

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 enrollment in the District's regular education program on a space-available basis. All requests for part-time enrollment of nonpublic school students must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee before May 1 of the school year prior to the school year for which the request is made. The District also considers requests of currently enrolled students for part-time enrollment in the District/part-time enrollment in a nonpublic school. Factors to be considered when reviewing a request of a currently enrolled student for part-time enrollment include, but are not limited to:

1. The reasons for the request (e.g. to receive third-party services during the regular school day); and
2. The plan for the student's part-time enrollment in a nonpublic school.

A student accepted for part-time enrollment must comply with all discipline and attendance requirements established by the school. The parent/guardian of a student accepted for part-time 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 shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Students with a Disability

The District accepts for part-time enrollment 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.

Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities

A student accepted for part-time enrollment may participate in any co-curricular activity associated with a District class in which he or she is enrolled. A student accepted for part-time enrollment may also participate in any other extracurricular activities, including athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities, provided:

- (1) in the case of extracurricular activities not subject to interscholastic competition the student attends a District school for at least five course periods during the regular school day, excluding lunch; and
- (2) in the case of Illinois High School Association (IHSA) interscholastic competition:
 - (a) the student attends a District school for at least five course periods during the regular school day, excluding lunch, and is passing said coursework; and

- (b) the student's participation in interscholastic competition adheres to IHSA regulations.
- (3) in the case of Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) interscholastic competition:
 - (a) the student or parent of the student provides evidence from a third-party instructor on a weekly basis for any coursework to be counted towards the minimum IESA eligibility requirements:
 - (1) that the coursework would be accepted by the District if the student enrolled on a full-time basis; and
 - (2) that the student is passing the coursework; and
 - (b) the student's participation in interscholastic competition adheres to IESA regulations.

The administration shall have sole discretion to determine whether coursework would be accepted by the District if the student were enrolled on a full-time basis and whether the student is passing coursework. If evidence is not provided to the District by the end of the regular school day on the date eligibility is determined each week, the part-time student will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic competitions that take place the following week (starting on Monday and ending the following Sunday).

A part-time student who participates in a co-curricular or 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 Illinois 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, including home 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 and/or determination of Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude designation.

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 Activities),
6.320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7.30 (Student Assignment and Intra-
District Transfer), 7.300 (Extracurricular Athletics)