WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTINUOUS NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The District does not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes of race, color, national origin, age, sex (including transgender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend a meeting or to participate in any communication about religious matters or political matters, or any other characteristic protected by law in its practices. (Updated 10.08.24)

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), Title II of the ADA, and Section 504 (disability) should be referred to:

Tabatha Gundrum
Director of Human Resources -
Wausau School District
415 Seymour Street
Wausau, WI 54402-0359
715-261-0500

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	Lincoln Early Learning Academy
South Mountain Elementary	Red Granite Charter School
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Wausau Area Montessori Charter
G.D. Jone Elementary	Horace Mann Middle
Maine Elementary	John Muir Middle
John Marshall Elementary	Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy
Rib Mountain Elementary	Wausau East High
Riverview Elementary	Wausau West High
Stettin 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.

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/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Start-College-Now-Instructions.pdf

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 & Growing Great Minds (G2M).
- 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 Dr. Katie Colwell, Assistant Superintendent of Academics, at 715-261-0500 or kcolwell@wausauschools.org.

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