YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

The District recognizes the value to students of participating in programs offered by the University of Wisconsin institutions, the Technical Colleges, and participating private education institutions in Wisconsin, as well as the District's legal obligations in supporting such opportunities.

Students enrolled in the School District of Brodhead may participate in the Youth Options program, in accordance with the requirements set forth in WI Statute 118.55. This program will be administered locally by the H.S. principal; in addition, all applications for which District payment of tuition is requested are also subject to approval by the School Board.

Youth Options courses are available to students in grades 11 & 12 who are in good academic standing. Good academic standing is defined by the following criteria:

- have earned 12 credits by the completion of four semesters, 16 credits by the completion of five semesters, or 18 credits by the completion of six semesters
- have a 90% or better attendance rate
- have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- have no failed classes for the semester prior to taking the class for which the student applies
- have exhausted all possible avenues for taking a comparable course at Brodhead High School
- a record of positive student behavior as indicated in the code of conduct

Requests for participation must be submitted, in writing, to the H.S. Principal no later than October 1st for spring semester courses, and no later than March 1st for fall courses. Summer school courses are not eligible under the Youth Options program.

Upon receiving a student application for participation, the District will determine, for each course requested:

- whether the course will be accepted for high school credit, and the level of credit to be awarded (general rule is one-quarter high school credit per one semester credit of post-secondary work)
- whether the course is comparable to one offered in the District
- whether the District is compelled to pay for the course

The District will notify the student, in writing and before the start of the semester in which the course is scheduled, of its determination. If the student disagrees with these decisions, he/she may appeal to the Department of Public Instruction within thirty (30) days.

Payment for approved courses will be made in accordance with state statute. Students and/or their parents are responsible for all transportation costs incurred through participation. District payment for Youth Options courses will be limited to a maximum of eighteen (18) post-secondary semester credits per student.

Students participating in Youth Options courses must provide to the District an official transcript upon completion of the course. Payment will be made only for courses that have been properly pre-approved and successfully completed. If the student receives a failing grade in the course, or fails to complete the course, the student's parents (or the student, if he/she is an adult) will be required to reimburse the District for any payments made on the student's behalf. Failure to make such reimbursement will make the student ineligible for further participation in any Youth Options courses.

Any textbooks purchased with District funds, which will be allowed only when the youth options statute require, become the property of the School District of Brodhead, and must be returned upon completion of the course; if they are not, the student and/or parents will be billed.

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