

## PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Board of Education Policy

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The Youth Options Program is open to any Port Edwards School District 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who meets the established requirements. The Port Edwards School District will pay for up to 18 postsecondary credits total, during the course of a student's participation in Youth Options. The principal or designee shall be responsible for administering the Youth Options Program. In doing so, he/she shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered in the District, whether it satisfies graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

##### Courses Taken Through the Technical Colleges

Upon the student's request and with the written approval of the parent/guardian, any student who meets the following criteria may apply to attend a technical college under the Youth Options Program:

1. The student has completed 10<sup>h</sup> grade.
2. The student is in good academic standing.\*
3. The student notifies the Board of his/her intent to attend a technical college by March 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester.
4. The student is not a child at risk as defined in state law 118.53.

\*The Port Edwards School District defines good academic standing to mean no D's or F's in the quarter or semester prior to application and/or attendance.

##### Courses Taken Through Institutions of Higher Education

Upon the student's request and with the written approval of the parent/guardian, any 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student may apply to attend an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program. The student must comply with the institution of higher education's admission criteria.

##### Student/Parent Responsibilities

1. The student must complete DPI Form PI-8700-A (Youth Options Program Plan and Report) notifying the Board of Education of his/her intention to attend an institution of higher education or technical college under the Youth Options Program. Notification must be made no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> if the student intends to enroll in the fall semester and no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> if the student intends to enroll in the spring semester.
2. The student must fill out the appropriate paperwork to apply for admission/enrollment at the institution of higher education or the technical college. The student must notify the high school principal or designee whether he/she has been admitted to the institution of higher education or technical college.
3. The student must submit a copy of his/her schedule from the institution of higher learning or the technical college to the high school principal or designee as proof of registration.
4. The student must attend John Edwards High School during all hours in which they are not enrolled in the Youth Options Program. The class period before and the class period after a student's Youth Options course will be allowed for travel.

##### Payment of Tuition/Costs/Fees

Courses taken as part of the Youth Options Program shall be paid for as follows:

1. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District, the Board shall pay as required by law.

2. If the student is attending an institution of higher education and the course is taken for high school credit and the course is comparable to one offered in the District, the student shall pay the costs associated with the course.
3. If the student is attending a technical college for less than ten (10) credits during any semester and the course is taken for high school credit and is comparable to a course offered in the District, the student shall pay as required by law.
4. If the student is attending a technical college for ten (10) or more credits during any semester, the District would be responsible for payment for comparable courses for one-half (½) of the total number of credits taken, but no more than six (6) credits.
5. If the course is taken for post-secondary credit only, the student shall pay the costs associated with the course.
6. Students participating in the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for their own transportation costs. If they are unable to pay such costs and are receiving high school credit, they may be able to apply to DPI for reimbursement of transportation costs.
7. If the student receives a failing grade or fails to complete (drops) a course for which the school district has made payment, the student's parent or guardian, or the student if he or she is an adult, will reimburse the school district for all costs related to the coursework.
8. Students who fail to provide reimbursement for a dropped or failed course as described above are not eligible for the Youth Options program.

### **Awarding of High School Credit**

If a Youth Options Program course is approved for high school credit, one-quarter (¼) high school credit shall be granted per one (1) semester credit at the institution of higher education or technical college. Grades for credits earned through the Youth Options Program will be calculated into a student's GPA. High school credit may be denied for a course if it repeats the content for which a student has already received a passing grade and high school credit. 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.

### **Athletic Eligibility**

Grades earned in the Youth Options Program will be used to determine athletic eligibility. A failing grade earned in a Youth Options course will be considered along with the other grades earned by a student during the second and fourth quarters for determining eligibility. Similarly, grades earned in a Youth Options course will be calculated into the student's second and fourth quarter GPA to check for eligibility.

### **Appeal Process**

If a student is not satisfied with the District's decision regarding comparability of courses, the number of high school credits to be awarded, or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, he/she may appeal such decision within 30 days to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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LEGAL REF.: Section 118.55 Wisconsin Statutes  
PI 40, Wisconsin Administrative Code

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