DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

343.42

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

District students who have reached junior or senior status and meet other eligibility requirements may participate in the Youth Options Program and enroll in one or more courses at an institution of higher education or technical college. Students interested in participating shall notify the District prior to enrollment in the course(s) and in accordance with established procedures and timelines.

The District shall pay the costs associated with students' enrollment in a technical college or higher education course under the Youth Options Program if the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District. The District shall pay only such fees and tuition, materials and equipment costs as are required by law. When the District is required to purchase a textbook or similar resource for a student's course, the student shall be required to return the materials to the District upon completion of the course.

The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits (4 ½ high school credits) per student through the Youth Options Program. However, this limitation on total paid credits through the Youth Options Program does not prohibit a student from (1) taking other courses through a post-secondary institution where the District has authorized the coursework under a separate program or separate source of authority; or (2) taking other high school courses offered by the District that may result in eligibility for post-secondary credit(s).

The District shall only pay for courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent/guardian or the student, if an adult, is responsible for reimbursing the District for payment of the tuition and fees paid by the District. If this reimbursement is not made, the student on whose behalf the payment was made is ineligible for any further participation in the Youth Options Program.

Any student who seeks to take a course through the Youth Options Program must pay for the entire cost of the course if it is either (1) comparable to a course that is offered in the District; or (2) taken for post-secondary credit only. The student shall request permission from the District if release time is needed to attend the course.

The District Administrator or designee shall administer the Youth Options Program in the District. In doing so, the District Administrator or designee shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered in the District, whether it satisfies graduation requirements, and what, if any, high school credits shall be awarded to the student. The District Administrator shall have the authority to determine whether the costs for any special services to be provided to a student with a disability while attending a technical college under the Youth Options Program constitute an undue financial burden on the District and, if so, to deny the student permission to attend the technical college under the program.

High school students in the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades enrolled in the District shall be informed of the Youth Options Program annually by October 1st.

LEGAL REF.:	Sections	118.15(1)(d)	Wisconsin Statutes
		118.33	
		118.55	
		120.12(17)	
	PI 40	Wisconsin Administrative Code	

CROSS REF.: 342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities
342.62, Services for English Language Learners
345.1, Grading System
345.6, Graduation Requirements

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