

## **School District of River Falls Educational Options for the 2017-18 School Year**

Children who reside within the boundaries of the School District of River Falls, have the following educational options:

### **Suggested Options:**

- Attendance at resident public schools
- Attendance at private schools participating in the Wisconsin Private School Choice
- Program attendance at area charter schools
- Attendance at virtual schools
- Full-time open enrollment
- Youth options, course options, and partial enrollment options for pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program
- Parents of children with disabilities are also advised that there is a special needs voucher program

### **School District of River Falls Specific Options:**

River Falls 4 Children (4C)

River Falls Public Montessori Elementary

Renaissance Charter Academy - Day and Knight Alternative School

### **High School Program Highlights:**

Students at River Falls High School (RFHS) have a wide variety of educational opportunities throughout their time enrolled. These opportunities are provided to meet the needs of our students with variation in coursework as well as to personalize their learning experience to best meet their individual needs. Additionally, we strive to ensure we are providing quality opportunities aligned to our district and community expectations. Below are opportunities provided for current students enrolled at RFHS:

#### Face-to-Face Classroom Instruction:

Students at River Falls High School have the opportunity to enroll in a wide variety of coursework in core academic classes, visual arts, performing arts, career and technical education, family consumer science, and other elective opportunities. These courses offered by RFHS staff are offered through face-to-face instruction or hybrid online courses taught using our learning management system Schoology. Students participating in these educational opportunities are held accountable to the grading for learning guidelines identified by RFHS and included in our student handbook. These expectations are further communicated in teacher syllabi and/or course expectation guidelines.

*Additional course opportunities include:*

Online Courses (WVS)

Hybrid Courses

Advanced Placement (AP)

Transcripted Credits (TC)  
Advanced Standing (AS)  
Independent Study (IS)  
Project Lead the Way (PLTW)  
Youth Apprenticeship (YA)  
Work-Based Learning  
Renaissance Academy

Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS):

Students at RFHS are provided with the opportunity to participate in coursework offered through WVS. These courses are offered online through a partnership with CESA 9. RFHS students who enroll in WVS coursework have access to additional course opportunities not always offered at RFHS. RFHS has an identified Local Education Guide (LEG) who facilitates all student enrollment in WVS coursework. Our LEG conducts an introduction meeting with students, sends out regular student progress reports, and is available as a liaison if students have any difficulty in the online learning environment.

Why do we use WVS?

- WVS allows us the opportunity to offer courses that we are not able to offer at RFHS.
- WVS allows students to enroll in courses for students who want to participate in other priority courses that conflict with scheduled offerings.
- WVS allows students to personalize their schedule, course selection, and best meet their learning style.
- WVS strives to offer quality courses through their program, has established criteria and standards in which they select their providers, and regularly review and update their course offerings.

Youth Options:

Youth Options is a collaborative program between RFHS, UWRF, CVTC and WITC. Juniors and seniors may enroll in college level courses that earn high school and college or technical school credit. Admission is based on school records and/or special interest courses, approval by the School Board and available space. If approved, tuition and fees are paid by the school district. Application deadlines are March 1 for fall semester and October 1 for spring semester. Students may not enroll in more than 18 credits during their junior and senior years. Upon enrollment in a Youth Options course, it is the student's responsibility to notify the college or technical school if the student decides not to take the course. This must be accomplished prior to the first class session in order to avoid enrollment charges. Students/families will be required to reimburse the school district for tuition costs in the event of failed or incomplete Youth Options classes.

Course Options:

Course Options provides a means for Wisconsin students to take courses offered by other Wisconsin school districts and also includes the opportunity for students to enroll in courses offered by charter schools, various institutions of higher education and approved nonprofit

organizations at no cost to the student. Specifically, Course Options allows students enrolled in a public school district to take up to two courses at any time from an educational institution. Course Options applications must be submitted and received 6 weeks prior to the start of any course.

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