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Assembly Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
17 West Main Street, Rm. 401-RJC  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Assembly Chief Clerk:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section 38.04(21) of the Wisconsin statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to submit an annual report regarding high school students attending technical colleges. The report is to be submitted to the Legislature and to four state agencies (Departments of Administration, Children and Families, Public Instruction, and Workforce Development.) The reporting requirement was established in 1997 Wisconsin Act 27.

The following level of activity occurred in the 2019-20 school year:

761 high school students attended the WTCS under the 118.15 Compulsory Education Option;

3,850 high school students attended the WTCS under the Start College Now program (formerly Youth Options); and

over 52,000 high school students enrolled in WTCS postsecondary level courses through means other than 118.15 Compulsory Education.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ann Westrich, Career Prep Education Director, at (608) 261-4588.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morna K. Foy".

Dr. Morna K. Foy  
President

Attachment

cc: Sara Hynek, DOA  
David Loppnow, LFB



**Public High School Pupils Attending Wisconsin Technical Colleges  
Fiscal Years 2016-17 through 2019-20**

Section 38.04(21) of the Wisconsin statutes requires that the WTCS report information on public high school pupils enrolling in technical college courses to the Legislature and four state agencies (DOA, DCF, DPI and DWD). Five categories of enrollments are covered:

- A. 118.15 Compulsory Education – Under the provisions of ss. 118.15(1) (b), (cm) and (d), *Wis. Stats.*, high school pupils who meet certain criteria are allowed to attend technical college in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis.
- B. Start College Now (formerly Youth Options) – Under the Start College Now program, s. 38.12(14), *Wis. Stats.*, high school pupils have the ability to take postsecondary level courses and earn both high school and technical college credit.
- C. Transcripted Credit - This option also known as “dual credit” allows students to gain both high school and technical college credit simultaneously. Section 118.34, *Wis. Stats.*, authorizes the establishment of technical preparation programs that allow high school pupils to either gain advanced standing at a technical college or receive actual technical college credit. It should be noted that pupils earn advanced standing while in high school, but do not actually receive the credit until they have completed high school and are admitted to a technical college. Therefore, this report can only identify pupils who received actual technical college credit while still enrolled in high school.
- D. Youth Apprenticeship – Section 106.13, *Wis. Stats.*, allows a student to enroll in a youth apprenticeship program with the ability to gain advanced standing or receive actual technical college credit.
- E. 38.14 Contracts – Under s. 38.14(3), *Wis. Stats.*, a technical college may enter into a contract to provide educational services to a school district.

The following tables provide a statewide summary of such enrollments for the school years 2016-17 through 2019-20. Numbers of students, courses and credits taken are included. The WTCS Client Reporting System is the source for this information.

<b>Headcount</b>						
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>118.15 Compulsory Education</b>	<b>Start College Now (formerly Youth Options)</b>	<b>Transcripted Credit</b>	<b>Youth Apprenticeship</b>	<b>38.14 Contracts</b>	<b>Total – All</b>
2016	736	2,716	27,721	275	2,419	32,608
2017	592	2,793	32,198	255	2,657	38,495
2018	721	3,118	40,652	256	3,256	48,003
2019	831	3,617	45,826	277	3,447	53,998
2020	761	3,850	46,572	279	3,967	55,429



<b>Courses (Enrollments)</b>						
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>118.15 Compulsory Education</b>	<b>Start College Now (formerly Youth Options)</b>	<b>Transcripted Credit</b>	<b>Youth Apprenticeship</b>	<b>38.14 Contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>
2016	7,001	4,997	37,730	539	3,875	54,142
2017	6,084	5,363	45,053	480	4,400	61,380
2018	7,114	5,858	59,613	497	5,406	78,488
2019	6,827	7,413	69,967	474	6,423	91,104
2020	7,248	9,266	72,192	479	7,897	97,082

<b>Credits</b>						
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>118.15 Compulsory Education</b>	<b>Start College Now (formerly Youth Options)</b>	<b>Transcripted Credit</b>	<b>Youth Apprenticeship</b>	<b>38.14 Contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>
2016	7,740	13,525	98,927	1,067	10,327	131,586
2017	6,748	14,426	117,290	960	11,358	150,782
2018	7,814	15,718	153,173	1,010	13,988	191,703
2019	7,953	19,913	176,495	884	16,751	221,996
2020	8,404	25,533	180,648	987	20,188	235,760

For more information, please contact Ann Westrich at (608) 261-4588.