

622 SHARED TIME STUDENTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and provide guidelines for parents who wish to have their children receive an education in a home school or private school and enroll as a shared time student in the Owatonna Public Schools.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Owatonna Public Schools will provide educational opportunities for shared time students. A shared time student is one who is a resident of the school district and is enrolled part time in a public school and the rest of the time in a nonpublic school or home school. The school district may limit enrollment of shared-time students in such classes based on the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building. The school board and administration retain sole discretion and control over scheduling of all classes and assignment of shared time students to classes. The school board will review the shared time program on a periodic basis.

III. ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

- A. Shared time students are enrolled in District 761 courses.
- B. Students shall be limited to a maximum of two hours of shared time per day for grades K-5, or one block (approximately 85 minutes) for grades 6-12.
- C. Classes requested as shared time are not offered in their non-public school.
- D. Shared time students may attend facilities in their attendance area.
- E. Students wishing to enroll on a shared time basis must make application to the district on or before January 15 for enrollment beginning the next school year. The district will notify the student on or before May 1 whether the application has been accepted or rejected. Applications received after January 15 cannot be guaranteed acceptance.
- F. Students participating in the shared time program shall abide by all rules and regulations governing the conduct of regular full-time students.
- G. Shared time students are not eligible for academic awards, academic honors, or academic recognition.

- H. Shared time students are not eligible for an Owatonna High School diploma.
- I. Shared time students' eligibility to participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities is governed by Minnesota Statutes 120A.22, 120A.24, 123B.36, or 123B.49; and/or Minnesota State High School League By-Law 105, Paragraph 1B.
- J. Shared time students may be eligible to participate in field trips (Instructional, Supplementary, or Extended) that are aligned with the instructional leader and course the student attends by the discretion of the principal, provided there is adequate funding, transportation, and supervision of all students.
- K. Students accepted for shared-time enrollment are eligible for District transportation if they are at an existing bus stop at the regularly-scheduled bus stop time, if space is available on the bus, and if they meet District policy guidelines for distance from school.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. 120A.24 (Reporting)
Minn. Stat. 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)
Minn. Stat. 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

Cross References: Policy 510 (School Activities)
Policy 611 (Home Schooling)
Policy 707 (Transportation of Public School Students)