



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students and to the District, of students participating in courses offered by Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). River Valley High School students in ninth to twelfth grades who meet the eligibility requirements and who submit timely and complete applications and forms, may be permitted to enroll in one or more courses at a University of Wisconsin two- or four-year campus, tribally controlled college, or participating private, nonprofit college/university in Wisconsin through the Early College Credit Program. Early College Credit Forms must be submitted to the District by March 1 if the student intends to enroll at the IHE in the subsequent summer or fall semester and by October 1 if the student intends to enroll in the subsequent spring semester.

The counseling department, with administration, shall be responsible for (1) ensuring that the District appropriately processes requests/applications related to the Early College Credit Program; and (2) determining whether the District will approve individual applications and pay for specific courses based on the criteria established in State law, any applicable State regulations, and applicable District policies and procedures.

The authority of the program administrator(s) includes, but is not limited to, the authority to make or approve the following determinations on behalf of the District:

1. Whether a student meets the minimum eligibility criteria established in State law;
2. Whether a proposed course is comparable to a course already offered in the District;
3. Whether the proposed course and any resulting credit meets any of the District's high school graduation requirements; and
4. Whether the student will be eligible to receive high school credit for the successful completion of a proposed course, and, if so, the amount of high school credit.

Students may be eligible to receive college and/or elective high school credit for completing course(s) at IHEs provided they complete the course(s) and receive a passing grade. A student shall be granted ½ high school credit per 1 semester of conversion-eligible post-secondary credit for a course taken under the Early College Credit Program. The Board of Education will limit the credits for which the District will pay at IHEs under the Early College Credit Program to 18 credits per student. The Board of Education is responsible for costs of a student attending IHEs under the Early College Credit Program for dual credit as defined in statute where the course is not comparable to a course offered in the River Valley School District. If the student is taking a non-comparable course under the Early College Credit Program for college credit only, the student's family is responsible for 25% of the cost. If a student takes a course at an IHE that is comparable to a course offered in the District, the District will make no payment for the course. Instead, the student taking the comparable course is responsible for paying the tuition and fees for the course.

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 an Early College Credit Program course is failed or not completed. If a student is completing an ECCP course for dual credit, a failed 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 the Early College Credit Program.

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 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The District shall establish guidelines to ensure that the District's Early College Credit Program complies with applicable state law and the administrative rules of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Information about the Early College Credit Program will be available to eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students annually in accordance with established procedures.

A student or his/her parent or guardian may submit a written request to the District Administrator to reconsider a District decision related to a student's participation in the Early College Credit Program. In addition, if an applicant for the program disagrees with a District decision regarding comparability of courses or the satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, State law provides that the applicant may appeal the District's decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 days after the District's decision.

LEGAL REF.: 38.12(14), 115.385(4), 118.15 (1)(d), 118.33, 118.55, 118.57, 120.12(17)
Wisconsin Statutes Chapter PI 40
2017 Wisconsin Act 59

CROSS REFERENCE: 345.5 Graduation Requirements

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