

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 160 of 1996

388.519 Information and counseling services.

Sec. 9. (1) Each school district or state approved nonpublic school shall provide information to all high school students on the postsecondary enrollment options under this act, including enrollment eligibility; the institutions and types of courses that are eligible for participation; the decision making process for granting academic credits; an explanation of eligible charges that will be paid by the school district or department of treasury, as applicable, and of financial arrangements for eligible charges and for paying costs not paid for by the school district or department of treasury; eligibility for payment of all or part of eligible charges by the school district or department of treasury, as applicable, under this act; an explanation that, if the student qualifies for payment of all or part of eligible charges by the school district or department of treasury under this act, the school district or department of treasury, as applicable, will pay that support directly to the eligible postsecondary institution upon being billed by the eligible postsecondary institution and that the student is not responsible for that payment but is responsible for payment of costs not paid for under this act; available support services; the need to arrange an appropriate schedule; consequences of failing or not completing a postsecondary course in which the eligible student enrolls, including the possibility of being required to repay the school district or department of treasury, as applicable, for money paid on behalf of the eligible student; the effect of enrolling in a postsecondary course on the eligible student's ability to complete the required high school graduation requirements; and the academic and social responsibilities that must be assumed by the eligible student and his or her parent or guardian.

(2) To the extent possible, a school district or state approved nonpublic school shall provide counseling services to an eligible student and his or her parent or guardian before the eligible student enrolls in postsecondary courses under this act to ensure that the eligible student and his or her parent or guardian are fully aware of the benefits, risks, and possible consequences of enrolling in a postsecondary course. The person providing the counseling shall encourage the eligible student and his or her parent or guardian to also use available counseling services at the eligible postsecondary institutions before the quarter or semester of enrollment to ensure that anticipated plans are appropriate. A school district or state approved nonpublic school may provide the counseling required under this section in a group meeting if additional personalized counseling is also made available.

(3) Before enrolling in an eligible course at an eligible postsecondary institution under this act, an eligible student and his or her parent or guardian shall file with the eligible postsecondary institution a signed form provided by the eligible student's school district or state approved nonpublic school stating that the student is an eligible student and has received the information and counseling specified in subsections (1) and (2) and that the student understands the responsibilities that must be assumed in enrolling in the course. Upon request, the department shall provide technical assistance to a school district or state approved nonpublic school and to an eligible postsecondary institution in developing appropriate forms and counseling guidelines for purposes of this section.

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