



26-27 Parent-Student Handbook ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please see below for additional notes, relevant to various sections in the 26-27 handbook. These notes will be formally reviewed for overall handbook integration by the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee Spring 2027, when the next handbook review cycle is completed.

2.20 - Student Absences

Student Participation in Non-District Learning Experiences

Certain activities may count toward the calculation of clock hours of school work per day (count toward attendance); such activities include:

1. Instruction in a college course where the student is dually enrolled for both high school and college credit (see below, Section 2.90);
2. Participation in a Supervised Career Development Experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by a licensed educator assessment of competencies;
3. Participation in any work-based learning experience, including supervised agricultural experiences, in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by an educator who holds an Educator License with Stipulations with a career and technical educator endorsement and a work-based learning designation;
4. Participation in a youth apprenticeship in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by a licensed educator for assessment of competencies;
5. Participation in a blended learning program approved by the district in which course content, student evaluation, and instructional methods are supervised by a licensed educator.

Students shall not be penalized for work missed for participating in any of the above activities and will be permitted to make up all missed work, including homework and tests, for equivalent academic credit. A student and the student's parent or legal guardian are responsible for obtaining coursework that is missed while the student participates in any of the above activities.

Students who desire to participate in any of the above activities should contact the building principal for approval.

2.120 - Graduation Requirements - High School

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Graduation Requirement

As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, the parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must comply with either of the following:

(1) File a FAFSA with the United States Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for State financial aid.

(2) File a waiver indicating that the parent or guardian or, if applicable, the student understands what the FAFSA and application for State financial aid are and has chosen not to file an application.

Assistance with the FAFSA Application

The following individual(s) have been designated by the school to assist senior students with questions related to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (known as FAFSA) or to refer senior students to other appropriate resources.

The school offers a variety of services aimed at helping senior students complete FAFSA paperwork, including the opportunity to receive help during the school day in completing the student's portion of the FAFSA application. Additionally, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is on site at Lake Zurich High School several times throughout the school year to provide supplemental assistance with completing the FAFSA. Families can learn more about FAFSA assistance services (including ISAC visits) by reaching out to the FAFSA contact designee.

FAFSA Contact Person:

Ms. Agnes Knott
College & Career Counselor
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847.540.5438

12.260 - One Click Admit Parent/Guardian Notification

In Summer 2025, the [Illinois Board of Higher Education](#) (IBHE), in collaboration with the [Illinois Community College Board](#) (ICCB) and the [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) (ISAC), launched [One Click College Admit](#) - a statewide program offering direct admissions to participating Illinois public universities and community colleges. Illinois high school juniors and community college transfer students who take advantage of the program receive direct college admission offers based only on their grade point average (GPA), without applications, essays, letters of recommendation, or application fees.

One Click College Admit is a direct admissions program for participating Illinois public institutions. The program does not limit college choices: it does not require that a student who receives an admission offer enroll in the college, does not replace the traditional college application should a student choose to apply that way, and does not replace the traditional application process for non-participating institutions. It is not a financial aid program or free tuition program. Students in Illinois must still complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to determine their eligibility for financial aid.

To learn more about the One Click College Admit Program, families can visit oneclickadmit.org.