



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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START COLLEGE NOW

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students and to the District, of students participating in courses offered by institutions of higher education. River Valley High School students in 11th or 12th grade who meet the eligibility requirements and who submit timely and complete applications and notices may be permitted to enroll in one or more courses at a Wisconsin Technical College through the Start College Now technical college course program. Initial notification forms must be submitted to the District by March 1 if the student intends to enroll at the Institute of Higher Education in the subsequent fall semester and by October 1 if the student intends to enroll in the subsequent spring semester.

Students may be eligible to receive college and/or elective high school credit for completing course(s) at institutions of higher education provided they complete the course(s) and receive a passing grade. A student shall be granted $\frac{1}{2}$ high school credit per 1 semester of conversion-eligible postsecondary credit for a course taken under Start College Now. The Board of Education will limit the credits for which the district will pay at institutions of higher education under Start College Now to 18 credits per student. 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.

The District will seek reimbursement from students and/or parents/guardians for payment of the tuition and fees paid by the District on the student's behalf if a Start College Now course is failed or not completed. If a student is completing a Start College Now Course for credit, a failure in the course will also result in a failure on the high school transcript. Failure to reimburse the District as requested shall result in the student not being eligible for any further participation in Start College Now.

The District shall establish guidelines to ensure that the District's Start College Now program complies with applicable State law and the administrative rules of the Department of Public Instruction. Information about Start College Now will be available to tenth and eleventh grade students annually in accordance with established procedures.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student. State reimbursement for transportation may be available through direct application by the parent/guardian or student to the Department of Public Instruction.

LEGAL REF.: 2017 Wisconsin Act 59

CROSS REFERENCE: 345.5 Graduation Requirements

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