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The District will permit resident high school students who have completed the 10th grade and who meet eligibility criteria, to take courses at a technical college in the Wisconsin Technical College System for the purpose of earning both high school and postsecondary credit. Students who wish to attend a technical college under this policy must request attendance and, if the student is a minor, must provide written approval from the student's parent. Students must request such attendance from the student's resident school district if attending the District as a non-resident.

General Eligibility Criteria for Students that Have Completed the 10th Grade:

To be eligible to attend courses at a technical college pursuant to this policy, a student:

A. ~~must be in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA after the last completed semester;~~

B. must provide written notification to the board of the school district in which the student resides of the student's intent to attend a technical college under this subsection by March 1st if the student intends to enroll in the fall semester, and by October 1st if the student intends to enroll in the spring semester;

C. must not be identified as a child-at-risk, pursuant to Policy 5461 - Children At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School

D. must not be ineligible for participation for having failed a previous class under this program and failing to reimburse the Board for any costs the student is required to pay; and

E. must be admitted to the technical college for attendance.

Undue Financial Hardship

The Board may prohibit a student's attendance if the student is a child with a disability and the Board determines that the cost to the School District of any required additional special services for participation in this program would impose an undue financial burden on the District.

Tuition Payments for Technical College Attendance

The District shall pay to the technical college the cost of a student's tuition for attendance, including any additional costs associated with a student's special services, if applicable, if attendance is permitted, except as follows:

A. For any course that the Board determines does not meet high school graduation requirements or the Board determines the District provides a comparable course. The student may appeal an adverse decision to the Department of Public Instruction. The Board shall notify the student no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start date of the proposed course if it finds that the course either does not meet high school graduation requirements or is comparable to a course offered in the District.

B. The student has already completed eighteen (18) postsecondary semester credits.

Other Instructional Costs in Addition to Tuition

The District shall pay all costs for course fees and books that would be paid by a Wisconsin resident attending the technical college, provided that the course is not comparable to a course offered by the District.

Transportation Expenses

The District is not responsible for transporting a student attending a technical college under this policy to or from the technical college that the student is attending.

Reimbursement for Course Failing Grade

If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete a course, at a technical college for which the Board has made payment, the student's parent, or the student if the student is an adult, may be required by the Board to reimburse the Board the amount paid on the student's behalf to the extent permitted by law to do so. For the purposes of this paragraph, a grade that constitutes a failing grade for a course offered in the School District constitutes a failing grade for a course taken at a technical college under this section.

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