

SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION

Educational Program - 340

Start College Now (343.4)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District recognizes the obligation it has under s.38.12(14) Stats., to provide technical college course opportunities to specific pupils enrolled at Brookwood High School for both high school and post-secondary credit.

Student Eligibility and Responsibility

- Student must have completed the 10th grade and be enrolled at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District.
- The student must qualify and be accepted for admittance to the Technical College.
- The student must meet the requirements and prerequisites of the course(s) applied for as determined by the Technical College.
- There is space available in the course as determined by the Technical College.
- The Technical College District Board may deny participation of a student if the student had a record of poor attendance and disciplinary problems.
- The student is in good academic standing at Brookwood High School as determined below;
 - Successfully has accumulated 13 credits at the end of the students 10th grade year.
 - Has a GPA of 2.0 at the end of the student's 10th grade year.
 - The student is on track to graduate.
- The student must notify the High School Counselor, in writing, of the student's intention to enroll in a Technical College under Start College Now. (The form is available in the High School Counseling Office)
 - Notification must include the title(s) of the course(s) in which the student intends to enroll.
 - The number of credits for each course in which the student intends to enroll.
 - Specify whether the student will be taking the course for high school credit, postsecondary credit, or both.
- Notice must be given to the High School Counselor no later than March 1 for fall semester participation, no later than October 1 for spring semester participation.

Student Limitations

- Students cannot simultaneously attend a technical college under Start College Now or attend a technical college in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis and enroll in an IHE (Institution of Higher Education) for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses under the Early College Credit Program.
- The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District will pay for a maximum eighteen (18) credits per student under Start College Now.
- Transportation to and from the IHE will not be provided by the district and will be at the expense of the parents or student taking Start College Now courses.
- Pupils earning a failing grade in Start College Now courses shall reimburse the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District for the cost of the course and any fees (textbooks, supplies, etc). Failure to reimburse the School District under this policy will lead to the student being ineligible to participate in Brookwood High School graduation ceremonies.

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Failure to reimburse the district for tuition due to a failing grade will make a student ineligible for future courses of the Early College Credit Program or Start College Now.

School District Criteria for Participation and Satisfaction of Meeting Graduation Requirements

- Courses taken through the Technical College under Start College Now can be comparable to courses offered at Brookwood High School. If the course taken through Start College Now is deemed comparable by the High School Principal, the cost of the course (tuition, books, course fees) will be paid by the student's parents. Comparability will be determined by the High School Principal. Any appeals of the High School Principal's decision will be directed toward the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within thirty (30) days prior to the start date of the proposed course.
- After a recommendation by the Building Principal, the Board may deny payment of a technical college course taken through the Start College Now Program, if it is determined that the course does not meet the high school graduation requirements of the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District. Any appeal of the Board's decision will be directed toward the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within thirty (30) days prior to the start date of the proposed course.
- Any student who participates in Start College Now for high school credit, and is approved for high school credit by the High School Principal, or by the appeal process, to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be given high school credit for the course if the course is successfully passed.
- A student will receive .25 high school credits for every one college credit for a course taken at an IHE under Start College Now.
- The High School Counselor must notify the student of the high school credit earned with successful completion in a Start College Now course, in writing, before the beginning of the semester in which the student is enrolled in a Start College Now course.

Other

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School Board may refuse to permit a student to attend a technical college if a student is a child with a disability and the Board determines that the cost to the School District would impose an undue financial burden on the school district.

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District will annually, prior to October 1, provide information about Start College Now to students in grades 10 and 11.

The information about Start College Now Program will also be included in the annual notices to parents/guardians and the public.

Legal Reference: Section 118.55, 115,76(5), 38.12(14) Wisconsin Statutes
2017 Act 59 (2017-19) Biennial State Budget

Cross Reference: 342.1 – Programs for Students With Disabilities
342.4 – Student At Risk Program
342.7 – Services for English Language Learners

343.5 – Early College Course Program
345.6 – Graduation Requirements
411 – Equal Educational Opportunities

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