

Policy #: 891.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER

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Policy Title: Relations with Private School and Home-Based Students

HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS: Section 118.145(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that school boards allow private school and home-based students to take up to two courses per semester at the high school under the following conditions:

1. The student resides in the district in which the public school is located.
2. There is sufficient space available in the classroom without incurring additional costs.
3. Students meet prerequisites or proficiencies in order to take a course.
4. The student satisfies high school admission standards established by the school district.
5. Eligible private school and home-based students may take any course offered by the school district (core or non-core).
6. School districts are not required to provide transportation.
7. Private school and home-based students are not eligible for the Youth Options program in grades 11 and 12.
8. WIAA rules state that the students who are participating in home-based educational programs are not eligible to participate on the WIAA member school teams.

K-6 OPTIONS: To encourage exposure to our school programs, any home-based or private school students will be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activities. With Administrative approval and providing space is available and the supervision ratio is adequate, home-based and private school students can participate in music, field trips, assemblies, co-curricular activities and summer school.

7-12 OPTIONS: Only full-time students are eligible to participate in student organizations and school-sponsored activities. Full time students are defined as any student enrolled in school, grades 7-12 who attends school during the normal school hours on the regular basis, or is in an approved program by the Board of Education.

Note** In all cases, the placement decision regarding specific course prerequisites and grad level placements will be the responsibility of the school district. All home-based or private school students must be in compliance with all state laws and rules governing homeschooling and meet all district eligibility requirements. Students may be removed from attendance if their behavior interferes with the quality of the program or the rights of others.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: Resident private school and home-based students may use basic and supplementary educational materials owned by the district if the materials are in surplus supply, are used for legitimate purposes to enhance instructional activities, and are returned undamaged to the school. The district requires a deposit on all materials loaned to private school or home-based students (cost of text divided by 5-year expectancy).

Computer equipment and software may only be used inside the school building during normal operating hours. Access to these systems cannot interfere with normal classroom activities and requires approval from the building principal. The school district also allows the parents of resident private school and home-based students to borrow library materials in accordance with the same rules and regulations as public school students.

WSAS TESTING: The school district will not allow home-based and private school students to participate in the WSAS testing program due to school comparison reporting and State accountability for individual school districts.