

Students**Activities****Youth Options Program Eligibility**

The Watertown Unified School District recognizes the value of learning that can be achieved outside the high school setting. Therefore, the Watertown Unified School District shall provide students with the opportunity to participate in the Youth Options Program as outlined in State law.

Student participation in the Youth Options Program shall be in accordance with established procedures and State law (118.55).

Student eligibility for the Youth Options Program will be determined using the following criteria:

- Students must be in the 11th or 12th grade
- Students seeking to take courses under Youth Options must be in good academic standing:
 - No D's or F's in any classes the previous semester before application
 - 2.0 or greater cumulative GPA
 - 95% attendance or higher in the previous semester
 - No documented major disciplinary issues
- The student is not considered a child at risk (as defined in S118.153(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes)

Any appeals of the eligibility criteria listed above must be made to the building principal by May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, they have the right to appeal to the school board within 30 days of the principal's decision and within 30 days of the school board's decision of the State Superintendent.

The student will be limited to a total of 18 college credits under the Youth Options Program during their junior and senior years.

The student will be required to reimburse the school district for any costs incurred if the student drops or fails a course, including being removed from the course with an F grade.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes - 118.55

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