

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Amy MacCrindle, Superintendent of Schools

Date: August 17, 2026

Re: Board Policy 7:40 — Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial & Home-Schooled Students

Purpose

The administration recommends revisions to Board Policy 7:40 regarding the part-time enrollment and extracurricular participation of nonpublic school students, including parochial and home-schooled students. This policy was discussed during the July 20, 2026 board meeting.

Summary of Proposed Changes

The proposed revisions would:

- Remove the requirement that requests for part-time attendance for the following school year be submitted before May 1. Requests would continue to be submitted to the principal of the school serving the student's attendance area and considered based on available space.
- Revise the extracurricular participation provisions by removing the current language that separately identifies and limits participation in interscholastic competitions and non-athletic extracurricular activities.
- Change the enrollment requirement for extracurricular participation from attending District courses for at least one-half of the regular school day to enrollment in at least one District class.



Nonpublic school students participating in District extracurricular activities would remain subject to the same policies, regulations, eligibility requirements, association rules, and expectations that apply to all other participants.

Appendix A includes the tracked changes for the revision to this policy.

Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policy 7:40 as presented.

Appendix A: 7:40 Track Changes

7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students

Part-Time Attendance

The District accepts nonpublic school students, including parochial and home-schooled students, who live within the District for part-time attendance in the District's regular education program on a space-available basis. Requests for part-time attendance must be submitted to the Building Principal of the school in the school attendance area where the student resides. ~~All requests for attendance in the following school year must be submitted before May 1.~~

A student accepted for partial enrollment must comply with all discipline and attendance requirements established by the school. He or she may participate in any co-curricular activity associated with a District class in which he or she is enrolled. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student accepted for partial enrollment must pay all fees, pro-rated on the basis of a percentage of full-time fees. Transportation to and/or from school is provided on regular bus routes to or from a point on the route nearest or most easily accessible to the nonpublic school or student's home. This transportation shall be on the same basis as the District provides transportation for its full-time students. Transportation on other than established bus routes is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students with a Disability

The District accepts for part-time attendance those children for whom it has been determined that special education services are needed, are enrolled in nonpublic schools, and otherwise qualify for enrollment in the District. Requests must be submitted by the student's parent/guardian. Special educational services shall be provided to such students as soon as possible after identification, evaluation, and placement procedures provided by State law, but no later than the beginning of the next school semester following the completion of such procedures. Transportation for such students shall be provided only if required in the child's Individualized Educational Program on the basis of the child's disabling condition or as the special education program location may require.

Extracurricular Activities, Including Interscholastic Competition

A nonpublic school student is eligible to participate in: ~~(+)~~ interscholastic competitions, provided his or her participation adheres to the regulations established by any association in which the District maintains a membership, and ~~(2)~~ non-athletic extracurricular activities,

provided the student attends a District school for at least one-half class during the regular school day, excluding lunch. A nonpublic student who participates in an extracurricular activity is subject to all policies, regulations, and rules that are applicable to other participants in the activity.

Assignment When Enrolling Full-Time in a District School

Grade placement by, and academic credits earned at, a nonpublic school will be accepted if the school has a Certificate of Nonpublic School Recognition from the Ill. State Board of Education, or, if outside Illinois, if the school is accredited by the state agency governing education.

A student who, after receiving instruction in a non-recognized or non-accredited school, enrolls in the District will: (1) be assigned to a grade level according to academic proficiency, and/or (2) have academic credits recognized by the District if the student demonstrates appropriate academic proficiency to the school administration. Any portion of a student's transcript relating to such instruction will not be considered for placement on the honor roll or computation in class rank.

Notwithstanding the above, recognition of grade placement and academic credits awarded by a nonpublic school is at the sole discretion of the District. All school and class assignments will be made according to Board policy 7:30, *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*, as well as administrative procedures implementing this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.24](#) and [5/14-6.01](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

~~ADOPTED: April 20, 2026~~