

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

This policy is established in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 118.55.

The Youth Options Program allows students to take college credits at the expense of the local school district at either four-year or two-year colleges and have those credits counted as high school credit as well. State statutes dictate most requirements of the Youth Options Program but allows local school districts to enact a policy governing some aspects of the program. The provisions of the Lancaster Community School District Youth Options Policy are as follows:

- (1) The high school principal, or his/her designee, shall determine whether the course(s) is comparable to a course offered in the District, whether the course satisfies District graduation requirements, and what, if any, high school credits are to be awarded to the student for the course. If such course(s) is taken for high school credit, the Board shall pay the costs in accordance with state law and regulations
- (2) The high school principal, or his/her designee, shall provide information about the program to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students in accordance with established procedures.
- (3) The maximum number of college credits that any one student can take through this program at district expense is eighteen (18). All approved college coursework must be for classes that are not comparable to classes offered at Lancaster High School.
- (4) College credits may be taken at technical college, public or private four-year college in Wisconsin.
- (5) Students participating in Youth Options must do so during their junior and senior year and be in good standing. Good standing is defined as being on pace to graduate with his or her class by cumulative number of credits, on pace with specific graduation requirements by grade level and not having failed any courses the semester before attending college.
- (6) Students requesting youth options courses for the fall semester must submit their request to the school board on or before March 1st. Students requesting youth options courses for the spring semester must submit their request on or before October 1st. Students must apply using the PI-8700A form provided by the State Department of Public Instruction and available at Lancaster High School.
- (7) Transportation of students participating in the Youth Options Program is the sole responsibility of the student and his/her parents.

- (8) The students and parents of the students participating in Youth Options are required to sign releases authorizing the release of grades and attendance records by the attended college to Lancaster High School.
- (9) The Lancaster School Board will request reimbursement from the student and/or parents for costs incurred for any Youth Options course which the student fails or from which the student withdraws.

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