

## Chapter PI 17

## SUMMER AND INTERIM SESSION CLASSES

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**PI 17.01 Applicability and purpose.** This chapter establishes criteria for summer and interim session classes receiving state aid, as authorized under s. 121.14, Stats.

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**PI 17.02 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1d) “Academic purposes” means summer or interim session learning experiences that are related or similar to instruction that is offered during the rest of the school year or for which credit toward graduation is given and which is taught by a department-licensed teacher.

(2) “Department” means the Wisconsin department of public instruction.

(2m) “Interim session” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3m), Stats., for school districts or county children with disabilities education boards that provide year-round school. Interim sessions are not an extension of the regular school day or school week.

(3) “Reasonable fees” means the fee charged does not exceed the actual cost to the school district or children with disabilities education board of the materials supplied to pupils or activities engaged in by pupils.

(4) “School year” means the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.

(5) “State superintendent” means the state superintendent of public instruction.

(6) “Year-round school” means a school with an academic program calendar that does not have more than 45 calendar days between consecutive sessions during which hours of direct pupil instruction are counted to meet the requirement in s. 121.02 (1) (f), Stats.

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**PI 17.03 Summer and interim session classes. (1)** Under s. 121.14, Stats., a school district or county children with disabilities education board may count pupils for aid membership for those academic summer classes or laboratory periods that are necessary for academic purposes, as specified under this chapter. Under s. 121.14, Stats., a school district or county children with disabilities education board that provides year-round school may count pupils for aid membership for those interim session classes or laboratory periods that are necessary for academic purposes.

(2) Summer and interim session classes necessary for academic purposes may include any of the following:

(a) Music programs, lessons, sectionals or clinics, if taught by a department-licensed teacher.

(b) Swimming instruction programs, if taught or directed by a department-licensed teacher at the site of the instruction.

(c) Instructional minutes, per pupil, per day, including field trips if accompanied by a department-licensed teacher and if all pupils have equal access to the field trips, regardless of their ability to pay.

(d) Online classes offered to high school pupils and pupils in grades 7 and 8 that meet the requirements of s. 121.004 (8) (b), Stats., and s. PI 36.11 (1) and in which at least 8,100 minutes of direct instruction are required to earn one credit. If fewer minutes of direct instruction are provided the credit shall be prorated accordingly.

(e) Online classes offered by a school district to pupils in grades 9 through 12 residing in the school district or attending the school district under s. 118.51, Stats., if taught by a teacher licensed by the department or authorized to teach under s. 118.19 (1b) or (1c), Stats.

(4) A school district under sub. (1) shall annually submit to the department a summer or interim session membership report.

**Note:** Form PI-1804, Summer School Membership Report, may be obtained at no charge from the Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841 and at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/children/summer-school>.

(5) A school district under sub. (1) shall document and retain the calculation of summer or interim session membership on a form provided by the department.

**Note:** Form PI-1804w, Summer School Membership Worksheet, may be obtained at no charge from the Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841 and at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/children/summer-school>.

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**PI 17.04 Summer or interim session classes aid calculation. (1)** Summer average daily membership equivalent shall be included as a full-time equivalency in the school district’s September official enrollment of the school district required under s. 121.05 (1) (a), Stats.

(1m) All pupils who attend a summer or interim course that is necessary for academic purposes, regardless of the course funding source, must be included in the summer average daily membership equivalent, unless the school district receives tuition for the pupils.

(2) The summer average daily membership equivalent reported under sub. (1) shall be calculated using the school district’s total summer or interim session pupil membership minutes, divided by 48,600 and rounding to the nearest whole number, as provided under s. 121.004 (8), Stats.

(3) If an audit is required under s. 115.28 (18), Stats., the audit shall include an examination of summer and interim membership under this chapter.

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**PI 17.05 Fees charged for summer and interim session classes.** (1) A school district or county children with disabilities education board offering summer or interim session classes may charge reasonable fees for the following:

(a) Personal use items, such as towels, gym clothes, or uniforms.

(b) Social and extra-curricular activities if not necessary to the school's curriculum nor aided under s. 121.14 (1), Stats.

(c) Books, except as specified under sub. (2) (b).

(d) Nonresident tuition for pupils from another school district.

(2) A school district or county children with disabilities education board offering summer or interim session classes may not charge fees for any of the following:

(a) Instruction, registration or tuition, except as specified under sub. (1) (d).

(b) Books for indigent children residing in the school district.

(c) Teacher salary.

(d) Buildings, maintenance or equipment.

(e) Courses credited for graduation.

(f) Computers or microfilm readers.

(4) A school district or county children with disabilities education board offering summer or interim session classes may not prohibit an eligible pupil from attending summer or interim session classes, expel or otherwise discipline the pupil, or withhold or reduce the pupil's grades because the pupil or the pupil's family cannot pay or has not paid fees charged under sub. (1).

**Note:** One available remedy for collecting a valid nonpaid fee is small claims court.

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