

Notice of Educational Options

The state of Wisconsin now requires that all school districts inform families about educational options for all children who reside in that district.

The Verona Area School District offers 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.

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 children who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- PreK Program
- Special education for students with disabilities
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming
- Project Lead the Way
- Advanced Placement Options
- Transcribed Credit Options
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Personalized Learning
- Alternative education programming
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Four Public Charter Schools:
 - Verona Area International School (K-5)
 - Core Knowledge Charter School (K-8)
 - New Century Charter School (K-5)
 - Exploration Academy (9-12)

The full version of the District's most recent School and District Accountability Report Card, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed here: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>

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

Course Options Program

- Provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to two 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.

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 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 the Verona Area School District include the following:

- Beginning in the 2016-2017 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 District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private 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.

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.