

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM
343.42**

The District shall administer the Youth Options Program in accordance with state law and regulations. The High School Principal shall be responsible for administering the Youth Options Program.

Eligibility for Application for Participation

Upon the student's request and with the written approval of the student's parent/guardian, any student who satisfies the following criteria may apply to attend a post-secondary institution under the Youth Options Program.

To be eligible to participate in Youth Options, a student must:

- ◆ Have completed the 10th grade.
- ◆ Apply to the post-secondary institution in the school semester prior to the one in which the student plans to attend the post-secondary course.
- ◆ Be a student in good academic standing. Factors considered in this area are grades, attendance and disciplinary referrals.
- ◆ Notify the Board of his/her intent to attend a post-secondary institution, by completing the Department of Public Instruction Form PI-8700A, not later than March 1st for a course to be taken in the fall semester; October 1 for a course to be taken in the spring semester.
- ◆ Notify the principal and school counselor once the student is admitted and registered for classes at the post-secondary institution.

The Board shall determine whether the college course(s) is comparable to a course offered in the District, whether it satisfies any graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits are to be awarded to the student. If a student is not satisfied with the Board's decisions, he/she may appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

Courses taken at a college as part of the Youth Options Program, or over the ITV system, shall be paid for as follows:

- ◆ The school district must pay for any course that is taken for high school credit if the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district.
- ◆ The school district will pay for up to a total of 18 post-secondary credits (4.5 high school credits) per student over the two year eligibility period through the Youth Options Program.
- ◆ If the course is taken for post-secondary credit only, the student shall pay as required by law.
- ◆ If the student is a child with disabilities, the Board shall also pay the costs of any special services required for the student as determined jointly by the District and college. The District may refuse to permit a child with a disability to attend if it determines that the cost to the District would impose an undue financial burden on the District.

- ◆ If a student receives a failing grade in a course where tuition has been paid by the school district, the school district will require reimbursement for all costs related to the course. Reimbursement will be required from the student if she/he is an adult or from the student's parent or guardian.

Students attending a college under the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for their own transportation costs. Transportation assistance is available from the Department of Public Instruction for those who qualify.

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Wisconsin Administrative Code - PI 40

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