

## **PARTICIPATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

Resident non-public school students wishing to take courses or enroll in programs in the Merton Community School District shall apply in writing to the principal of the public school. The letter of application shall include the name of the course or program requested, the rationale for the request, and the signature of the non-public school principal approving the request (parent in case of home-school student).

Written application should be submitted by August 1 for the first semester of each school year and December 1 for the second semester. A final decision will be made by the principal as soon as possible, but no later than the week prior to the start of each semester.

Approval of the students' requests shall be based on the following criteria:

- 1). The course must be one that is not required to be offered in a home-based, or parochial school under s.s. 118.165(1)(d). Courses must not be in the core areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, or health.
- 2). Participation will not be allowed in courses or programs that supplant any course offerings or programs which are available to students through their non-public school.
- 3). The public school class requested is not at the maximum number of students for that grade span and/or space is available without overcrowding the existing class as determined by the principal.
- 4). The student must agree to abide by public school rules and regulations including being on the public school premises only during the time that the class is in session.
- 5). The student must be academically qualified, meet the course requirements, and be of age for each course and/or program.
- 6). A non-public school student may participate in all courses or programs which are specifically mandated by federal law (examples include Chapter 1 and EEN services).

Approval or denial will be provided in writing by the principal of the building as expeditiously as possible. If approved, the student will be enrolled as a part-time student. Appropriate fees will be pro-rated. The student must agree to abide by the rules and regulations as published by the school and/or the district. In the event that the request is denied by the principal, the request may be appealed to the District Administrator. If not resolved by the District Administrator, an appeal may be made to the school board.

Transportation of the non-public school student shall not be the responsibility of the Merton Community School District. Supervision of such transportation shall not be the responsibility of the Merton Community School District.

Instructional materials and program supplies/equipment can be purchased or rented from the school district. A reasonable rental fee, based on depreciation, will be determined for items by the administration. Books and materials will only be rented when books are available and there is no added cost to the district. Also, curriculum guides will be made available for purchase at cost from the school office. If rented material is lost or not returned with reasonable wear, users will be charged the cost of replacing it.

A non-public school or home based educational program student who is a resident of the Merton Community School District may participate in summer school classes.

The Merton Community School District shall not discriminate in the admission of non-public school students on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal Refs:           Wis. Stat. 118.15(14)  
  118.165(1)(d)

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