

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA**

**NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE  
IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The School District of Altoona offers students who reside in the district, a variety of educational options.

As per our district mission, we strongly believe in promoting our students' emotional well-being and enabling them to meet all state standards for core subject areas while encouraging competency in problem solving and critical thinking skills; utilizing technology to transform teaching and learning so students can find global opportunities for study or jobs and expand their capacity for celebrating diversity; preparing our students for post-secondary education, or for the contemporary job market; and supporting the learning of students with special needs, preparing them for adult life.

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

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

Elementary School (grades 4K – 3):	Intermediate School (grades 4-5):	Middle School (grades 6-8):	High School (grades 9-12):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pedersen Elementary School</b> (through 2015/16)</li> <li>• <b>Altoona Elementary School</b> (starting 2016/17)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">2013/14 * Performance Ranking: Exceeds Expectations - 73.5</p>	<p><b>Altoona Intermediate School</b></p> <p>2013/14 * Performance Alternate Ranking: Satisfactory Progress</p>	<p><b>Altoona Middle School</b></p> <p>2013/14 * Performance Ranking: Exceeds Expectations - 73.1</p>	<p><b>Altoona High School</b></p> <p>2013/14 * Performance Ranking: Meets Expectations - 71.6</p>

*\*Most recent performance ranking.* The full version of the District's most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page on the District's website: <http://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/schoolreportcards.cfm>

*The District offers its 4K program at several community-based locations other than the elementary school that is listed above.*

Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English language learner education
- Gifted and talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Alternative education program(s) – Anticipated beginning September 2016 (Grades 10-12)
- At-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school)
- Summer school programming

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the School District of Altoona that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the School District of Altoona include the following:

- The Course Options Program, which
  - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time at another educational institution;
  - is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and
  - includes certain District-approved dual credit opportunities that the District offers in conjunction with a partner institution of higher education.
- The Youth Options Program, which
  - provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at certain institutions of higher education; and
  - is available only to students who are enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.

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

- 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.
- Full-time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.

- Beginning in the 2016/17 school year, 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 state’s “Special Needs Scholarship Program,” as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program. The following participating private schools are located within the District’s boundaries and each school’s most recent state-assigned performance category is provided, if available:
  - *Regis Catholic Schools*  
*St. Mary’s Elementary School*                      *State-assigned performance ranking: Unknown*  
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- 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.

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

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

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District’s main administrative office or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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