

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

High school students in the District may participate in the Youth Options Program in accordance with state law requirements and established procedures. The Youth Options Program provides eligible students an opportunity to take courses at technical colleges and institutions of higher education while in high school. Students interested in participating shall inform the District of their intention to take post-secondary courses under this program, prior to enrollment in the course(s) and within designated timelines.

The Board shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered in the district, whether it satisfies graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

Courses taken as part of the Youth Options Program shall be paid for as follows:

1. The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student.
2. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district, the Board shall pay as required by law.
3. If the student is attending an institution of higher education or a technical college and the course is taken for high school credit and is comparable to a course offered in the District, the student shall pay as required by law.
4. If the course is taken for postsecondary credit only, the student shall pay the costs associated with the course as required by law.
5. If the student attending courses at a technical college under this program is a child with a disability, the Board shall also pay the costs of any special services required for the student as determined jointly by the district and technical college. The District may refuse to permit a child with a disability to attend a technical college under this program if it determines that the cost to the District would impose an undue financial burden on the District.
6. The District will pay only for the courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent/guardian or the student, if an adult, is responsible for reimbursing the District for payment of the tuition and fees paid by the District. If this reimbursement is not made, the student on whose behalf the payment was made is ineligible for any further participation in the Youth Options Program.

The Board is not responsible for transporting students to or from postsecondary courses under this program.

The Jefferson High School principal and/or his/her designee shall administer the Youth Options Program in the District.

All District students enrolled in grades 9, 10, and 11 shall be informed of the Youth Options Program annually.

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