

DODGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN
WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
(revised January 15, 2024)

In the Dodgeville School District, children and their families have access to a variety of educational options, including many options that are offered directly by the District.

I. The District’s Public Schools

The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

Our Mission: Dodgeville School District, a catalyst for excellence, will ensure our children are caring, responsible, capable, self-assured world citizens, by creating a child-centered environment that is inclusive, integrated, individualized and inspiring.

A catalyst is a substance, or an event, that inspires change. In the Dodgeville School District, we work hard to create relationships and provide experiences that inspire our students to dream big and strive to change the world, each with their own special talents and ambitions. The communities of Dodgeville and Ridgeway have a long history of strong support for the Dodgeville School District. Our students are the beneficiaries as they enjoy an excellent core academic program and a wide variety of opportunities in music, vocational and technical education, athletics and other co-curricular programs. Our students are supported through differentiated instruction and systems of support that ensure the circumstances necessary for individual success for all students.

Our passion is to create the environment where students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for them to make their own individual dreams realities.

Whether one is an alumnus, a parent or community member, a child in the early learning program, a graduating senior, or anyplace in between, we are proud to be the "Dodgers". In Southwestern Wisconsin, being a Dodger means being a leader and conducting ourselves with class so we are not only catalysts for growth and change within our schools and communities but wherever we touch the world.

The District’s schools, and each school’s most recent state-assigned performance category (if available), are listed below:

School Name	Type of School	Grades Served	Performance Category
Dodgeville Elementary	Elementary	4K-4	Exceeds Expectations
Dodgeville Middle	Middle	5-8	Meets Expectations
Dodgeville High	High	9-12	Meets Expectations

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In connection with the list of District schools provided above, please note the following:

The school performance categories listed in the table, above, are taken from the accountability reports issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The full version of the District's most recent school-by-school and District-wide accountability report can be accessed on the District's website. <https://www.dodgevilleschools.org/district/curriculum-and-instruction.cfm>

Examples of some of the programs and other educational opportunities offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Special education programs and services for students with disabilities
- Early childhood special education (for children with disabilities who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- English language learner programming
- Gifted and talented education
- An education for employment program
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities
- The youth apprenticeship program, which combines work-based learning opportunities with related classroom instruction for high school students who are in 11th or 12th grade.
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- 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
- On-line/virtual and hybrid education programming

Educational options for high school students who are enrolled in the Dodgeville School District that involve **part-time attendance** to take courses at an educational institution other than a District school include the following:

- The Part-time Open Enrollment Program, which provides opportunities for public high school students to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time in nonresident school districts.
- The Technical College Course Program ("Start College Now" Program), which
 - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at technical colleges; and
 - is available only to high school students who are in 11th or 12th grade.
- The Early College Credit Program, which
 - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take nonsectarian courses at institutions of higher education; and
 - is available to eligible high school students.

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II. Other Educational Options (other than primary enrollment/attendance in a District school or District program)

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

- Full-time Open Enrollment involving attendance in a public school (including a charter school) of a nonresident school district.
- Enrollment in any independent public charter school (i.e., a school with no District authorization or affiliation) that may be open to students who are District residents.
- 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 “Special Needs Scholarship Program,” as established under state law.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- Such students may 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 to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53 of the state statutes.
 - Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133 of the state statutes.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact Jacquelyn Goetzke, Director of Curriculum, Dodgeville School District. Additional information about educational options is also available from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at <https://dpi.wi.gov/ed-options>.

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