

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School is the school formerly known as Chicagoland Jewish High School.

MISSION	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School creates a culture of academic excellence that inspires our students to think critically and achieve their full potential, while preparing them to live Judaism as responsible and involved citizens in the modern world.
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GENERAL INFORMATION	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School (RZJHS), located 25 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, is a private, full-day, co-educational high school for students in grades nine through twelve. Rochelle Zell opened its doors in 2001 to 26 students. For the 2016-2017 school year, enrollment is 163 students drawn from 22 communities throughout Chicago and its suburbs. Roughly three-quarters of our students advance to Rochelle Zell from Jewish day schools. The remaining students attended local public and private schools before Rochelle Zell. In the fall of 2007, Rochelle Zell moved to a permanent, state-of-the-art campus located on 7.3 acres in Deerfield. In November, 2015, Chicagoland Jewish High School changed its name to Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.
ACADEMIC PROGRAM	Rochelle Zell offers a college preparatory program that combines a rigorous general studies education with a comprehensive Jewish studies education, supplemented by strong athletic and fine arts programs, and numerous extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities. General and Jewish studies are valued equally at Rochelle Zell. When possible, subject areas are integrated to enable students to experience the secular world from the perspective of Jewish values and practices. Small size classes and differentiated instruction help each student find his or her own voice, solve problems creatively, cultivate respect for individual differences, and develop a deep dedication to learning. Admission to Rochelle Zell is competitive; students are evaluated based on their performance in junior high/middle school, standardized test results, faculty recommendations, and an interview.
ACCREDITATION	Rochelle Zell is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and has earned full recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education. Rochelle Zell is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC). Rochelle Zell complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice and participates in the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Rochelle Zell is affiliated with Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools.
FACULTY	Rochelle Zell manifests its commitment to academic excellence by selecting faculty who are academically and pedagogically accomplished. Our teachers hold degrees from leading colleges and universities, including Barnard, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Grinnell, Northwestern, Princeton, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Tufts, Vanderbilt, and Washington University. Of our 46 faculty members, 60% have Master's Degrees, 15% have Doctorates, and 8% have Rabbinic/Cantorial ordination. Several of our teachers have received peer recognition of their professional accomplishments. For example, Dale Griffith, English/History Department Chair, has been named outstanding teacher by the University of Chicago 12 times. Bruce Scher, Academic Dean, was inducted into the Illinois State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of IACAC's Kasowski Award. Dr. Rebecca Schorsch was awarded the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. The school is committed to facilitating the professional development of its faculty through an academic mentoring program that includes diverse staff development initiatives.
GENERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM	The general studies curriculum includes English, mathematics, history and social sciences, science, modern languages (Hebrew and Spanish), the arts, and health and physical education. Academic subjects are generally taught at two levels: a College Preparatory level and an Honors or Advanced Placement level. Students may work at different levels in different subjects. Ten AP courses are offered this year. The College Board has authorized each of our AP courses to use the AP designation for the 2016-17 academic year. Because of the demands of the dual curriculum, students are able to take a maximum of seven AP courses during their years at Rochelle Zell.
JEWISH STUDIES CURRICULUM	All students study Bible, Jewish History, and Talmud, which is one of Judaism's central texts and the basis for all codes of Jewish law. Talmud is taught on three tracks: an English track for beginning Jewish Studies students, and separate Hebrew tracks at Honors and Non-Honors levels. Students on the Hebrew tracks study Talmud in the traditional manner, by deciphering the ancient Hebrew and Aramaic texts and exploring their meaning with a partner.

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM	In May 2016, 60 students took 107 Advanced Placement exams. 15.6% of the scores were 5, 28.4% of the scores were 4, and 77.9% of the scores were 3 or higher. Seven students were named National AP Scholars, 3 students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, 9 students earned the AP Scholar with honors award.																
NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM	One of the 39 members of the Class of 2017 has been named a semifinalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.																
ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS	Fifteen of the 39 members of the Class of 2017 will be designated as 2016–2017 Illinois State Scholars.																
AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)	98% of the Rochelle Zell Class of 2017 took either the SAT or the ACT. The Rochelle Zell average ACT composite score for 2016 was 28. The Illinois average was 20.7; the National average was 21.0. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Class of 2017</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Classes of 2011–2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">36–34 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36–34 17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">33–31 12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33–31 45</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">30–28 9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30–28 59</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">27–25 7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27–25 42</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24–22 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24–22 22</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21 and under 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21 and under 19</td> </tr> </table>	Class of 2017	Classes of 2011–2016	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	36–34 3	36–34 17	33–31 12	33–31 45	30–28 9	30–28 59	27–25 7	27–25 42	24–22 4	24–22 22	21 and under 3	21 and under 19
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ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS	The majority of students enroll in a minimum of seven one-credit courses each semester: five general studies courses and two required Jewish Studies courses. Additionally, each semester students enroll in one Jewish Thought seminar, one fine/performing/literary arts course, and a physical education course. Students may elect to enroll in an additional general studies course each semester. All students take eight semesters of Hebrew. Fine, Performing and Literary Arts courses and Physical/Health Education are not computed in the grade-point average.																

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2017

The school year consists of two semesters. Some classes are taught in modified block scheduling. Some laboratory science and math courses meet at additional times each week. Courses receive .25-1 credit each semester, depending on the number of times the class meets weekly.

Most academic classes earn one credit per semester.

Minimum graduation requirements are as follows:

Subject	Semester Credits
English	8
Mathematics	6
Social Sciences	8
Science	6
Hebrew	8
Bible.....	7
Jewish Thought.....	3
Talmud.....	7
Fine/Performing/Literary Arts.....	3
Physical Education/Health.....	4
Total Credits for Graduation.....	60*

*Transfer students may have fewer credits.

GRADING POLICY

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School does not compute class rank or weighted grade-point averages. A cumulative GPA is computed each semester and includes all credit courses taken at or approved by Rochelle Zell. Grading is by letter grade on the following scale:

Letter Grade	Score	GPA
A	93–100	4.0
A-	90–92	3.7
B+	87–89	3.3
B	83–86	3.0
B-	80–82	2.7
C+	77–79	2.3
C	73–76	2.0
C-	70–72	1.7
D+	67–69	1.3
D	63–66	1.0
D-	60–62	.7
F	Below 60	.0
P/F	Pass/Fail	
RNC	Required/No Credit	
W	Withdrawn	
R	Repeat	
AUD	Audit	
M	Medical	
I	Incomplete	

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2016-2017

ENGLISH	Literature and Composition I (College Prep and Honors) (9) Literature and Composition II (College Prep and Honors) (10) American Literature (College Prep and Honors) (11) World Literature (College Prep) (12) Advanced Placement World Literature (12)		
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I (College Prep) (9) Geometry (College Prep and Honors) (9, 10) Algebra II (College Prep) (10, 11) Algebra II/Trigonometry (College Prep and Honors) (9, 10, 11) Pre-Calculus (College Prep and Honors) (10, 11, 12) Advanced Placement Calculus AB (11, 12) Advanced Placement Calculus BC (11, 12) Advanced Placement Statistics/Advanced Topics in Mathematics (12) Independent Study-Mathematics (11, 12)		
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Global Studies I (College Prep and Honors) (9) Global Studies II (College Prep and Honors) (10) Jewish History (10) United States History (College Prep) (11) Advanced Placement United States History (11) Middle Eastern Studies (College Prep) (12) Advanced Placement Psychology (12) Advanced Placement Microeconomics (12) Government and Politics (College Prep)(12)**		
SCIENCE	Biology (College Prep) (9) Chemistry (College Prep and Honors) (10) Physics (College Prep and Honors) (11, 12) Anatomy and Physiology (College Prep) (11, 12) Advanced Placement Chemistry (11, 12)* Advanced Placement Physics/Calc-based (12) Advanced Honors Biology (12)		
MODERN LANGUAGE	Spanish I – IV Advanced Placement Spanish IV Hebrew I – IX Seminar Hebrew I - IV		
BIBLE	Humash I [Five Books of Moses] (9) Nevi'im Rishonim I [Historical Prophets] (9) Humash II (10) Nevi'im Rishonim II (10) Nevi'im Rishonim (Mechinah) (11) Advanced Ketuvim (12) Ketuvim Mechinah (12)		
JEWISH THOUGHT	Contemporary Judaism Seminar (11) Modern Jewish Thought (College Prep and Honors) (12)		
TALMUD	Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Living (9) Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Prayer (10) Social Justice and the Development of Jewish Law (11) Rabbinics Seminar		
FINE, PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTS	Creative Writing** Intro to Computer Science** Dance Debate	Jazz Ensemble Literary Journal Model UN	Studio Art/Advanced Studio Art Vocal Ensemble Yearbook
PHYSICAL/HEALTH EDUCATION	Physical Education • Interscholastic Sports • Health Education (10)		

*Offered alternate years

**New course titles effective 2016-2017

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Allegheny College	Kendall College	Stetson University
American Jewish University	Kent State University	Stony Brook University
American University	Kivunim	Suffolk University
Amherst College	Knox College	Swarthmore College
Arizona State University	Lake Forest College	Syracuse University
Art Institute of Boston	Landmark College	Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
at New Brunswick	Lawrence University	Tel Aviv University
Baldwin-Wallace University	Lehigh University	Tufts University
Bard College	Lesley University	Tulane University
Bar-Ilan University	Longy School of Music	Tzahal
Barnard College	Louisiana State University	University of Alabama
Binghamton University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Arizona
Bryn Mawr College	Lynn University	University of California at Berkeley
Boston University	Macalester College	University of California at Los Angeles
Bradley University	Machon Maayan	University of California at San Diego
Brandeis University	Manhattanville College	University of California at Santa Cruz
Brown University	Marquette University	University of Central Florida
Butler University	Massachusetts College of Art	University of Chicago
Carroll College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Cincinnati
Carnegie Mellon University	McGill University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Case Western Reserve University	McHenry County College	University of Connecticut
City Colleges of Chicago	Miami University of Ohio	University of Delaware
Clark University	Michigan State University	University of Denver
Colby College	Michigan Technological University	University of Hartford
College of Charleston	Middlebury College	University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Lake County	Midreshet Ein Hanatziv	University of Illinois at Springfield
College of the Atlantic	Midreshet Lindenbaum	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of Wooster	Midreshet Moriah	University of Indianapolis
Colorado College	MIT	University of Iowa
Colorado State University	Muhlenberg College	University of Kansas
Columbia College	Nativ	University of Kentucky
Columbia University	New School University	University of Louisville
Corcoran College of Art and Design	New York University	University of Maine
Cornell University	Northeastern Illinois University	University of Maryland, University College
Creighton University	Northern Arizona University	University of Maryland, College Park
Dartmouth University	Northern Illinois University	University of Massachusetts
DePaul University	Northern Michigan University	University of Miami
DePauw University	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
Dickinson College	Northwestern University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Oakton Community College	University of Missouri, Columbia
Drake University	Oberlin College	University of Montana, Missoula
Drexel University	Ohio State University	University of Nebraska
Eastern Illinois University	Oregon State University	University of New Hampshire
Eastern Michigan University	Parsons School of Design	University of Northern Iowa
Elmhurst College	Pomona College	University of Oregon
Elon University	Pratt Institute	University of Pennsylvania
Emerson College	Princeton University	University of Pittsburgh
Emory University	Purchase College	University of Rochester
Florida Atlantic University	Purdue University	University of South Florida, Tampa
Florida State University	Radford University	University of Southern California
Fordham University	Reed College	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Franklin and Marshall College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Tampa
George Washington University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Texas
Georgetown University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
Georgia Institute of Technology	Roosevelt University	University of Washington
Goucher College	Rothberg International School at Hebrew	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Grinnell College	University of Jerusalem	Vanderbilt University
Hampshire College	Rutgers, The State University	Vassar College
Harvard University	of New Jersey	Washington University in St. Louis
Haverford College	Saint Johns University	Wesleyan University
Hebrew Theological College	Saint Xavier University	Western Illinois University
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Sarah Lawrence College	Western Michigan University
Hofstra University	Savannah College of Art and Design	West Virginia University
Hunter College of the CUNY	School of Visual Arts	William Rainey Harper College
Illinois Institute of Art	Seton Hall University	Wittenberg University
Illinois State University	Simpson College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Illinois Wesleyan University	Skidmore College	Yale University
Indiana University	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Yeshiva University
Iowa State University	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi
Ithaca College	Southern Methodist University	Yeshivat HaKotel
Jewish Theological Seminary	Stanford University	Yeshivat Maale Gilboa
Johns Hopkins University	Stern University	Young Judaea Year Course
Kansas State University		