

The primary mission of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) is to serve adults with occupational and general education for employment and customized training and technical assistance for economic development. However, Wisconsin Statutes 38.001(3)(a)1 and (a)2 direct cooperation between technical college districts and local school districts to provide technical education opportunities and occupational curriculum articulation.

Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) recognizes and supports the primary responsibility of the local school districts to provide education for all youth under the age of 18 or until such time as the student is exempted by local authority. Normally, a student must be 16 years of age to enroll at BTC. However, notwithstanding statutory provisions, a person who is under 16 years of age may be admitted to the College, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 38.22 provided the student complies with all administrative and procedural requirements contained in state law and administrative code as may be amended from time to time.

The College also pledges to work cooperatively with local school districts to provide educational opportunities that will enhance the potential of high school age students to obtain meaningful employment and coordinate curriculum articulation and collaboration that will assist high school students to transition successfully into BTC. Specifically, BTC shall cooperate with local school districts as follows:

1. Conduct educational programs and provide services for compulsory attendance students in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 118.15(1)(b)
2. Provide youth options programming for students, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 118.55(7r).
2. Deliver youth apprenticeship training in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 106.13
3. Collaboratively develop and operate technical preparation programs in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 118.34, including courses for advanced standing and transcribed credit.

The College shall not be required to pay transportation, board or lodging for any student participating in any cooperative program or collaborative activity between BTC and the local school districts unless specifically directed to do so by state statutes.

The College shall compile and submit in a timely manner all reports required under Wisconsin Administrative Code, TCS 9, PI 40, et. al., for students participating in compulsory school attendance youth options and technical preparation programs.

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Any student who is denied admission to education/training or prevented from receiving service due to a decision by any representative of the College, may appeal that decision using the Student Complaint/Grievance procedure. Anyone desiring to appeal a decision should contact the Student Services Office for a copy of the complaint procedure.

Prior to the student enrolling at BTC or before services are delivered, the student must follow all administrative and procedural rules established by both the sending school and the College. This may include local school district approval of the student's application to attend BTC. The College shall be provided with assurance of this action before any activities are delivered. When applicable, BTC and the sending school district shall enter into a contract in accordance with the provision of Wisconsin Statutes 118.15(2)(b). In all other circumstances there will be a formal written agreement properly executed between BTC and the school district delineating the scope of training/services to be provided and all terms and conditions affecting the activities delivered.

This policy does not prevent the College from engaging in other types of programs and/or agreements with local school districts and other agencies that will promote occupational skill development, technical knowledge transfer, school-to-work programs, work-based learning activities, curriculum articulation and other initiatives that will develop employment-related skills that are not specifically cited in this policy.

References: Wisconsin Statutes 38.001(3)(a) 1 and 2, 38.04(21) and (26), 38.12(8), 38.14(3) and 38.22  
Wisconsin Statutes 118.15(1)(b), (cm) and (d), and (2)(b)  
Wisconsin Statutes 118.34  
Wisconsin Statutes 118.55(7r)  
Wisconsin Statutes 106.13  
Wisconsin Administrative Code TCS 9  
Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 40

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