

# NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS for children who reside in the Neenah Joint School District (NJSD)

2023 - 2024 school year

Neenah Joint School District Mission: *All Rockets will Continuously Improve* 

The Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) offers a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District: (1) full-time enrollment in a public school within the Neenah Joint School District, (2) part-time enrollment that involves other educational institutions, and (3) educational options that involve full-time enrollment at an educational institution outside of schools within the Neenah Joint School District.

## (1) Educational Options: full-time enrollment in a school within NJSD

The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through grade 12, leading to a high school diploma.

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

- 1:1 electronic devices provided in grades K-12 as well as classroom sets of electronic devices in 4K
- Special education for students with disabilities
  - o Transition Education Center (TEC), 18-21 year old students with disabilities
  - o Early childhood special education (for students with disabilities who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- English Learner (EL) education
- Gifted and talented education
- Suzuki Program, District-wide, afterschool strings instruction
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Reading and math support
- Alternative high school education programming
- Summer school programming
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education
- Post-secondary course options
- Articulated classes offering dual-credit with area universities and colleges
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) courses
- High school academies for project based learning, automotive, business and information technology, health careers, hospitality and culinary arts, manufacturing and engineering, and visual arts

Neenah Joint District Schools are listed below:

Elementary Schools grade ranges from 4K*-4	Middle Schools grade ranges from 5-8
Clayton Elementary School grades K-4	Neenah Middle School grades 4-8
Coolidge Elementary School grades K-4	
Hoover Elementary School grades K-4	High Schools grade ranges from 9-12
Horace Mann Elementary School grades K-4	Neenah High School grades 9-12
Lakeview Elementary School grades K-4	
Spring Road Elementary School grades K-4	Charter Schools grade ranges from 4K-6
Taft Elementary School grades K-4	Alliance Charter School grades 4K-6
Tullar Elementary School grades K-4	
Washington Early Learning Center Early Childhood-4K	

<sup>\*</sup>Neenah Joint School District offers its 4K program at Washington Early Learning Center and Alliance Charter School.

## **Accountability Report for Neenah Joint School District**

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: <a href="https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home">https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home</a>. Neenah Joint School District's most recent report card was issued for the 2022-23 school year. Using the link above, select the desired school year and school district to gain access to our accountability report cards for the District as well as individual schools on the right.



### (2) Educational options that involve part-time enrollment in other educational institutions

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the Neenah Joint School District that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the Neenah Joint School District include part-time open enrollment and Early College Credit Program (ECCP).

# Part-time public school open enrollment Wis. Stat. 118.52

Wisconsin public high school pupils may apply to attend one or two courses in non-resident school districts while remaining enrolled in their district of attendance for the majority of their classes. A pupil may attend no more than two courses at any time in non-resident school districts.

Under part-time public school open enrollment:

- (1) The nonresident school district may deny a pupil's application only for the following reasons:
- Space is not available in the course.
- The pupil is not in the high school grades.
- The pupil does not meet the nonresident school district's criteria for being admitted to the course.
- The pupil is not enrolled in a public high school in Wisconsin.
- (2) The resident school district may deny a pupil's application only for the following reasons:
- The cost of the course creates an undue financial burden on the resident school district.
- The course conflicts with the individualized education program (IEP) for a pupil who needs special education.

Use this link for access to the <u>parent and student brochure</u>.

## **Early College Credit Program (ECCP)**

ECCP allows Wisconsin public and private high school students to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit.

Students must submit **ECCP Participating Form** to their district by:

- •February 1st for summer courses
- •March 1st for fall courses
- •October 1st for spring courses

Because these dates are in the statute, there are no exceptions.

Use this link for access to ECCP application information.

### (3) Educational options: full-time enrollment at an educational institution outside of NJSD schools

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 NJSD include the following:

- 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 nonresident school district.
- 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 a high school equivalency diploma.
- 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.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program. The following participating private schools are located within the District's boundaries: Saint Mary Catholic Schools and Trinity Lutheran School

• Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the Neenah Joint School 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.
- 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.

## **Special Needs Scholarship Program**

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 a 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 Wis. Stat. §115.7915. However, special eligibility requirements not found in that statute exist for program scholarships that are awarded for private school attendance. Additional information about the program is available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction <a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship">http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship</a>

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact Tim Kachur, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at <a href="mailto:tkachur@neenah.k12.wi.us">tkachur@neenah.k12.wi.us</a> or at 920-751-6800 X 10115, or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390 or (800) 441-4563.