



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 307
[2017 Assembly Bill 805]

**Excluding Certain Courses From
the Early College Credit Program**

2017 Wisconsin Act 307 excludes certain college-level courses offered to high school pupils enrolled in a public or private high school from the Early College Credit Program (ECCP), if the course satisfies certain requirements.

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

Under Wisconsin law, a high school student attending a public or private school may enroll in an institution of higher education through the ECCP for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses. A pupil may take a course through the program to earn high school credit or postsecondary credit or both.

The Act provides that a course for which a public and private high school student may earn postsecondary credit is **excluded** from the ECCP, if all of the following apply:

- **Agreement.** The school board of the public school district or the governing body of the private school has entered into an agreement with: (1) the chancellor of a four-year University of Wisconsin (UW) System institution; or (2) the president of a private, nonprofit institution to provide a college credit in a high school program to academically qualified pupils who may take the course for postsecondary credit.¹
- **Location of instruction.** For public high school students, the instruction of pupils in the course takes place in a school building in the school district or a school district facility. For private high school students, the instruction takes place in the private school building.

¹ The agreement may be entered into before, on, or after the effective date of the Act.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

- **Teacher credentials.** The high school teacher who provides instruction in the course is either: (1) employed by the school district or governing body of the private school, and has been certified or approved to provide the instruction by either the participating UW System institution or the participating private nonprofit institution; or (2) a faculty member of the participating UW System institution or private, nonprofit institution.

Finally, the Act repeals a provision in current law that provides that the ECCP applies to a private institution of higher education and to a tribally controlled college only if the private institution of higher education or tribally controlled college has notified the State Superintendent of its intent to participate in the program by September 1 of the previous school year.

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