

Students

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: (1) interscholastic competition, provided his or her participation adheres to the regulations established by any association in which the School District maintains a membership, and (2) non-athletic extracurricular activities, provided the student attends a District school for at least one-half of 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 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, 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 School 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)

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**2022-2023 Proposal 2 – 3.010 Athletic Eligibility By-laws
Modify By-law 3.011 Attendance
Submitted By: Nathan DeBaillie, Principal – Orion**

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Adds a requirement for any student to meet the attendance By-law to be in attendance to at least one class hour at the member school in addition to other class hours taken in a program approved by the member school. (Home School Students)

Rationale of Submitter:

According to the ISBE Legal and SIS departments, a homeschool child who is not attending any classes in the district is not considered by ISBE to be “enrolled”, and should not be entered in SIS as enrolled, even if the district is engaged in a process whereby it is evaluating the child’s homeschool coursework and awarding credits toward graduation. Because of this, there is a need IHSA By-law 3.011 to meet the legal requirements of enrollment. This would require a homeschool student to attend a minimum of one .5 credit course at the member school. This change would also help to ensure that member schools don’t take advantage of the relative lack of regulations surrounding home school students in the state of Illinois.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 3.011 – Athletic Eligibility By-laws - Attendance

A student must attend a member school and may only represent in interscholastic competition the member school the student attends. For purposes of this by-law, the term “attend” shall mean that the student is enrolled at the member school, and is taking at, or under arrangements approved by the member school, a minimum of twenty-five (25) credit hours of work for which credit toward high school graduation will be granted by the member school upon the student’s completing and passing the courses. The school which enrolls the student shall be exclusively responsible to verify the student’s compliance with all of the eligibility requirements of all IHSA by-laws. *A homeschool student must be taking and passing at least ONE CREDIT BEARING COURSE ~~five (5) credit hours (the equivalent of one .5 credit course)~~ at the member school and enrolled in a program approved by the member school on a weekly and semester basis in which they are taking and passing a minimum COMBINED TOTAL of ~~twenty (20)~~ TWENTY-FIVE (25) credit hours of work.*

The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to waive the requirement of this by-law for the Illinois schools for the deaf or blind, or in a situation where a student is removed from a member school to a therapeutic or alternative school without an interscholastic program pursuant to an IEP or 504.

- (a) The high school principal shall certify that the student meets all IHSA and local criteria for eligibility.
- (b) The senior high school principal shall assume all responsibility for conduct of the student.

In unit systems having a 6-3-3 or 6-4-2 type of organization, ninth grade students may participate on senior high school athletic teams at the member high school in the district designated by the Board of Education, provided:

- (a) such participation is approved by the district’s superintendent of schools;
- (b) the senior high school principal shall certify that the ninth-grade student:
 - (1) are eligible under the requirements of these by-laws,
 - (2) are students at a junior high school located in the district which supports the senior high school, and
 - (3) are not members of a grade or junior high school team in the same sport; and,
- (c) the senior high school principal assumes full responsibility for the conduct of these students during all athletic contests in which they represent the senior high school.

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20 **IHSA Schools Approve All Eight Proposals On Membership Ballot**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

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Illinois High School Association (IHSA) member schools approved all eight amendment proposals that appeared on the all-school ballot during the annual by-law referendum process that ended on December 19, 2022. Full text of initial 23 proposals, including the eight that advanced to the all-school ballot, can be found by clicking [here](#).

Here is a summary of the proposals and the vote totals. (The numbers in parentheses indicate the total of yes, no, and no opinion votes. For an amendment to pass, yes votes must outnumber no votes.)

Proposal 1 (438-46-31): Expands the representatives who can be nominated and elected to the Legislative Commission representing Districts to include Official Representatives and adds administrators from underrepresented schools to represent the minority at-large seats on the commission.

Proposal 2 (359-123-33): Adds a requirement for any student to meet the attendance by-law to be in attendance for at least one class at the member school in addition to other classes taken in a program approved by the member school.

Proposal 6 (314-171-27): Extends the opportunity for limited eligibility to be granted to students who do not meet the transfer by-law when transferring prior to the start of the junior year.

Proposal 7 (439-58-17): Modify the 8-semesters of eligibility to be 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility permitting no pause in semesters of eligibility after starting as a ninth grader.

Proposal 8 (327-145-41): Adds language that would prohibit school personnel from engaging in any conversation related to athletic participation with individuals representing or employed by a private athletic organization who are speaking about a student-athlete.

Proposal 9 (488-11-14): By-law 3.082 increases the contribution permitted from a school towards a ring/memento for winning a state championship from \$200 to \$300.

Proposal 10 (419-50-46): By-law 3.083 and new sections: Adds language related to Name Image and Likeness (NIL) activities by students by creating specific limitations of those activities.

Proposal 11 (348-99-68): Increases the number of players in football permitted to go against an opponent in the summer from 5 on 5 to 11 on 11. The number of times this may occur in the summer remains at 4 separate times. (Still limited to helmet and shoulder pads as maximum equipment.)

Below is a summary of member school participation in the amendment process over the past 12 years:

Year	Type of Ballot	Proposals on Ballot	Schools Voting	Percentage Voting
2011-12	online	14	500 of 794	63.0%
2012-13	online	11	464 of 802	57.8%
2013-14	online	11	463 of 808	57.3%
2014-15	online/email	6 (3 rejected)	613 of 810	75.7%
2015-16	online/email	3	597 of 811	73.6%
2016-17	online/email	8	589 of 811	72.6%

District 228 Homeschool Student Participation Checklist – Geneseo Middle School

Student's Name _____

Grade Level _____

Age _____

Extracurricular or Interscholastic Activity: _____

All of the following boxes must be checked off, then submitted to the Building Principal before the above student is approved to participate in a District 228 Extracurricular or Interscholastic Activity:

____ Student is registered in District 228, registration and participation fees are paid in full

____ The school handbook and athletic code of conduct has been reviewed and agreed upon by the student and parents ([click here for school handbooks](#))

____ Sports Physical and Immunizations, according to district grade level requirements, have been turned into the school nurse

____ Grades for all homeschool classes will be submitted weekly, Friday by 9am, or the student will be ineligible to participate for the following week

____ Coach/Sponsor of the sport/activity has been notified of a request for participation

____ Homeschool Curriculum for at least 5 courses has been submitted to the Building Principal

**Note – If wanting to continue participation in Extracurricular or Interscholastic Activities at GHS, in grades 9-12, a homeschool student will be required to take at least 1 course on-site at GHS, and course approval for at least 4 other homeschool classes will have to meet graduation credit requirements.*

Please sign and give to building principal once completed.

Parent Signature

Date

____ Homeschool Curriculum is approved by the building principal or designee prior to the season starting or the first day of the semester, whichever comes first

____ All other requirements above have been fulfilled

Approval of Building Principal

Principal Signature

Date

**Once all steps are complete, and the Building Principal has signed off, the student is cleared to participate.*

District 228 Homeschool Student Participation Checklist (GHS)

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Grade Level _____

Age _____

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____ Sports Physical and Immunizations, according to district grade level requirements, have been turned into the school nurse

____ Grades for all homeschool classes will be submitted weekly, Friday by 9am, or the student will be ineligible to participate for the following week

____ Coach/Sponsor of the sport/activity has been notified of a request for participation

____ On-site District 228 course(s) has been registered for:

Name of the course(s) _____

____ Homeschool Curriculum for at least 4 courses has been submitted to the Building Principal

**Note – 1.) for homeschool students, course credit of a Pass or Fail (P/F) will be given upon completion of the homeschool approved courses, 2.) homeschool courses require submission of an official transcript or grade report at the end of the semester in order to receive course credit.*

Please sign and give to building principal once completed.

Parent Signature

Date

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