



**NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS for children who reside in the
Neenah Joint School District (NJSD)
Winter, 2016**

Neenah Joint School District Mission:
Neenah with Pride ignited by a passion for excellence

The Neenah Joint School District 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 attending the District's schools include the following:

- 1:1 electronic device initiative grades 3-12 as well as classroom sets of electronic devices grades 4K-2
- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- TEC (Transition Education Center) House, 18-21 year olds
- English language learner 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

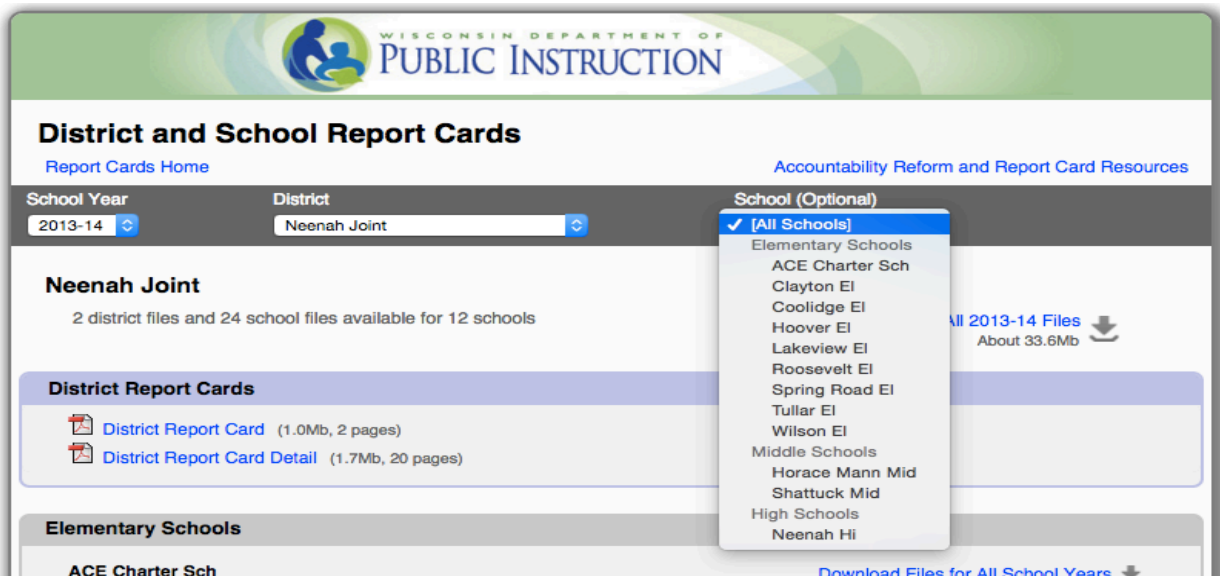
Neenah Joint District Schools are listed below:

Elementary Schools grade ranges from 4K*-5	Middle Schools grade ranges from 6-8
Clayton Elementary School grades K-5	Horace Mann Middle School grade 5 Magnet and grade 6
Coolidge Elementary School grades K-5	Shattuck Middle School grades 7 and 8
Hoover Elementary School grades 4K-5	
Lakeview Elementary School grades K-5	High Schools grade ranges from 9-12
Roosevelt Elementary School grades K-5	Neenah High School grades 9-12
Spring Road Elementary School grades K-5	
Taft Elementary School grades 4K-5	Charter Schools grade ranges from K-5
Tullar Elementary School grades K-5	Alliance Charter School grades K-5
Wilson Elementary School grades 4K-5	
Washington Early Learning Center Early Childhood-4K	

*Neenah Joint School District offers its 4K program at four district sites listed above and at one community site.

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: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/> Neenah Joint School District’s most recent report card was issued for the 13-14 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 Course Options and Youth Options programs.

Course Options Program

Course Options statute 118.52 Wis. Stats. allows a student enrolled in a public school district to take up to two courses at a time from another educational institution. Under course options, a student is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including that the course(s) must satisfy a high school graduation requirement. Course options include certain District-approved dual credit opportunities that are offered by the District in conjunction with a partner institution of higher education.

Youth Options Program

Wisconsin's youth options program allows public high school juniors and seniors who meet certain requirements to take post-secondary courses at a University of Wisconsin institution, a Wisconsin technical college, one of the state's participating private non-profit institutions of higher education, or tribally controlled colleges. Approved courses count toward high school graduation and college credit.

Under youth options, a student does not pay for a college course if the district determines the course qualifies for high school credit and is not comparable to a course already offered in the school district. If approved, the student can receive both high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course.

(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 to a high school equivalency diploma.
- 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.
- 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 fulltime 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 that initially begins in the 2016-17 school year. Additional information about the program is available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at snennig@neenah.k12.wi.us or at 920-751-6800 X 10115, or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390 or (800) 441-4563.