

January 24, 2017

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members

The Ellsworth Community School District would like all district residents and families to be aware of the annual notice information in this letter as required by Wisconsin Act 55 recently enacted by our legislature.

- Pursuant to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 section 120.12(13)(b) and section 118.30 1(g)(a) of the state statute, the Ellsworth Community School District Board of Education provides instruction in courses consistent with the statute and regulations of the Department of Public Instruction or appropriate state agency. As outlined in District Policy 2210, the Ellsworth Community School District incorporates State recommended performance standards for students as the basis for determining how well each student is achieving curriculum objectives.

The Ellsworth Community School District, at its July 11 ,2016 Board of Education meeting has approved the following Academic Standards for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Mathematics (Wisconsin Academic Standards)
- Science (Wisconsin Academic Standards and NextGen Science Standards)
- Reading (Wisconsin Academic Standards)
- Writing (Wisconsin Academic Standards)
- Geography (Wisconsin Academic Standards)
- History (Wisconsin Academic Standards)

These standards are available on the district website at www.ellsworth.k12.wi.us.

- Pursuant to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 section 115.385(4) of the state statute, the Ellsworth Community School District provides a copy of the school's accountability report that is published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction located on our District Website at www.ellsworth.k12.wi.us
- Pursuant to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 section 118.57 of the state statute, the Ellsworth Community School District offers the following educational options. In addition, the Ellsworth Community School District provides a copy of the school's accountability report that is published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction located on our District website at www.ellsworth.k12.wi.us.
 - Ellsworth Community School District Elementary Schools
 - Prairie View Elementary (Grades K-4)
 - Significantly Exceeds Expectations-Per Accountability Report
 - Hillcrest Elementary (Grades K-4)
 - Exceeds Expectations-Per Accountability Report
 - Lindgren Early Learning Center (Early Childhood-4YK)
 - Ellsworth Middle School (Grades 5-8)

- Exceeds Expectations-Per Accountability Report
- Ellsworth Senior High School (Grades 9-12)
 - Meets Expectations-Per Accountability Report
- St. Francis Elementary School (Grades 4YK-Grade 5)

Charter Schools: There are 244 Charter Schools in the state of Wisconsin. For a complete listing, please contact the Ellsworth Community School District Office at (715) 273-3900..

Virtual Schools: For a list of Virtual Schools in the state of Wisconsin please contact the Ellsworth Community School District Office at (715) 273-3900..

Full-Time Open Enrollment: Any student that lives within the Ellsworth Community School District attendance boundaries has the option of attending any school district in the state of Wisconsin at no cost to the student. Forms do need to be filed with the Department of Public Instruction (www.dpi.gov). Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Youth Options: Any student enrolled in the Ellsworth Community School District may opt to take a course at any UW School at no cost to the student if the student has exhausted all options for courses in that field in the district. An example would be if a student has taken all the math courses offered at SDL and wishes to take an advanced class for college credit. The Ellsworth Community School District pays the college for the cost of attending that course. Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Course Options: Any student enrolled in the Ellsworth Community School District may opt to take a course in any other school district at no cost to the student if our school district does not offer the similar class. The Ellsworth Community School District pays the other school district the cost of attending that course. Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Options for Pupils Enrolled in home-based private educational program: On July 14, 2015, Governor Walker signed into law that all children in the state of Wisconsin that are eligible based upon the public school's requirements, may participate in all extracurricular activities. This may include participation in clubs, sports, or school sponsored activities. Please contact each building principal for more information regarding requirements.

Special Education Voucher Program: Act 55 creates a special education voucher program under which students with disabilities, who have been denied from attending school in a nonresident district under the public school open enrollment program and attend a public school during the 2015-2016 school year, can attend a participating private school on a \$12,000 voucher. The DPI is currently developing more information on this program and will provide information as it becomes available.

For a complete list of annual notices posted by the Ellsworth Community School District, please visit our website at www.ellsworth.k12.wi.us.