

# **NOTICE of EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

## **for Children Who Reside in the School District of New London**

### **EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

The School District of New London offers a variety of educational options in an effort to ensure “Success for All Students.”

The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old-kindergarten through Grade 12 leading to a high school diploma. Schools in our district include **Lincoln Elementary School (Grades 4K-4)**, **Parkview Elementary School (Grades 4K-4)**, **Readfield Elementary School (Grades 4K-4)**, **Sugar Bush Elementary School (Grades 4K-4)**, **New London Intermediate/Middle School (Grades 6-8)**, **New London High School (Grades 9-12)**, **Next Generation Academy (Grades 7-12)**, and **Catalyst Academy (Grades 7-12)**. Early Childhood services are also available.

Education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District’s schools include:

- Early Childhood (for children who qualify for these special education services and who are at least 3 years of age but not yet school age)
- Special Education programming for children with disabilities (age 3-21)
- English Language Learner (ELL) education
- Gifted and Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Summer school education
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications, including at-risk and alternative education programming

In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms, the School District of New London seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. Options include:

- Transcribed and Advanced Standing courses through UWGB and FVTC (tech college credits or advanced standing)
- MSOE credits through Project Lead the Way coursework
- Career Pathway courses including industry-standard certifications
- Distance Learning, Virtual and Blend-ed courses
- Youth Options (courses at certain colleges and universities for students in Grades 11 and 12)
- Course Options (up to 2 courses at other educational institutions subject to state and local eligibility requirements including dual-credit opportunities)
- Youth Apprenticeships
- GED Option #2 Program
- 66:0301 enrollment agreements between school districts

- Other: open enrollment; private schools within 5 mile radius, part-time enrollment for homeschooled students

If you are interested in learning more about these educational options, please contact a High School Counselor at 982-8420--Mrs. Kelly Sabel, Ext. 1012; Mr. William Storck, Ext. 1011.

Additional educational options for children who reside within the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program or other educational institution other than a District school include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other program for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma
- Full-Time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a non-resident school district
- Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under Wis. Stat. Sec. 115.7915
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable)
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law

Educational options for children who reside within the District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District
- Such students have the opportunity to participate in high and middle school after school athletic activities
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 118.145(4)
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under Wis. Stat. Sec. 118.53 and to participate in District interscholastic athletic activities and other District extracurricular activities as provided under Wis. Stat. Sec. 118.133

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at (920) 982-8530 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390.

## **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

The School District of New London will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.

## **SCHOOL/DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Per the State, accountability report cards will not be created for 2014-15, but assessment results will still be publicly posted in WISEdash. Results from the 2014-15 Badger Exam, ACT, ACT Aspire, DLM, and WKCE (science and social studies) will all be reported in the WISEdash Public Portal (<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>).

## **SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

As per state budget bill 2015 Wisconsin Act 55

(<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/55>), and Wis. Stat. Sec. 115.7915(5)

(<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/115/V/7915/5>), school boards are required to annually notify the parents/guardians of each child with a disability enrolled in the school district of the new Special Needs Scholarship Program (private school voucher program), which is available to students with an individualized educational program (IEP) who meet specified conditions outlined in state law.