

Student Attendance at BOCES Occupational Education Programs

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The Bellmore-Merrick Board of Education believes that every Bellmore-Merrick graduate should be prepared for college level instruction or for entry into the world of work. Students may enroll in half-day Occupational Education courses at various BOCES Centers in 11th and 12th grades and sometimes in the 10th grade, depending on BOCES Occupational Education program offerings. If a comparable course is already offered in this district, or a district with whom we co-ordinate Occupation Education programs, the student may not enroll at BOCES.

Students may opt to enroll in half-day BOCES Occupational Education program:

- Beginning in 11th grade in a BOCES two (2) year program
- Beginning in 10th grade in BOCES three (3) year program
- Beginning in 12th grade in the first year of a BOCES two (2) year program if a student has met all New York State and Bellmore-Merrick graduation requirements through 11th grade, provided that the student and his/her parent sign a waiver releasing the District from any obligation to pay the tuition for the second year of the program.
- Beginning in 12th grade in a BOCES two (2) year program if a student has met all New York State and Bellmore-Merrick graduation requirements through 11th grade but was unable to enroll in a BOCES program in 11th grade due to deficiencies in New York State or Bellmore-Merrick class graduation requirements. Under these special circumstances, a student may enter a BOCES program in 12th grade and remain an additional year in high school to complete the BOCES Occupational Education program. The District may waive tuition costs for the student, if appropriate.

Students who are enrolled in the half-day BOCES Occupational Education Program may request the opportunity to attend BOCES **full-time** during their senior year of high school if such a program is available and the student has met all New York State and Bellmore-Merrick graduation requirements through 11th grade. It is understood that students who are approved for a full-time BOCES Occupational Education Program must take and successfully complete the required academic courses at BOCES that would result in the student graduating from high school at the end of the senior year. Students must request this option through the Guidance Counselor during 11th grade. Guidance counselors must have the approval of the Principal before a senior student can be approved for attendance at a full-time BOCES program.

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