

## **341 YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM**

- 341.01 Any junior or senior in the district may participate in the Youth Options Program in accordance with state law requirements and established procedures. The Youth Options Program provides eligible students an opportunity to take courses at technical colleges and institutions of higher education while in high school. Students interested in participating shall inform the district of their intention to take postsecondary courses under this program, prior to enrollment in the course(s) and within the statutory timelines.
- 341.02 The Board will designate the high school principal to present the Youth Options information, including the number of students who qualify and the number of courses to be taken. The school board will designate the Superintendent to receive the information and to approve, according to state law, the applications for Youth Options.
- 341.03 Courses taken as part of the Youth Options Program shall be paid for as follows:
- 341.03.1 If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district, the Board shall pay the tuition and fees for the course.
- 341.03.2 If the course is taken for postsecondary credit only or the course taken is comparable to a course offered in the district, the student shall pay the tuition and fees for the course.
- 341.03.3 If the student attending courses under this program is a child with a disability, the Board shall also pay the costs of any special services required for the student, as determined jointly by the district and the college. The district may refuse to permit a child with a disability to attend a college under this program if it determines that the cost to the district would impose an undue financial burden on the district.
- 341.03.4 The district shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits (4 ½ high school credits) per student. The district shall not, however, limit the number of postsecondary semester credits a student may take at his/her own expense.
- 341.03.5 The district will pay only for the 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. Sanctions for failure to reimburse the district for tuition and fees shall be handled consistent with unpaid student debts.
- 341.04 Students participating in the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from postsecondary courses under this program. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in the district shall be annually informed of the Youth Options Program.

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