



NEWSLETTER

Bringing Township High School District 211 News to the Community • May 2021

A message from the Superintendent ...

New Summer Advancement Program

With the final weeks of the 2020-2021 school year here, summer plans are starting to come together for families. District 211 operates one of the state's largest summer school programs, and while many families take advantage of these excellent course offerings for their children, I'd like to tell you about a unique opportunity for District 211 students this summer called the *Summer Advancement Program*. This new program will be running in addition to our traditional credit-bearing summer school courses. It includes workshops and learning enrichment sessions designed to provide additional opportunities to learn skills and content, prepare for rigorous coursework, and explore potential college and career pathway opportunities.

The Summer Advancement Program is different from our traditional District 211 Summer School and includes:

- *One-week Workshops: Intensive, in-person learning opportunities focused by academic area and topics of interest. Workshops are scheduled for three hours per day, Monday-Thursday, for 12 hours of engaged learning. Workshops will be scheduled for mornings and afternoons at each District 211 school.*
- *Learning Enrichment: Focused, remote learning opportunities concentrating on a particular academic content or skill. Sessions will be scheduled for two hours per day, one day a week for six consecutive weeks. Enrichment sessions will be scheduled on evenings and may also be scheduled on Saturday mornings.*

Additional opportunities will be available for students who earned incomplete grades during the school year or seniors who need additional support to meet graduation requirements. Information regarding the specific workshops, enrichment sessions, registration, and a full schedule will be available in mid-May.

2021-2022 school year

The 2021-2022 school year is currently being planned as a traditional, in-person school

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2021 Summer School registration

Catalogs detailing courses for High School District 211's 2021 Summer School Program are available online now on the District 211 website and were mailed in mid-March. Please review the contents and plan course selections with your child and his or her counselor. The fee for most summer school courses is \$50 per semester, and bus transportation is \$10 per semester.

Online registration began April 5 for all current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools. Online registration began April 7 for all current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at Fremd and Palatine High Schools. Summer School registration began April 19 for all incoming freshmen District-wide. Online payment is available for current District 211 families by using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal found on the District website or your child's school website, using the username and password that has been previously provided. Registration also can

be completed at the high school your child is currently attending or will attend during the 2021-2022 school year.

First semester of summer school is set for June 8 through June 29, 2021. Second semester classes will be held June 30 through July 22, 2021. There will be no classes on Fridays and *attendance on the last day of each semester is mandatory*. Due to the concentrated nature of summer school classes, attendance is critical and vacations need to be planned around these important summer school dates.

The new *Summer Advancement Program*, highlighted in the *Superintendent's Message* in this issue of the Superintendent's Newsletter, is in addition to traditional summer school courses. Information about these new non-credit sessions will be sent to parents and students in mid-May.

For more information concerning summer school, please call **Jacquese Gilbert**, director of summer school, at 847-755-6720.

Student fees approved for 2021-2022 school year

At its February 18, 2021 meeting, the Board of Education established student fees for the 2021-2022 school year.

The student registration fee for the use of textbooks, instructional supplies, technology, and participation in athletic and activity programs for the 2021-2022 school year will again be waived for students.

The bus transportation fee for the 2021-2022 year for students whose residence is within 1.5 miles of school will remain \$200 and is due in full by July 1, 2021. There is no bus transportation fee for those students who reside beyond 1.5 miles from school. A late registration fee of \$35 will be added to all applications received after July 1, 2021. Applications will be mailed to eligible

students. If you do not receive an application by June 1, you may request one by calling the High School District 211 Transportation Office at 847-755-6796.

The driver's education behind-the-wheel fee for the 2021-2022 school year will remain \$400. Students eligible for the driver's education behind-the-wheel course may choose to take this course in summer school. The summer school driver's education fee is also \$400.

The student parking user fee will remain \$75 per semester for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who wish to drive to school must obtain an application from the school's office. At some schools, limited parking spaces are available.

Did you know ...

District 211 school media centers maintain an extensive listing of online resources, including research databases, that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for students. Access to these resources is available through the school website.

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year with a traditional schedule at all District 211 campuses. Should the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) require an option other than in-person learning for students as a choice for parents, parents will need to commit to that option prior to the start of the school year. Students would remain in the non-in-person option for at least the semester, if not the entire school year. If this situation is required by ISBE, it will be presented to the District 211 Board of Education for approval during the summer and communicated to parents.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Lisa Small
Superintendent

211 Dates to Remember

- April 29 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m. Open Session; at Hoffman Estates High School)
- May 3-17 Advanced Placement Exams (May 18-28 and June 1-11: alternate AP exam sessions available by approval)
- May 13 Board of Education meeting (6:30 p.m. Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Open Session; location TBD)
- May 21 Seniors last day of classes
- May 21 Combined graduation ceremonies – North Campus, Higgins Education Center, and Alternative High School (at Hoffman Estates High School)
- May 23 Palatine High School graduation (at NOW Arena)
- May 23 Hoffman Estates High School graduation (at NOW Arena)
- May 24 Schaumburg High School graduation (at NOW Arena)
- May 25 Conant High School graduation (at NOW Arena)
- May 26 Fremd High School graduation (at NOW Arena)
- May 27 Last day of classes
- May 27 Board of Education meeting (6:30 p.m. Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Open Session; location TBD)
- May 28 Teacher Institute (no classes)
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 8 1st semester Summer School begins

Note: Board meeting dates may be changed by vote of the Board of Education.

 If you require assistance while visiting the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, please contact Matthew Hildebrand, director of administrative services, at 847-755-6626.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center: 847-755-6654.

New students and incoming freshmen need physical exams

Illinois state law requires that each incoming freshman submit a physical examination form and record of immunization before registration is complete. Physical exams must be completed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner within 12 months prior to the first day of school. The State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Public Health mandate that all school physicals be submitted on a uniform form provided by the school; no other forms may be accepted. Forms completed by chiropractors must be co-signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner. For new students, physical exams should be completed before August registration. Without proof of a physical exam, a student will not be allowed to attend classes when the school year begins on August 12, 2021. An electronic version of the form

is available on the District website at: <https://adc.d211.org/domain/3472>.

District 211 Summer Athletic & Competitive Activity Physical Exam Requirements for Participation

District 211 Summer Camps – Students wishing to participate in summer athletic camps, including poms and color guard, must provide evidence of an appropriate physical exam within the last 13 months. Physicals must be submitted to the school nurse's office prior to participation.

IHSA Participation (school year) – Students wishing to participate in interscholastic athletics, including poms and color guard, must provide evidence of an appropriate physical exam within the last 13 months. Students participating in fall sports must complete their physicals before practice begins on August 9, 2021. Physical exam forms must be submitted to the school nurse's office prior to participation.

Meal service and prepayment account information

District 211 Food & Nutrition Services will continue to offer meals at no charge to all students for the remainder of this school year and throughout the summer. The most current information on meal service, including curbside meal pick-up, can be found on the District website at: <https://adc.d211.org/Page/7664>.

Meal account balances will carry over into next school year for all returning students. If graduating seniors have a remaining meal account balance, a parent may transfer the remaining funds to a sibling's account or request a check refund. To obtain a refund or transfer, please email Food & Nutrition Services at foodservice@d211.org. Refunds are not automatic and must be requested within one year of graduation or transfer out of the District. Please include your child's name, ID number, school, and name and address for a check refund.

Incoming freshmen follow-up

Incoming freshman students (Class of 2025) have received notice of their placement in core courses and elective choices for the 2021-2022 school year. Daily class schedules will be developed during the spring and summer months, and students will be informed by their high school when tentative class schedules are available.

All incoming freshman students must satisfy requirements for up-to-date physical

examinations and vaccinations in order to begin school in August. It is recommended that families set up appointments with health care providers for their children as soon as possible in order to avoid scheduling difficulties.

If you or your child have questions related to the transition to high school or academic programming, please contact the student services director at the high school your child will attend in the fall.

"Township High School District 211 serves the educational needs of the community inspiring all students to successfully contribute to the world."

Adopted by the Board of Education; August 18, 2016



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The Superintendent's Newsletter is published throughout the school year for persons interested in James B. Conant, William Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools and Higgins Education Center and North Campus alternative schools.

