

Act 55 Notice Requirements

September 1, 2017

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)

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 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 Schools:

The School District of Rib Lake works collaboratively with the following online curriculum:

- Rural Virtual Academy
- WI Indianhead Technical College (WITC)
- Odysseyware

To see a complete list of operating “Virtual Schools” within the State please refer to the Department of Public Instruction website at: dpi.wi.gov/imt/digital-learning/virtual-schools

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 they 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 typically starts at the beginning of February of the preceding school year 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>

Youth Options

Wisconsin’s youth options program allows public high school junior and senior students who meet certain requirements to take postsecondary courses at a UW institution, a Wisconsin technical college one of the state’s participating private nonprofit institutions of higher education, or tribally-controlled colleges. Approved courses count toward high school graduation and college credit.

The program offers greater learning opportunities for motivated students considering a technical career, wishing to begin college early, or preparing themselves to enter the workforce immediately after high school graduation.

Under youth options, a student does not pay for a college course if the school board determines the course qualifies for high school credit and is not comparable to a course already offered in the school district. If approved by the school board, the student can receive both high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course.

To see a list of specific requirements for enrollment in Youth Options programming, including timelines, please refer to the Department of Public Instruction website at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/youthoptions>

Course Options

2013 Wisconsin Act 20, the 2013-15 biennial budget act established a new program for students entitled Course Options. Course Options provides a means for Wisconsin students to take courses offered by other Wisconsin school districts, but now also includes the opportunity for students to enroll in courses offered by charter schools, various institutions for higher education and approved nonprofit organizations at no cost to the student.

Specifically, the new Course Options law allows a pupil enrolled in a public school district to take up to two courses at any time from an educational institution. Wisconsin Educational institutions are defined under the Course Options statute as:

- A public school in a nonresident school district;
- The University of Wisconsin System;
- A technical college;
- Nonprofit institutions of higher education;
- A tribal college;
- A charter school; and
- A nonprofit organization that has been approved by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

To see a list of specific requirements for enrollment in Course Options offering, please refer to the Department of Public Instruction website at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/courseoptions>

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 pupil who resides 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 to participate. 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>