## 345.62 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 a Career and College Academy diploma. This collaboration has high school diploma pathways that include both outcome-based and credit-based criteria. A student may only graduate ahead of their chronological class with approval from the Williams Bay School District Superintendent.

Williams Bay School District students enrolled in the Career and College Academy have the option to participate in classes, extracurricular activities, athletics, and graduation ceremonies with Williams Bay High School. Students will earn their diploma from the Career and College Academy.

Students of the Career and College Academy who are 18, or current seniors, may earn a 24 credit Career and College Academy diploma by meeting the established credit requirements (24 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
- Nine (9) credits of elective classes
- Successful completion of the state required civics test
- Successfully pass one Gateway Technical College course or another dual credit course

Students of the Career and College Academy who are 18, or current seniors, may earn an alternative seventeen (17) College and Career Academy 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
- Successfully pass one Gateway Technical College course or another dual credit course

Students of the Career and College Academy may participate in the Senior Skills (GED Option 2) program and earn an Elkhorn Area Career and College Academy Diploma. The Senior Skills program Williams Bay School District Williams Bay, Wisconsin

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 Career and College Academy may also participate in the Competency Program and earn an Elkhorn Career and College Academy 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 Career and College Academy may choose to participate in either the Williams Bay High School Commencement ceremony and/or the Career and College Academy ceremony. However, students at the Career and College Academy 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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