

## Expanded Options Program

### A. At-Risk Definitions for Expanded Options Program

Senate Bill 300 specifies that students who are at-risk will be given priority for Expanded Options credits should demand for credits exceed capacity. "At-risk" students are identified in one of the ways listed below:

1. Following the guidelines in Senate Bill 300, a student who qualifies for free and reduced lunch receives priority for Expanded Options.
2. Under Title 1C, migrant students receive priority for Expanded Options.
3. Under Title 1D, a student who is at risk of academic failure receives priority for Expanded Options. At risk of academic failure is defined as:
  - a. A student with a cumulative grade point average below 2.0
  - b. A student with two consecutive semesters with a grade point average below 2.0
  - c. A student who is has been retained or is deficient 3 or more credits
4. Under Title 1D, the following students receive priority for Expanded Options:
  - a. A student with a drug and alcohol problem
  - b. A pregnant or parenting student
  - c. A student who has come into contact with the juvenile justice system
  - d. A student with limited English proficiency
  - e. A gang member
  - f. A student who has dropped out of school in the past
  - g. A student who has missed school 30 percent of the days of school or more
  - h. A student in a residential or day care institution (excluding foster home) due to delinquency or abandonment, neglect or death of a parent or guardian
5. Under Title III, the following receive priority for Expanded Options:
  - a. A student with limited English proficiency
  - b. A student who is an immigrant and not yet a citizen of the United States (but not a foreign exchange student)

6. Under Title X, a student who is homeless receives priority for Expanded Options. Homeless is defined as students who:
  - a. Are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
  - b. Are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
  - c. Are living in emergency or transitional shelters
  - d. Are abandoned in hospitals
  - e. Are awaiting foster care placement
  - f. Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
  - g. Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

B. Notification

The Expanded Options program gives next year's juniors and seniors an opportunity to apply to take classes at Linn-Benton Community College as part of their high school experience. The school district will pay for classes approved by a counselor. Students who wish to apply to be a part of the Expanded Options program next school year must fill out an application and obtain a counselor's approval prior to May 15. Complete information about the Expanded Options program and the application are available in the counseling office. You may also print complete information about Expanded Options and the application from the school website or the school district website. Notice will be provided as part of the district Parent/Student Handbook and school newsletters prior to February 15 of each year.