

School District of Rib Lake Act 55 Notice Requirements

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District Public Schools

The School District of Rib Lake offers the following public educational school options for resident attendance area students and students choosing to open enroll from non-resident districts.

Elementary School: Rib Lake Elementary School (K4-5)
Middle School: Rib Lake Middle School (6-8)
High School: Rib Lake High School (9-12)
Virtual: Rural Virtual Academy (K-12)

As required by sections 118.57 (2); 120.123; and 115.38 of the state statutes, the following is a description of school and school district performance categories, notice of reports posted on district website and parent rights to receive full copies of school and school district report cards.

Public Schools in the School District of Rib Lake		
School	Grades Served	Performance Category
Rib Lake Elementary	Grades K4 - 5	Exceeds Expectations
Rib Lake Middle School	Grades 6 - 8	Exceeds Expectations
Rib Lake High School	Grades 9 - 12	Meets Expectations
District	Grades Served	Performance Category
School District of Rib Lake	Grades K4 - 12	Meets Expectations

Complete school and district report cards have been posted to the School District webpage at www.riblake.k12.wi.us under “district” and then “report cards.”

Private School - Choice Program School (Voucher Schools)

The Private School Choice Program in our region is based on where the student resides. Eligibility in our resident attendance area pertains only to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program or statewide program (WPCP). Schools participating in the program receive a state aid payment for each eligible student on behalf of the student’s parent or guardian. Additionally, applicants may be required to meet income and age requirements. See the Frequently Asked Questions below for additional information on program requirements.

We have no participating schools within our district boundaries that are identified as Private School Choice Program schools. To see a list of specific schools participating in the WPCP please refer to the Department of Public Instruction website at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>

Charter School

Charter schools are public, nonsectarian schools created through a businesslike contract or “charter” between the charter governance board and the sponsoring school board or other chartering authority. The Wisconsin charter school law gives charter schools freedom from most state rules and regulations in exchange for greater accountability for results. The charter defines the missions and methods of the charter school. The chartering authority holds the school accountable to its charter. The charter school motto is “Autonomy for Accountability.”

There are no Charter Schools that lie within the School District of Rib Lake resident attendance area.

Virtual Education Opportunities:

The School District of Rib Lake is a founding member of the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) when RVA was formed in 2004. Rib Lake remains an invested member of the RVA Consortium and this is the primary virtual school option within the Rib Lake School District.

The School District of Rib Lake also works collaboratively with the following online curriculum via Northcentral Technical College and Odysseyware.

Full-Time Open Enrollment

The interdistrict public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside.

Any Wisconsin resident in five-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. Additionally, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or four-year-old kindergarten only if the child’s resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district.

The regular open enrollment application period for each school year starts at the beginning of February and ends at 4:00 pm on April 30. The best way to apply is online via a link on the DPI website.

An alternative application procedure allows pupils to apply for open enrollment at any time during a school year if certain criteria are met. Additional information regarding the alternative application procedure can be found on the DPI Open Enrollment - Parent Page.

For your convenience, please refer to the Department of Instruction website for further information at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Part-Time Open Enrollment

Part-Time Open Enrollment allows a student enrolled in a public school in the high school grades to attend public school in a nonresident district for the purpose of taking a course offered by the nonresident school district. A student may attend no more than two courses at any time in nonresident districts.

Early College Credit Program

The ECCP statute allows Wisconsin public and private high school students to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit. Under this section, "institution of higher education" means an institution within the University of Wisconsin System, a tribally controlled college, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in the state.

Start College Now Program

SCN is available to public high school students in grades 11 and 12 who are in good academic standing, have an acceptable disciplinary record, and are interested in enrolling in technical college coursework.

Youth Apprenticeship

Beginning in a student's Junior or Senior year students in this program will spend 10 to 15 hours per week at the work site either outside of school or during the school day. A youth apprenticeship can go for one or two school years. It includes taking related coursework either at the high school or a technical college. At the work site, you learn and master industry-approved skills. Advantages include pay for your time at the work site, high school and sometimes college credit, excellent career preparation, recognition and certification from the Wisconsin Department of WorkForce Development, and you may gain summer or permanent employment.

Work Experience

The Supervised Work Experience Program is designed for junior and senior students who plan on entering the world of work immediately after high school. Juniors may enroll for a ½ credit each semester (maximum 1 credit Junior year) and Seniors may enroll up to 1 credit, with no

study hall being allowed if 2 periods of work study are being taken. Students must report to the work site during scheduled school hours.

NTC Academies

NTC offers different academy programs that a student is able to take during their senior year. Through these academies, students will leave high school with a NTC certification where they can enter the workforce right away with or use the certification as a ladder degree into a technical or associate degree.

Pupils Enrolled in Home-based Private Ed. Program - Options

“Home-based private educational program” means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child’s parent or guardian or by a person designated by the parent or guardian. An instructional program provided to more than one family unit does not constitute a home-based private educational program.

Attendance in the public school by pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program is allowed for a pupil who has met the standards for admission to the course and may attend up to 2 courses at a public school in the district during each school semester if the school board determines that there is sufficient space in the classroom. Also, a pupil enrolled in a home-based private educational program and attending a public school under this section may attend one course in each of 2 school districts, but may not attend more than 2 courses in any semester.

In addition, the Law: State Statute 118. 133, provides for participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities to pupils who reside in the school district and is enrolled in a home-based private educational program. Students may participate in interscholastic athletics in the school district on the same basis and to the same extent that pupils enrolled in the school district. The home-based educational program in which the pupil is enrolled shall provide the school board with a written statement that the pupil meets the school board’s requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics based on age and academic and disciplinary record. No person may prove a false statement under this paragraph.

A school board may charge a pupil who participates in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities as permitted under this section participation fees, including fees for uniforms, equipment, and musical instruments, on the same basis and to the same extent that it charges these fees to a pupil who is enrolled in the school district.

Special Needs Scholarship Program

The District of Rib Lake hereby acknowledges this section to serve as our required notification the parents/guardians of each child in our district who have a disability and are enrolled in our

school district of the Special Needs Scholarship Program, which is available to students with an individualized education program (IEP) who meet specified conditions outlined in state law.

The Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) allows a student with a disability, who meets certain eligibility requirements, to receive a state-funded scholarship to attend a participating private school. The SNSP is governed by WI Statute 115.7915 and WI Administrative Code Chapter PI49

For more information go to <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>