

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wisconsin Rapids Public School District (WRPS) offers a variety of educational options to students who reside within District attendance boundaries. The District offers educational programming beginning as early as 4-year old Kindergarten up through grade 12. Early childhood programming is also available for students needing early intervention. Following is a listing of specific programming available at WRPS:

- Early childhood special education (for students at least three years of age, but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English Language Learner programming
- Collaborative community 4K program
- Gifted and Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education
- Building construction trades and family/consumer education programming
- Health and physical education
- World language, music/theater, and art education studies
- Health occupational programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Academic and career preparation including youth apprenticeships and work experience opportunities
- Social, emotional, and counseling and student health services
- Alternative education program for at-risk students
- Summer school learning opportunities
- Charter schools
- Virtual education programming
- Intra-District transfer program (*boundary exception* program allows for students to attend a District school outside of their normal attendance boundary area)
- Advanced Placement, transcribed credit, Project Lead the Way, and dual enrollment courses

Schools located within WRPS include:

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| ➤ Grant Elementary School (Meets Expectations) | ➤ Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (Meets Expectations) |
| ➤ Grove Elementary School (Meets Expectations) | ➤ East Jr. High School (Meets Expectations) |
| ➤ Howe Elementary School (Meets Expectations) | ➤ Lincoln High School (Meets Expectations) |
| ➤ Mead Elementary Charter School (Meets Few Expectations) | ➤ River Cities High School (<i>alternative school</i>) |
| ➤ THINK Academy (Exceeds Expectations) | ➤ WRPS Virtual Educational Programming |
| ➤ Vesper Community Academy (Significantly Exceeds Expectations) | |
| ➤ Washington Elementary School (Exceeds Expectations) | |
| ➤ Woodside Elementary School (Exceeds Expectations) | |

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issues school district accountability reports and individual School Report Cards in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes. You can access these reports through the following link: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action>. You will be able to select the report for the entire WRPS district, or for any individual school within the District.

Educational options for WRPS students that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a WRPS school include:

The [Course Options](#) program available to public school students, which:

- provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to two courses at a time at another educational institution;
- is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and
- 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;
- is available only to students who are enrolled in grades 11 or 12 and who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Additional education options for WRPS students residing within District attendance boundaries which involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the District include:

- full-time [open enrollment](#) involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident district or attendance through a [virtual charter school](#) that is associated with a nonresident school district;
- participation in the state's "[Special Needs Scholarship Program](#)" by students with a disability who meet the program's specific eligibility requirements;
- enrollment in a [private school](#) of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost or through the [Parental Choice Program](#) as applicable);
- enrollment in a [home-based](#) private educational program as provided for under state law.

Educational options for students residing in the WRPS district but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based educational program include:

- participation in WRPS summer school programming;
- home-based education program students may apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester at WRPS subject to available space, and/or participate in District interscholastic athletics and other co-curricular activities pursuant to section 118.53 and 118.133 of Wisconsin state statutes;
- private school students in grades 9-12 may apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester at WRPS pursuant to Wisconsin state statutes section 118.145(4) and subject to available space;

Information concerning various program options is available at www.wrps.org and <http://dpi.wi.gov>.

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