

Under Wisconsin’s compulsory school attendance law, pupils aged 6 through 18 are required to attend school regularly until the pupil graduates or until the end of the school term, quarter, or semester in which the pupil turns 18. Full-time attendance in a public school, private school, tribal school or home-based private educational program satisfies the compulsory school attendance requirement. A pupil may be enrolled in only one of these educational entities: dual enrollment is not permitted. There may be additional attendance options available; specific options depend on the pupil’s full-time enrollment.

Full-Time Enrollment: Public, Private or Home-Based

Public School			Private School or Tribal School	Home-Based Private Educational Program
Resident School District	Nonresident School District	Independently Authorized (2r, 2x) Charter School		
<p>Conditions and Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled full-time in resident school district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Counted in membership by resident school district for state aid and revenue limits. • Educational program solely controlled by resident school district 	<p>Conditions and Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled full-time in nonresident school district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open enrollment: resident district counts in membership, DPI transfers aid to nonresident district. ○ Tuition agreement between districts: resident district counts in membership, pays nonresident district. ○ Parent-paid tuition: neither district counts in membership, parent pays tuition. ○ Inter-district chapter 220: Not open to new students after those approved for the 2015-16 school year. State pays nonresident district. 	<p>Conditions and Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the exception of those attending a charter school authorized by Gateway Technical College, no restrictions on pupil residency. • See below for full table of independent authorizers and restrictions on pupil residency and school location. • Funded by state. • Educational program solely controlled by charter school as specified in contract with authorizer. • No virtual option. 	<p>Conditions and Funding</p> <p><i>Private School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled full-time in private school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent-paid tuition or other private funding. ○ State voucher program; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ State pays private school for eligible students. ➢ Under certain circumstances, private school may charge tuition in addition to voucher for high school pupils. ○ Special Needs Scholarship Program; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ State pays private school for eligible students. 	<p>Conditions and Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled full-time in home-based private educational program. • No public funding.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educational program solely controlled by nonresident school district. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Private school may charge tuition. • Educational program solely controlled by private entity. <p><i>Tribal School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled full-time in tribal school. • Educational program solely controlled by tribal school. 	
<p>Attendance Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance in public school within resident district, including charter school, virtual charter school or program, or alternative school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participate in various programs offered in resident school district, such as at-risk, gifted, AP, work-study, alternative school or program, etc. • Curricular modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent may request and school board may approve curriculum modifications, including, but not limited to: modifications of current academic program, programs 	<p>Attendance Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident pupils have same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils and same attendance options, except with respect to open enrollment pupils taking online courses. • Open enrolled pupils may not take online courses unless the online courses are provided by a virtual charter school or unless the pupil physically attends school in the nonresident district to take the course. • Course options. Resident district treated as nonresident district for purpose of taking course. Nonresident district treated as resident district for purpose of payment. 		<p>Public School Attendance Options</p> <p><i>Resident district</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school pupil enrolled in private school or tribal school. • May take up to two courses per semester in the pupil's resident school district. • Resident district counts FTE in membership for state aid but not revenue limit. <p><i>Nonresident school district</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only on a parent-paid tuition basis. <p><i>Extra-curricular or co-curricular activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident district may allow private school and tribal school pupils to participate in extra-curricular activities subject to school 	<p>Public School Attendance Options</p> <p><i>Resident or nonresident district</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to pupil enrolled in home-based private educational program in any grade. • May take up to two courses in a resident or nonresident public school district during each semester. • Resident district counts FTE in membership for state aid but not revenue limit. • Nonresident district counts .25 for each course in membership for state aid but not revenue limit. <p><i>Extra-curricular or co-curricular activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident district must allow home-based school pupils to participate in

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<p>located in resident school district, enrollment in nonsectarian private or tribal school located within resident school district, home-bound study including correspondence courses, tutoring, public educational program outside resident school district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 16-year-old may enroll in program leading to high school graduation. o 17-year-old may enroll in program leading to HSED. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pupil enrolled in a public school district in any grade. o May take up to 2 courses at a time at an educational institution (nonresident public school district, UW-System, technical college, nonprofit higher education institution, tribal college, charter school, nonprofit organization approved by the DPI). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Options: Nonresident district pays tuition and fees. 		<p>board policies and WIAA or other member-organization rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No membership count or state funding. 	<p>extra-curricular activities on the same basis and to the same extent as pupils enrolled in the district, subject to WIAA or other member-organization rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No membership count or state funding.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resident district pays nonresident district. Post-secondary institution may charge tuition and fees to pupil and/or parent/guardian if pupil will receive post-secondary credit. ● Youth Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligible pupil: public school junior or senior. ○ May take post-secondary courses at a Wis. technical college, UW-System, Wis. tribally-controlled college, or Wis. private, nonprofit college or university. ○ Resident district pays tuition/fees. 				

Statutory Citations

- Attendance by Pupils Enrolled in a Home-Based Private Educational Program: Wis. Stat. § 118.53
- Attendance by Pupils Enrolled in a Private School or Tribal School: Wis. Stat. § 118.145 (4)
- Charter Schools, including Independently-Authorized Charter Schools and Virtual Charter Schools: Wis. Stat. § 118.40
- Compulsory School Attendance, including Curriculum Modifications: Wis. Stat. §. 118.15
- Course Options: Wis. Stat. § 118.52
- Definition of a Private School: Wis. Stat. § 118.165
- Definition of Home-Based Private Educational Program: Wis. Stat. § 115.001 (3g)
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (Vouchers): Wis. Stat. § 119.23
- Public School Open Enrollment: Wis. Stat. § 118.51
- Statewide Parental Choice Program (Vouchers), including Racine Parental Choice Program: Wis. Stat. § 118.60
- School Finance, including Membership, Tuition and Special Transfer Program (Chapter 220): Chapter 121 Wis. Stats.
- Youth Options: Wis. Stat. § 118.55

New Independent Charter School Authorizers: New independent authorizers were created under 2017 Act 59. All independent authorizers shall notify the state superintendent of their intention to establish a charter school by February 1 of the previous school year. Independent authorizers and limits, if any, on school location and pupil residency are listed below.

Charter Authorizer *New for 2017-18	School Location	Pupil Residency	Number of Charter Schools
City of Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Parkside (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
* Any other UW System campus (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
Milwaukee Area Technical College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
Gateway Technical College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
* Any other WI Technical College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
Waukesha County Executive (2r)	Waukesha County	Statewide	Unlimited
College of Menominee Nation (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	No more than 6 schools between these two authorizers
Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa Community College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	
Office of Educational Opportunity (UW System) (2x)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited