

## **TRI-COUNTY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

The Tri-County Area School District offers a variety of educational options to children who reside within the District.

The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The District's Schools are listed below:

High School:                Tri-County High School  
Middle School:            Tri-County Middle School  
Elementary Schools:      Tri-County Elementary School

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.
- English language learner/bilingual-bicultural education.
- Gifted and talented education.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications.
- Alternative education program(s).
- At-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school).
- Summer school programming.
- After school programs.

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

- The Course Options Program, which:
  - Provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
  - Is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the course(s) 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.
- The Youth Options Program, which:
  - 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 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Additional educational options for children who reside within the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program or other educational institution other than a District school include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other program for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- 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 non-resident school district.
- 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 Wis. Stat. § 115.7915.
- 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 within the District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Such students have the opportunity to participate in middle school after school athletic activities.
- 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 Wis. Stat. § 118.145(4).
- 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 Wis. Stat. § 118.53.
  - Participate in District interscholastic athletic activities and other District extracurricular activities as provided under Wis. Stat. § 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at (715) 335-6366 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390.