

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MCFARLAND

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School District of McFarland (“MSD”) offers students a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District. The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old Kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The most recent state-assigned accountability reports show that Indian Mound Middle School (Grades 6-8) exceeds the expectations set by the State. McFarland High School (Grades 9-12) and Waubesa Intermediate School (Grades 3-5) significantly exceeds those expectations. McFarland Primary School (Grades 1-2) earned satisfactory progress through the Department of Public Instruction Alternative Rating scale. Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center does not receive a state accountability rating because Kindergarten is not a tested grade in the state accountability system.

Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District’s schools include the following:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English language learner education
- Gifted and talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program(s)
- At-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school)
- Summer school programming

The full version of the District’s most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the WI Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page on the District’s website: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>

Educational options for students who are enrolled in MSD that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the MSD include the following:

- The Course Options Program, which
 - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
 - is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and
 - includes certain District-approved dual credit opportunities that the District offers in conjunction with a partner institution of higher education.

- The Youth Options Program, which
 - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at certain institutions of higher education; and
 - is available only to students who are enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of MSD include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- Full-time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.
- Enrollment in Common Threads Family Resource Center (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in Wisconsin Virtual Academy (WIVA)

Educational options for children who reside in MSD but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - Apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
 - Participate in District interscholastic athletics as provided under section 118.133.
 - Participate in District co-curricular activities, with approval of Superintendent or designee.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at [\(608\) 838-4550](tel:6088384550) or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us