

343 TECHNICAL COLLEGE COURSE PROGRAMS (Start College Now Program)

The Williams Bay School District is committed supports providing quality educational opportunities to ensure District students graduate college and career ready. Consistent with state law, high school students in the 11th and 12th grade who meet the eligibility requirements defined in applicable statutes, regulations, and District policies, and who submit timely and complete applications and notices, may be permitted to enroll in one or more nonsectarian courses at a technical college through the technical college “Start College Now” (SCN) Program.

General Guidelines

1. The student has completed 10th grade.
2. The student is in good academic standing. The Williams Bay School District defines good academic standing to mean no D’s or F’s in the term or quarter before the application and/or attendance concerns as reviewed by the principal or designee.
3. The student notifies the Board or Board’s designee of his/her intent to attend a technical college by March 1st for the fall semester and October 1st for the spring semester. The Board’s designee may make an exception to the application deadline.
4. Transportation costs, except as may be required by the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), are the responsibility of the student/parent.
5. The student and parent/guardian must consent in writing to allow the District to communicate with the Technical College regarding the student’s disciplinary record.
6. The student is not eligible to participate in SCN while simultaneously participating in ECCP.

Responsibility for Costs and Limitations on District Payments

1. To the extent required by state law, the District shall pay the costs associated with students’ enrollment in a technical college under this policy if the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district.
2. Limitations on the District’s responsibility for payment include the following:
 - a. The District shall pay only tuition, fees, and course material costs as are required by law.
 - b. If the District is required to pay the technical college for the costs of a book or similar resource that is not a one-time use item, the student is required to return the resource(s) to the District upon completion of the course.
 - c. The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of a combined total of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student for any courses that are taken through the SCN Program or ECCP. Courses that the District paid for under the former Youth Options Program and/or Course Options Program count toward this credit limit.
 - d. The District shall only pay for courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student’s parent or guardian, or the student if over age 18, is responsible for reimbursing the District for tuition, fees, and other costs paid by the District. If this reimbursement is not made upon request, the student is ineligible for any further participation in the SCN Program and ECCP.

3. Unless otherwise required by law, the District is not responsible for providing transportation to technical college courses taken under this policy or paying for transportation-related costs.

Undue Financial Burden

The District has the authority under Wisconsin State Statute 115.76(5) to deny participation to a student with a disability if the cost would impose an undue financial burden on the District.

Technical College Guidelines

The Technical College District Board shall admit the student under the SCN program if they meet the requirements and prerequisites of the course or courses for which they have applied, except as follows:

1. There is no space available in the course after admitting all individuals applying for admission who are not participating in SCN.
2. The Technical College District Board determined the student is not eligible due to a record of disciplinary problems.

Awarding High School Credit

The Board shall grant high school credit for a course(s) taken at a technical college under the SCN Program if the post-secondary course meets any of the high school graduation requirements under Wis. State Statute 118.33.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 38.12 (14), 115.76(5), 118.33

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