



Sherrard Community Unit School District #200

Sherrard High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The educational landscape for students has diversified significantly in recent years. At Sherrard High School, we have observed some families choosing to homeschool their students. Additionally, we have encountered situations where families and Sherrard High School collaborate through a hybrid approach tailored to meet the family's needs.

To ensure consistency and appropriate communication for all families, we encourage a review of the language pertaining to homeschooling within our board policy and student handbook. These documents can be found at: <https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=sherrard> (under section 7:40)

Will homeschool credits be accepted by the school?

- All relevant documentation for students transferring from a homeschool to a high school program will be reviewed to establish the correct academic placement. If the coursework is found to be comparable to Sherrard High School standards and the student shows competency, they will be awarded pass/fail credit rather than a letter grade.

Information on Part-time Enrollment

- A student is considered enrolled part-time if they attend some classes at Sherrard but are not present for the entire school day. Please note that full-time status is required to be eligible for academic honors.

Commencement and Diploma Eligibility

- Can district-resident homeschool students join the graduation ceremony or activities?

No.

- Are part-time students permitted to participate in graduation festivities?

Yes, we encourage their participation as they have built meaningful connections with our staff and student body.

- Can a local homeschool student earn a Sherrard High School diploma?

No.





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- Is a Sherrard High School diploma available to part-time students?

No; students must transition to full-time enrollment by their junior year to qualify for a diploma from Sherrard High School.

Participation in Athletics and Extracurriculars

Participation for homeschool or part-time students is often possible, though it can be difficult due to the varying meeting times and standards of different organizations. According to IHSA regulations, any student wishing to participate in athletics must attend at least one class period per day.

Information regarding Fees

Starting with the 2026-27 school year, fees for part-time students will be prorated according to their course load at Sherrard. For instance, a student enrolled in four out of eight daily periods will be responsible for 50% of the standard fee. Additionally, students must cover any specific costs tied to particular courses or those required for extracurricular participation.

If you have further questions about the information, please contact the High School Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Johnson".

Alex Johnson
Sherrard High School Principal

