Notice of Educational Options

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The state of Wisconsin requires that all school districts include an annual notice in a local newspaper and on their website about educational options for all children who reside within the district.

The Portage Community School District 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 District's schools, and each school's most recent state-assigned performance category, are listed below:

Institution	**State Rating**	**Level**
District	Meets Expectations	4K-12
Bartels Middle School	Meets Expectations	6-8
Endeavor Elementary	Fails to Meet Expectations	4K-5
John Muir Elementary	Meets Expectations	2-5
Lewiston Elementary	Exceeds Expectations	K-5
Portage Academy of Achievement	Not Rated by State	9-12
Portage High School	Meets Expectations	9-12
Rusch Elementary	Meets Expectations	K-5
Woodridge Elementary	Not Rated by State	K-1

The full version of the District's most recent school and district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page: https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards

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
- Gifted and talented programming
- English language learner
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curricular modifications
- Alternative education program(s)
- Summer school programming
- Youth apprenticeship

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

Course Options Program

- Provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another education 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

Youth Options Program

- 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 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 the Portage Community School District include the following:

- Full-time open enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school 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.

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

- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145 (4) of the state statutes.
- Attend summer school classes/programs.

Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to :

- Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53
- Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extra-curricular activities as provided under section 118.133

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's administrative office at 608-742-4879 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.