

## THE MENASHA JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Menasha Joint School District offers students a variety of educational opportunities to children who reside in the District. It is our vision to reach every student, every classroom, every day. 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 and college and career readiness. The District's schools are listed below:

Banta-Bilingual K-5  
Butte des Morts Elementary – 4K-5  
Clovis Grove Elementary – 4K-5  
Gegan Elementary – EC-5  
Jefferson Elementary – 4K-3  
Fox Valley Virtual School – K-7  
Maplewood Middle School – 6-8  
Menasha High School – 9-12

Some of the specific education opportunities offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

Head Start  
Special education for students with disabilities, age 3-21  
English as a second language  
Gifted and talented opportunities  
Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs  
Alternative education program(s)  
At-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school)  
Summer school programming  
Advanced Placement and Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) Postsecondary course options  
Articulated classes offering dual credit with area 4 and 2 year Universities and Colleges

The full version of the District's most recent school and school district accountability reports, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page on the District's website (if the report has been issued by DPI):

[District and School Report Cards](#)

[Menasha School District Performance Report](#)

You may also find additional school district data on [WISEdash Public Portal--Wisconsin Information System for Education](#).

Educational options for students who are enrolled in MJSD that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than MJSD schools include the following:

The part-time Open Enrollment (formerly Course Options), which

- provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
- is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirements; and
- includes certain District-approved dual credit opportunities that the District offers in conjunction with a partner institution of higher education.

The Youth Options Program, which

- Provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at certain institutions of higher education; and
- Is available only to students who are enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the MJSD include in the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs 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 that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- 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 section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
  - o The State of Wisconsin has established the Special Needs Scholarship Program for students with disabilities. Under this scholarship program and as further specified in state law, a child with disability who has been denied the opportunity to attend a nonresident school district under the full-time open enrollment program may be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that allows the child to attend an eligible private school that is participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program.
  - o This is a state-administered program. A parent or guardian who is interested in the Special Needs Scholarship Program should independently verify the participating private schools and the specific terms, eligibility criteria, and application procedures of the scholarship program with the DPI.
  - o The Special Needs Scholarship Program is further defined under section 115.7915 of the state statutes. However, special eligibility requirements not found in that statute exist for program scholarships that are awarded for private school attendance that initially began in the 2017-18 school year. Additional information about the program should be

available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/>.

- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).

[St. Mary Catholic Elementary School](#)

[Trinity Lutheran](#)

Enrollment in a [home-based private educational program](#) as provided under state law. Educational options for children who reside in the MJSD 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
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.

Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:

- Apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
- Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other district extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at 920-967-1403 or visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at [www.dpi.wi.gov](http://www.dpi.wi.gov).