

Full-Time Home School District #212
Guidelines for Participation in Illinois High School Association Activities

Rochelle Township High School Board of Education does not prohibit participation in interscholastic athletics by home schooled students. However, RTHS officials recognize that participation in extra-curricular activities is not a material or property right, rather a privilege. Meeting the following policies and procedures does not guarantee being selected to participate in interscholastic teams or guarantee playing time.

RTHS will utilize its IHSA Participation policy for home school students for IHSA sponsored extracurricular groups and non-IHSA extra-curricular groups.

The following policies and procedures have been adopted to meet the IHSA By-Laws and Eligibility Requirements. (Appendix 1)

Enrollment Status

1. As per IHSA guidelines, home school students will be required to register as an RTHS student and fulfill all enrollment requirements as full-time students.
2. The RTHS home school student's status must be maintained throughout the entire school year.
3. The RTHS home school student must take one class at RTHS for the entire school year.

Compulsory Attendance

1. A School Calendar of Instructional Days will be required prior to the start of the RTHS school year.
2. Instructional minutes per Content Area will be required, documented, and provided weekly to the district administration.
3. For the one RTHS class, attendance will be required for the entire year to maintain eligibility.

Home School Curriculum

1. Home school parents will provide name and contact information of the comprehensive home school curriculum and/or home school consortium in which you are a member.
2. Parents will submit a list of courses to be completed for eligibility four weeks before the beginning of each semester. The Superintendent or his designee will review and approve.
3. Upon approval, each course of study shall be broken down by main learning objectives to be mastered.
4. RTHS will provide district learning objectives of like or parallel content areas. Home school instructor will be responsible for identifying common learning objectives and submit them to the Superintendent or his designee.

5. RTHS district officials reserve the right of final approval for all courses to be accepted for eligibility.

IHSA Eligibility

1. Home school instructor may be required to submit copies of all work completed on a weekly basis including but not limited to: daily work, quizzes, Lab experiences, written assignments, assessments.
2. Home school instructor must submit weekly grade updates in a format approved by the district.
3. At any time school officials have reason to believe the stated curriculum is not being followed, school officials have the right of review and/or immediate denial of participation.
4. The one class at RTHS must be one of the five classes required for weekly and semester eligibility. See *RTHS Course for IHSA Requirements* below.

RTHS Course for IHSA Requirement

1. Where applicable, home school students will be assessed using district comparable tools. Placement assessments will include those full-time RTHS students are expected to take.
2. It is preferred that students take their one class to start or end the day. Transportation will not be provided unless the student uses the normal AM or PM bus route.
3. The one class requirement must be a credit bearing class. Students will be accepted into courses based on availability.
4. Any additional costs associated with course enrollment and completion will be the responsibility of the student and family.
5. RTHS district officials reserve the right of final approval for all courses to be accepted for eligibility.

Credit Earned

1. All credits earned through home school instruction will be recorded as pass/fail on RTHS transcripts.
2. Credits earned through home school instruction will not count toward Grade Point Average (GPA), class rank, or Latin Honors system.
3. To be eligible to receive an RTHS District 212 diploma, students must complete a minimum of 11 credit hours (four semesters) at RTHS and the last semester as a full-time student.

If at any time the above policies and procedures fail to meet IHSA Bi-Laws or Eligibility Requirements, or jeopardize the district membership or a team's eligibility, this policy will be immediately suspended and home school students deemed ineligible.

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(Appendix 1)

IHSA Eligibility Requirements

All participants must fulfill the scholastic standing requirements as stated in **I.H.S.A. By-Law 3.020**:

3.021 They shall be doing passing work in at least twenty-five (25) credit hours of high school work per week.

Physical Education can be used as a .50 credit class to meet the 25 credit hour requirement, even if the member school is giving academic credit less than .50 or no credit at all. Students must be passing Physical Education in order to use the class towards academic eligibility.

3.022 They shall, unless they are entering high school for the first time, have credit on the school records for twenty five (25) credit hours of high school work for the previous semester. Such work shall have been completed in the semester for which credit is granted or in a recognized summer school program which has been approved by the Board of Education and for which graduation credit is received.

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3.023 They shall not have graduated from any four-year high school or its equivalent.

3.024 Passing work shall be defined as work of such a grade that if on any given date a student would transfer to another school, passing grades for the course would immediately be certified on the student's transcript to the school to which the student transfers.

3.025 Work taken in junior college, college, university, or by correspondence may be accepted toward meeting the requirements of this Section provided it is granted credit toward graduation from high school by the local Board of Education.