

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAYVILLE

343.42-Rule

### YOUTH OPTION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

#### A. Student Eligibility

1. Technical College Courses - Any student who satisfies the following criteria may apply to attend a technical college under the Youth Options Program for the purpose of taking one or more courses:
  - a. the student has completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade;
  - b. the student is in good academic standing; defined as having a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or consent of principal;
  - c. the student notifies the District within the timelines outlined below;
  - d. the student is not a child at risk as defined by state law;
  - e. the student cannot be credit-deficient or identified as a habitual truant; and
  - f. the student cannot have any failures in the semester previous to making the Youth Options Request.

A student may take only regular occupational or technical courses or general education courses that satisfy the requirements of an associate degree or vocational diploma program. A student may not take technical college remedial programs and courses under the Youth Options Program.

2. Courses at Institutions of Higher Education – Any student enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade who is not attending a technical college under the Youth Options Program or in lieu of high school or on part-time basis as specified under the compulsory attendance law (16 year old child at risk) may apply for enrollment in an institution within the university of Wisconsin system, a tribally controlled college or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in Wisconsin for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses. A student may not take more than the equivalent of 15 credit hours in any academic semester

#### B. Procedures for Notifying District of Intent to Take Youth Options Program Courses and Receiving High School Credit

1. A student who intends to enroll in a technical college or institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program shall submit a request to the High School Principal or designee prior to March 1 if the student plans to enroll in a course in the fall semester and prior to October 1 if the student intends to enroll in the spring semester.
2. The High School Principal or designee shall review the request to determine whether the Youth Options Program course is comparable to a course in the District, whether the course satisfies District graduation requirements and the number of high school credits, if any, that should be awarded for the satisfactory completion of the Youth Options Program course.

3. High school credit will be awarded for courses taken through the Youth Options Program if they meet any of the District's graduation requirements and any of the following conditions apply:
  - a. Credit will be awarded for those courses taken that are complementary to, consistent with or expand on a course of study or sequence of courses offered at the high school.
  - b. Credit will be awarded for those courses that expand the opportunity for a student to move to another level of academic or vocational course of study.
  - c. Credit will be awarded for those courses that meet or exceed the same standards for rigor and content as other courses approved by but not offered by the District for credit toward graduation.
  - d. Credit will be awarded for those courses that support rather than prevent a student from completing high school graduation requirements.

If a Youth Options Program course is approved for high school credit, one-fourth high school credit shall be granted per one semester credit offered by the course.

4. Except as otherwise provided, high school credit may be denied for a Youth Options Program course if the District offers a comparable course. High school credit will be given for comparable post-secondary courses taken at a technical college that the District is required to pay for under state law. According to state regulations, "comparable" means all of the following:
  - a. The high school course is offered during the period of time after the student notifies the District of his/her intention to participate in the Youth Options Program and prior to graduation,
  - b. The high school course is available for enrollment; and
  - c. The high school course content, as determined by curriculum guides, expectations, goals, scope and sequence is 80 percent equivalent to the content of the post-secondary course syllabus, if available, and course description.
5. High school credit may be denied for a Youth Options Program course that repeats the post-secondary course content for which the student has already taken and failed.
6. High school credit may be denied for a course if it repeats the course content for which a student has already received a passing grade and high school credit.
7. In order to receive high school credit for a course taken under the Youth Options Program, a student must successfully complete the course and receive a passing grade.

**C. Appeal of District's Decision**

If a student's request for high school credit is denied or if the student is not satisfied with the District's decision regarding satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, the number of high school credits to be awarded for the post-secondary course or the comparability of courses, the student may appeal the District's decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 days of the decision.

**D. Payment for Youth Options Program Courses and Transportation Policy**

1. The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary course credits (4 ½ high school credits) for a student during his/her period of eligibility under the Youth Options Program (junior and senior year). No exceptions to this limit will be considered.
2. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete a course at an institution of higher education or technical college for which the District has made payment, the student's parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is an adult, shall reimburse the District the amount paid on the students behalf at the request of the District. If the payment is not reimbursed as requested, the student is ineligible for further participation in the Youth Options Program.
3. Students attending an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for their own transportation costs. When the District is responsible for paying for a course, the district is responsible for the cost of tuition and textbooks. The textbooks purchased by the district are the property of the district. The cost of equipment associated with a course will be the responsibility of the student(s). Incidental fees, such as a parking permit or fee, will also be the responsibility of the student.

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Signatures of School Board Members:

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