

Programs are offered by the School District of Neillsville in response to the changes in compulsory school attendance statutes made by Wisconsin Act 39. These changes affect 16 and 17-year-old students and students "at risk". (See also Policy IGBC - Program For Disadvantaged Students [Title I]).

Students who are at least 16 years old and "at risk":

The student may request of the Board of Education, with written approval of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), to attend a vocational, technical and adult education school (VTAE) in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must agree in writing to participate in a program leading to the student's high school graduation. The vocational, technical, and adult education board in which the student resides -- in the School District of Neillsville it is Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) -- must offer day class programs satisfactory to meet the requirements of this paragraph and WI Statutes Sec. 118.33(3)(m).

Students who are at least 17 years old and "at risk":

May attend a program of instruction leading to a high school diploma at the Chippewa Valley Technical College off-campus site in Neillsville in lieu of high school attendance or on a part-time basis.

Alternative Program Requirements:

Sixteen or 17-year-old "at risk" students who wish to participate in the programs at CVTC that lead to a high school diploma must enter into a written agreement with the Board of Education, CVTC, and their parent(s)/guardian(s) which states the service to be provided, the time needed to complete the program leading to a high school diploma, and the methods by which the student's performance will be monitored. The agreement shall be monitored by administration. If it is determined that a student is not complying with the agreement, administration shall notify the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), that the agreement may be modified or cancelled.

EEN students may also attend if all state and federal special education laws are adhered to.

The cost of the program is determined by the state VTAE board on a per hour basis.

The Board of Education shall count the student as being enrolled in the high school for the purposes of computing state aids. Payments by the school district to the vocational school shall be deemed costs of operation and maintenance.

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The Board of Education must provide student support services and extra-curricular activities to students attending a VTAE under the agreement above.

The CVTC must provide a program leading to a high school diploma for students at risk. Courses taken at a VTAE must be approved by the state superintendent to fulfill high school graduation requirements.

Students who complete requirements for a high school diploma will be issued a School District of Neillsville diploma.

Students who are at least 16 years old and not "at risk":

May attend a program of instruction leading to a high school diploma in lieu of attending high school or on a part-time basis. Such programs must meet the requirements of a high school diploma.

The student may request of the Board of Education, with written approval of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), to attend a vocational, technical and adult education school in lieu of high school or on a part time basis. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must agree in writing to participate in a program leading to the student's high school graduation. The vocational, technical, and adult education board in which the student resides -- in the School District of Neillsville it is Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) -- must offer day class programs satisfactory to meet the requirements of this paragraph and WI Statutes Sec. 118.33 (3) (m).

The student is required to enter the same agreement as is required of 16 and 17-year-old "at risk" students stating service provided, time period, and program monitoring.

The Board of Education is not required to grant a student's request to attend CVTC.

The cost of the program is contracted under WI Statutes Sec. 38.14.

Students who are at least 17 years old and not "at risk":

May apply to the Board of Education for approval to enter the same program as 17 year olds who are "at risk". The board is not required to approve this program modification.

The cost of the program is contracted under WI Statutes Sec. 38.14.

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Any student of the school district: Any student's parent(s)/guardian(s), or the student if the parent(s)/guardian(s) are notified, may request the board, in writing, to provide the student with program or curriculum modifications, including but not limited to:

1. Modifications within the student's current academic program.
2. A school-to-work training or work study program.
3. Homebound study, including nonsectarian correspondence courses or other courses of study approved by the board or non-sectarian tutoring provided by the school in which the student is enrolled.
4. Enrollment in any public educational program located outside the school district in which the student resides. Enrollment of a student under this subdivision may be pursuant to a contractual agreement between school districts.

The Board of Education shall render its decision, in writing, within 90 days of a request for one of the four options above, except that if the request relates to a student who has been examined by a multidisciplinary team under WI Statutes Sec. 115.80 and has not been recommended for special education, the board shall render its decision within 30 days of the request. If the board denies the request, the board shall give its reasons for the denial.

Any decision made by the Board of Education or a designee of the board responding to a request for one of the four program or curriculum modifications listed above shall be reviewed by the board upon request of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The board shall render its determination upon review in writing, if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) so request.

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