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Start College Now & Early College Credit Program

Racine Unified School District students enrolling in Start College Now will adhere to all requirements established in Chapter 38, or specifically Section 38.12 (14) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Racine Unified School District students enrolling in the Early College Credit Program will adhere to all requirements established in Chapter 118, or specifically 118.55 (1-9) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

When conflict occurs in class schedules, the high school schedule will be considered primary. High school counselors will coordinate schedules.

If the student specifies that he/she intends to take a course at an institution of higher education for high school credit, the Board of Education shall determine whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the school district, including Racine Virtual Learning Academy, and whether the course satisfies any of the high school graduation requirements under s.118.33, and the number of high school credits to award the student for the course, if any.

The Board of Education shall notify the student of its determinations, in writing, before the beginning of the semester in which the student will be enrolled as to whether Start College Now or Early College Credit Program request(s) have been approved or not. If the student disagrees with the Board of Education's determination(s) regarding comparability of courses, satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, or the number of high school credits to be awarded, the student may appeal the Board of Education's decision to the State Superintendent with thirty (30) days after the Board of Education's decision.

Per Sections 118.55(6) and 38.12(14)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes, under certain circumstances, students may be responsible for some or all of the tuition and fees associated with a course.

Students shall be limited to eighteen (18) post-secondary credits total in their junior and senior years.

Equipment associated with the course, which will become property of the student, is the financial responsibility of the student. Books and equipment paid for by the District must be returned to the Start College Now or Early College Credit Administrator at the completion of the course. Reimbursement for the costs of items not returned will be charged to the student's account.

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The school district may seek reimbursement from the parent/guardian or the student if he/she is an adult for any class that a student drops, withdraws, or fails under the Start College Now or Early College Credit Program. Failure to reimburse the District upon a student dropping, withdrawing, or failing a class may result in the student losing eligibility for any further participation in the Start College Now or Early College Credit Program.

Legal Reference: Section 118.55, Wisconsin Statutes
Section 38.12, Wisconsin Statutes

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