

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
Freedom Area School District
2021-2022
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, as per *Wis. Stat. 115.385*: *Annually, by January 31st, each public school shall provide public notice and post on its Internet site a description of available educational options, including: public schools, private choice schools, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, youth options and course options within its boundaries.*

The Freedom Area School District offers a variety of educational options and programming to parents and children who reside in the district. The district’s primary educational pathway for students involves a progression from Four-Year-Old Kindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The districts’ schools most recent state-assigned Performance Category, are listed below. The Performance Category designation is from 2020-2021 school year. The State of Wisconsin did not assess during the 2019-20 school year due to the COVID 19 public health emergency.

School	Elementary	Middle	High School
2020-2021 Performance Category	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations

The full version of the district’s accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, can be accessed from the district’s website:

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/state-report-card.cfm>

Other Educational Options

Parents/guardians of children who reside in the Freedom Area School District also have a variety of other educational options available to them including the following:

- **Open Enrollment**

The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside. Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child’s resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district. Additional information about Wisconsin’s Open Enrollment program can be found on the DPI’s website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

- **Early College Credit Program**

Wisconsin’s Youth Options program is an opportunity for students in grades 11 and 12 currently enrolled in a Wisconsin public high school to attend a Wisconsin postsecondary institution for the purpose of taking one or more courses for high school or college credit. There is no limit on the number of credits or courses a student can take through Youth Options each semester. Institutions of higher education are defined under the Youth Options statute as:

- University of Wisconsin System
- A Technical College
- A Tribal College
- Private Institutions (if they have completed their annual notice of intent to participate);
- Non-Profit institutions of higher education (if they have completed their annual notice of intent to participate)

Additional information about the Youth Options program in Wisconsin can be found on the DPI's website:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/youth-options>

- **Virtual Schools**

None available in the district

- **Private School Choice Program**

The Private School Choice Program allow students to attend a participating private school if certain eligibility criteria are met. Additional information about the Private School Choice Program, including a list of participating schools can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>

- **Home-Based Private Educational Program**

Under Wisconsin Statute 118.54(4), a parent or guardian has the right to select a home-based private educational program, commonly referred to as homeschooling, for his or her child or children, in order to comply with the compulsory school attendance law. Additional information about the Home-Based Private Education Program option, including parental requirements, can be found on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/home-based>

- **Private School**

Parents have the option of enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable). The below are options are located within the Freedom Area School District.

- St. Peter Lutheran School
- St. Nicholas Catholic School

- **Special Education Voucher Program (Special Needs Voucher Program)**

The State of Wisconsin has created a special education voucher program. For details, see Page 29 of the WI Department of Public Instruction Summary 2015 Act 55 at the following website:

(<http://pb.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/budget/pdf/final%20Act%2055%202015-17%20budget%20summary.pdf>)

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