## THE ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ashwaubenon School District offers students a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District. It is our mission and vision to:

- partner with our community, to develop students who are high achieving lifelong learners and contributing world citizens
- achieve world class excellence in education so each child can reach his or her full potential

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:

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
(grades 4K-5):	(grades 6-8):	(grades 9-12):
<ul> <li>Cormier School and Early</li> </ul>	· Parkview Middle School	· Ashwaubenon High
Learning Center (4K-5K)	(6-8)	School (9-12)
· Pioneer Elementary School		
(5K-5)		
· · Valley View Elementary		
School (1-5)		

Some of the specific education opportunities offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Special education for students with disabilities
- English language learner
- Gifted and talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program
- At-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school)
- Summer school programming
- Fallen Timbers Environmental Classroom
- Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Education
- Post-secondary course options
- Articulated classes offering dual credit with area Universities and Colleges

The full version of the District's most recent school and school 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 on the District's website (if the report has been issued by DPI):

- <a href="https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/">https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/</a>
- <a href="http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/publications.cfm">http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/publications.cfm</a>

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

- The Course Options Program, which
  - o provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
  - o is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and
  - o 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
  - o 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 ASD include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs 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 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.
  - The State of Wisconsin has established the Special Needs Scholarship Program for students with disabilities. Under this scholarship program and as further specified in state law, a child with disability who has been denied the opportunity to attend a nonresident school district under the full-time open enrollment program may be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that allows the child to attend an eligible private school that is participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program.
  - This is a state-administered program. A parent or guardian who is interested in the Special Needs Scholarship Program should independently verify the participating private schools and the specific terms, eligibility criteria, and application procedures of the scholarship program with the DPI.

- The Special Needs Scholarship Program is further defined under section 115.7915 of the state statutes. However, special eligibility requirements not found in that statute exist for program scholarships that are awarded for private school attendance that initially begins in the 2016-17 school year. Additional information about the program should be available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: http://dpi.wi.gov/.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
  - Royal Montessori Academy
  - Saint Joseph School
  - Beth Haven Academy
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the ASD 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.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up 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 two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
  - Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular 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 main administrative office at <u>920-492-2900</u> or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.