



Senior Incentive Option

Notification: Part-time student status

February 1, 2025

Dear Rockwood Parent:

High school seniors have the opportunity to participate in the senior incentive option. This option allows eligible seniors to take a reduced schedule by providing a late start or early dismissal to the school day. Students participating in the senior incentive option are **considered part-time students in the Missouri Student Information System. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires Rockwood School District to classify students who participate in the Late Start or Early Dismissal Incentive program as part-time.**

It is important to note that part-time student status may affect the following:

1. **Social Security Benefits:** Students who receive social security benefits may lose their benefits if they select the part-time status through the senior incentive option.
2. **Car insurance and other benefits:** Parents are advised to check with their insurance company regarding the part-time student status to ensure there is not a change in benefits for the student or family.

Students and parents must complete and return the senior option application form on the opposite side of this letter indicating they are aware that part-time student status may affect Social Security benefits and other types of insurance/benefits if they choose to participate in this program.

MSHSAA eligibility: MSHSAA eligibility is not affected by part-time student status; however, it is important for students and parents to review semester credits. Students participating in a MSHSAA activity must be enrolled in courses at the high school to earn three units of credit during the following:

The semester of the senior option schedule

The semester after the senior option schedule

If the student is enrolled in only six classes and fails one, the student will be ineligible for MSHSAA competition the next semester.

If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Office at your school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Jansen".

Dr. Gary Jansen

Assistant Superintendent

Supervision of Secondary Education