system or private, nonprofit institutions of higher education (IHE).
- Must satisfy a high school graduation requirement
- Cannot be a comparable course offered in our high schools
- Students must apply by March 1 and October 1 for the following semester.
- See Board of Education Policy 6221 for more information
- Application information can be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp/application>

The Start College Now Program, which

- Allows students in grades 11 and 12 to take courses at Wisconsin Technical Colleges.
- Must satisfy a high school graduation requirement
- Cannot be a comparable course offered in our high schools
- Students must apply by March 1 and October 1 for the following semester
- See Board of Education Policy 6222 for more information
- Application information can be found at [https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/student-success/career-prep/new-start-college-now-\(formerly-youth-options\)](https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/student-success/career-prep/new-start-college-now-(formerly-youth-options))

Additional educational options for WSD students 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 District include:

- 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 the 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 district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a student 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 WSD but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include:

- The opportunity to attend WSD summer learning programming.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses per semester in a WSD school subject to sufficient space, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - apply for approval to take up to 2 courses per semester in a WSD school subject to sufficient space, pursuant to section 118.53 of the state statutes; and
 - participate in WSD interscholastic athletics pursuant to section 118.133 of the state statutes.

For more information about these educational options, please contact Jennifer Rauscher, Director of Secondary Education, at 715-261-0527 or jrauscher@wausauschools.org.