

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

343.42

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

District students who have reached junior or senior status who wish to enroll in a course(s) at an institution of higher education or technical college through the Youth Options Program shall receive approval of the guidance counselor, Secondary School Principal and the institution of higher education or technical college within the set deadlines outlined in state law.

The Secondary School Principal shall administer the Youth Options Program in the District. In doing so, he/she shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered at the District, whether it satisfies graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

When students have elected to receive high school credit for postsecondary courses taken under the Youth Options Program, credit will be awarded for successful completion of courses in accordance with state rules. One-fourth high school credit shall be granted per one semester postsecondary credit if the postsecondary course meets a requirement for graduation and if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- a. The postsecondary course is complementary to, consistent with, or expands on a courses of study or sequence of courses offered by the District.
- b. The postsecondary course offers the opportunity for the student to move to another level of academic or vocational study.
- c. The postsecondary course content meets or exceeds the same standards for rigor and substance as other such courses approved, but not offered, by the District for credit toward graduation.
- d. The postsecondary course supports rather than prevents the student from completing his/her high school graduation requirements.

The District may deny high school credit for any of the following reasons:

- a. The postsecondary course is comparable to one offered by the high school;
- b. The postsecondary course repeats the content of a course for which the student has already received a passing grade and high school credit or for which the student has already failed.

The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student through the Youth Options Program.

The District shall pay for the actual course fees and required texts at the time of enrollment in the course(s). Should the student fail to complete the course or receive a failing grade(s), the parent/guardian or student (if he/she is an adult) shall be required to pay the amount paid by the District on the student's behalf. A grade that constitutes a failing grade for a course offered in the District constitutes a failing grade for a course taken at an institution of higher education or technical college under the Youth Options Program. If payment is not reimbursed as requested, the student is ineligible for further participation in the Youth Options Program.

All ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students enrolled in the District shall be informed of the Youth Options Program annually.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.33 Wisconsin Statutes
118.55
PI 40, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 342.3-Rule, Gifted and Talented Students Program Guidelines
342.4, Program for Children at Risk
342.6, Services for English Language Learners
343.41, Correspondence Courses (Other Than Courses Taken Through the Youth Options Program)
345.6, Graduation Requirements

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