

## **345.62 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL/CAREER AND COLLEGE ACADEMY GRADUATION POLICY**

The Williams Bay School District participates in a collaborative that allows students to attend the Elkhorn Area School District's Career and College Academy formerly known as the Alternative High School.

Williams Bay High School students who demonstrate proficiency in the designated outcomes and who maintain a consistent attendance and work ethic may earn an Elkhorn Area Alternative High School diploma. This diploma is on an outcome-based rather than credit-based criteria and therefore a student may not graduate from the alternative school ahead of his/her chronological class.

Students of the Alternative High School may also earn a Williams Bay High School diploma by meeting the established credit requirements of the Williams Bay School District (total of 26 credits).

Students of the Alternative High School who are 18, or current seniors, may earn an alternative Adult Elkhorn Area High School diploma by meeting the established credit requirements (17 credits) listed below:

- Four (4) credits of English
- Three (3) credits of Math
- Three (3) credits of Science
- Three (3) credits of Social Studies
- One and one-half (1.5) credits of Physical Education
- One-half (.5) credit of Health
- Two (2) credits of an elective
- Successful completion of the state required civics test

Students of the Alternative High School may participate in the Senior Skills (GED Option 2) program and earn an Elkhorn Area Alternative High School Diploma. The Senior Skills program is a graduation pathway for seniors. Students fulfill requirements to graduation that include passing content level tests, participating in classroom activities, completing requirements for work experience, Civics (successful passing of state Civics exam), Financial Literacy, a senior portfolio, and community service, attending at a 90% or better level, and successfully passing a Gateway Technical College course.

Students of the Alternative High School may also participate in the Competency Program and earn an Elkhorn Alternative High School Competency Diploma. The Competency Program is a graduation pathway for students beginning in their junior year. Students complete core requirements in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts at the 11th and 12th-grade levels of achievement. Students must achieve competencies at an achievement level of 75% or greater to earn competency in each core area. Students participate in this program for four semesters. Additionally, students are required to pass the state Civics exam.

Graduating students from the Alternative High School may choose to participate in either the Williams Bay High School Commencement ceremony and/or the Alternative High School ceremony. However, students at the Alternative High School are not eligible for Williams Bay High School awards and recognitions. Their awards and recognitions will be determined at their respective schools. The high school principal, or designee, is responsible for determining all credits that apply toward graduation.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes 118.33, 121.02 (1)(p), Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 19

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