

Item for Consideration

Topic: Start College Now/Early College Credit Program – 1st Semester/Lawrence Term 1/ 2021-22 Classes

Background Information:

The Start College Now/Early College Credit Program (SCN/ECCP) allows students in grades 11 and 12 to take courses at institutions of higher learning at district expense to a maximum of 18 post-secondary credits. SCN/ECCP students typically apply for access to multiple courses (and multiple institutions) to improve chances of a successful class match. Student options are in practice limited based on postsecondary criteria (e.g. space in class, pre-testing qualification, schedule). While students may apply to multiple institutions, they may, by statute, attend only one institution per term. Students approved for courses at district expense must be accepted and registered at the institution of higher education. Grades must become part of high school transcript and GPA.

Curriculum administrators have reviewed and either approved or denied the requested courses as eligible for enrollment under the revised Youth Options program; input was solicited from staff.

Fiscal Note:

As determined by Wis. Stat. § 118.55(5), the funding for successfully completed Early College Credit courses consists of the District ultimately paying 75% of the course tuition, fees, and course materials after a 25% tuition reimbursement coming from the Department of Workforce.

As determined by Wis. Stat. § 38.12(14), the district shall pay only such tuition, fees, and course materials costs as are required by law for Start College Now.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve payment for student requests for post-secondary courses. This approval is for the 1st semester/term 1 of 2021-22.

Instruct the Assistant Superintendent of ACI to notify involved parents and students of this action by May 15, 2021 as per state statute.

Instructional Impact:

The district will be in compliance with Wisconsin Act 39. Students will be able to expand their postsecondary program options while still in high school.

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