



Township High School  
District 211

# Alternative High School

*A guide for Students, Parents, and Counselors*



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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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## Origin

The Township High School District 211 Alternative High School program was established in 1992 as a program for resident students and adults to earn a high school diploma. The program serves those who need a small school with small class enrollment. Classes are held in the evening. The program is located at Hoffman Estates High School with 100-125 students attending each semester. Graduation ceremonies are held at Hoffman Estates High School at the conclusion of each school year.

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## Accreditation/Records

The Township High School District 211 Alternative High School program is the sixth fully credited high school in District 211. Students who enter the program have their permanent records transferred to and maintained at the Township High School District 211 office.

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## Faculty

All faculty members are hired by the Director of Summer School, Evening Programs, and Continuing Education. All are licensed and certified to teach by the State of Illinois.

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## Eligibility/Application

This program is designed to meet the educational needs of resident students whose high school education has been interrupted. Graduation requirements are similar to day school. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age and a Township High School District 211 resident. Students who enter the Alternative High School officially withdraw from his/her day school. Permanent records will remain on file with the Alternative High School. Preliminary registration for the Alternative High School program begins with the day school counselor and requires the approval of the Student Services Director. Older students and students new to the district may contact the Director of Continuing Education for additional information. **Appointments are required** for all interested students in order to complete the registration process. Appointments may be made during regular hours by calling the Continuing Education Office at (847) 755-6720.

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## Advantages of Alternative High School

- Students can work during the day and attend classes in the evening.
  - The Alternative High School program meets four week nights, Monday through Thursday.
  - Small class size allows increased individual attention and academic help.
  - The small school size allows for more individualized instruction.
  - The elimination of physical education, lunch hour, and free periods reduces time requirements.
  - A certified counselor is available to give career/college guidance information.
  - The AHS program is 16 weeks each semester.
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## Graduation Requirements

Students enrolling in the Alternative High School program must earn 18 credits to graduate. A student that transfers to the Alternative High School program with 16.5 credits or more must have 20 credits to graduate. A credit is defined as a “Carnegie Unit” (120 hours) of classroom instruction. Most one-semester courses are 64 hours or 1/2 credit. At least two units of credit must be earned through the Alternative High School. A maximum of two units of credit may be earned through Supervised Study Programs. Physical education is not offered, and PE credit is not transferable to Alternative High School. Three years of mathematics course work is required, with successful completion of 300 level course. One of the three required units must be Algebra 1, and one unit Geometry content. The following courses are required for graduation from Alternative High School:

English	4 credits	(8 semesters)
Mathematics	3 credits	(6 semesters)
Science	2 credit	(4 semesters)
U.S. History	1 credit	(2 semesters)
Social Studies	1 credit	(2 semesters)
Consumer Education	1/2 credit	(1 semester)
Driver Education	(classroom phase required)	
Health	1/2 credit	(1 semester)
World Language, Music, Art or Vocational Ed.	1 credit	(1 or 2 semesters)
Electives	5 credits	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 credits</b>	

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## Constitution Test:

According to State law, a public high school graduate must have received a passing grade on examinations covering (1) U.S. and State of Illinois Constitutions; (2) Declaration of Independence; (3) voting procedures; and (4) proper display of the American flag.

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## Vocational Courses

Several courses are available to Alternative High School students through the Career Cooperative. These classes meet during the day (usually in the afternoon) at Harper College and other sites, and vary in credit value.

Vocational Seminar is a work-study course offered through Alternative High School for students who are employed during the day. The course meets one evening a week with flexible time schedule. Students receive credit for the academic portion of the class as well as for the supervised work experience. A student may take this course three semesters, for a total of three units.

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## Attendance

A student must accumulate at least *56 hours* of classroom attendance to receive credit. **Absences cannot be made up.** Parent phone calls are not invited; absences are neither excused nor unexcused. A student who cannot accumulate the minimum number of attendance hours will be dropped from that course. There are no provisions or opportunity for making up instructional class time as a result of a student's absence(s). Students are, however, responsible for completing all assignments made during the time of their absence(s).

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## Grade Reporting

All reporting is directed to parents or guardians when a student is under age 18. Students 18 and over are legally qualified as an adult. Students who are living independently will receive their grade reports at their own home address.

A student who does not maintain satisfactory academic progress may be placed on probation and must maintain a grade point average as determined by the Alternative High School administrator.

A student who graduates from Alternative High School will receive a diploma issued by Township High School District 211. It will not include the name of any single school in the district.

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## Expectations of Conduct

In addition to the strictly enforced attendance policy noted in this brochure, several supplementary policies apply:

1. A student who comes to class late may be docked one hour or more of attendance.
2. State law prohibits drugs, tobacco, and alcohol on District 211 property. Students in violation will be withdrawn from all classes with loss of credit.
3. **Adult behavior is expected of students in the Alternative High School. This implies respect for others' rights and property.** Students who refuse to comply will be withdrawn.
4. Refusal to follow the instructions of campus security personnel or faculty can result in immediate dismissal and arrest for trespassing.
5. Students removed from classes for improper conduct may be placed on a one-year leave of absence.
6. Visitors are not allowed in Alternative High School classes.
7. Food, drinks, and the use of cell phones or other electronic devices are prohibited from all classrooms.
8. Students who drop out of the Alternative High School for two consecutive semesters will not be allowed to re-enroll without the approval of the program director.

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## Cost

The Alternative High School is funded by the United States Department of Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois State Board of Education, and Township High School District 211. A book rental fee of \$12 covers books and supplies. Residents of Township High School District 211 may attend Alternative High School without paying tuition.

For the purpose of compliance with Section 511 of Public Law 101-166 (the Stevens Amendment), approximately 100% of the FY15 funding came from Federal sources. The total amount of Federal funds allocated was \$177,278.

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## Alternative High School Administration

Daniel E. Cates ..... *Superintendent*

Jerry Trevino ..... *Director of Summer School  
and Community Outreach*

Rhonda Barbeau ..... *Administrator*

Patrick Compobasso ..... *Administrator*

### Alternative High School Address:

Hoffman Estates High School

1100 West Higgins Road

Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169-4050



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If you require assistance while visiting a District 211 school, please contact the principal's office.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-6654.