



<b>MISSION</b>	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School creates a culture of academic excellence that inspires and prepares our students to think critically, achieve their full potential, and live Judaism as responsible and involved citizens in the modern world.
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<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	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 2019-2020 school year, enrollment is 180 students drawn from over 20 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.
<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAM</b>	Rochelle Zell offers a college preparatory program that combines a rigorous general studies education with a comprehensive Jewish studies education, which is 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 class sizes 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 admissions interview.
<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	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), the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Rochelle Zell complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice. Rochelle Zell is affiliated with Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools.
<b>FACULTY</b>	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, Ben Gurion University, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Grinnell, Moscow State University, Northwestern, Princeton, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Tufts, Vanderbilt, and Washington University. Of our 50 faculty members, over 50% hold Master's Degrees, Doctorates, and Rabbinic/Cantorial ordinations. Several of our teachers have received peer recognition for their professional accomplishments. For example, Dale Griffith, English/History Department Chair, has repeatedly been named outstanding teacher by the University of Chicago. Ellen J. Rostker, Co-Director of College Counseling, is a recipient of IACAC's Kasowski Award. Dr. Rebecca Schorsch, Director of Jewish Studies, 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.
<b>GENERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM</b>	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. Eleven AP courses are offered this year. The College Board has authorized each of our AP courses to use the AP designation for the 2019-20 academic year. Because of the demands of the dual curriculum, students are able to take a maximum of eight AP courses during their years at Rochelle Zell.
<b>JEWISH STUDIES CURRICULUM</b>	All students study Bible, Jewish History, Modern Jewish Thought, and Talmud, which is one of Judaism's central texts and the basis for all codes of Jewish law. Talmud and Bible courses are offered at three levels, depending upon students' Hebrew language proficiency. Students study Hebrew and Aramaic texts with a partner as they explore their meaning and relevance. Modern Jewish Thought is offered at College Prep and Honors levels.

# ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM</b>	In May 2019, 74 students took 183 Advanced Placement exams. 38% of the scores were 5, 21% of the scores were 4, and 85% of the scores were 3 or higher. 16 students were named National AP Scholars, eleven students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and seven students earned the AP Scholar with honors award.																
<b>NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM</b>	4 of the 53 members of the Class of 2020 have been named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.																
<b>AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)</b>	<p>92% of the Rochelle Zell Class of 2020 took either the SAT or the ACT. The Rochelle Zell average ACT composite score for 2019 was 30. The Illinois average for 2018 was 23.9; the National average for 2018 was 20.8 .</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>Class of 2020</u></th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>Classes of 2016–2020</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">36–34            9</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">36–34            29</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">33–31            16</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">33–31            55</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">30–28            6</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">30–28            49</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">27–25            8</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">27–25            38</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">24–22            5</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">24–22            25</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">21 and under    1</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">21 and under    11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Classes of 2016–2020</u>	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	36–34            9	36–34            29	33–31            16	33–31            55	30–28            6	30–28            49	27–25            8	27–25            38	24–22            5	24–22            25	21 and under    1	21 and under    11
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<b>ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS</b>	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. Students take a minimum of six semesters of Fine, Performing and Literary Arts courses, and a physical education course each semester. 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 2020**

The school year consists of two semesters. 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:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>
English .....	8
Mathematics .....	6
Social Sciences .....	8
Science .....	6
Hebrew .....	8
Bible.....	7
Jewish Thought.....	2
Talmud.....	7
Fine/Performing/Literary Arts.....	3
Physical Education/Health.....	4
<b>Total Credits for Graduation.....</b>	<b>59*</b>

\*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:

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>GPA</b>
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	Pass	
I	Incomplete	
W	Withdraw	
WP	Withdraw Passing	
WF	Withdraw Failing	
AUD	Audit	
X	Medical	
R	Repeated Course	

# ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2019-2020

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) Trigonometry/Statistics (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) Advanced Topics/Multivariable Calculus Advanced Topics/Linear Algebra
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Global Studies I-II (College Prep and Honors) (9) Global Studies III (College Prep and Honors) (10) Jewish History (College Prep) (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)
SCIENCE	Biology (College Prep) (9) Chemistry (College Prep and Honors) (10) Physics (College Prep and Honors) (11, 12) Engineering Physics (College Prep) (11, 12) Anatomy and Physiology (College Prep) (11, 12) Advanced Placement Chemistry (11, 12)* Advanced Honors Biology (12) Advanced Placement Physics A (Calculus-based) (12)
MODERN LANGUAGE	Spanish I – IV Advanced Placement Spanish IV Advanced Topics in Spanish Hebrew I – IX Seminar Hebrew I - VIII
BIBLE	Nevi'im Rishonim I - Leadership, Land, and Law (9) Torah and Beyond - Big Ideas in Judaism (10) Bereishit - Self, Covenant and Commentary (11) Five Megillot - Love, Laughter, and Life (12)
JEWISH THOUGHT	Contemporary Judaism Seminar (11) Modern Jewish Thought (12)
TALMUD	Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Living (9) Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Prayer (10) Crafting a Just Society: Rabbinic Visions of Social Justice (11) Rabbinics Seminar (12)
FINE, PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band</li> <li>• Vocal Ensemble</li> <li>• Studio Art</li> <li>• Yearbook</li> <li>• Literary Journal</li> <li>• Advanced Studio Art</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Introduction to Computer Science</li> <li>• Model United Nations</li> <li>• Debate</li> <li>• Introduction to Java</li> <li>• Broadcast-Media Seminar</li> <li>• From Nand to Tetris</li> <li>• Advanced Placement Computer Science</li> </ul>
PHYSICAL/HEALTH EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Interscholastic Sports</li> <li>• Health Education (10)</li> </ul>

\*Offered alternate years

# ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010-2019

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Adelphi University	Kansas State University	Tel Aviv University
Allegheny College	Kendall College	The Ohio State University
American University	Kenyon College	Tiferet Center
Amherst College	Kivunim	Tomer Devorah Seminary
Arizona State University	Knox College	Towson University
Baldwin-Wallace University	Lake Forest College	Truman State University
Bard College	Landmark College	Tufts University
Bar-Ilan University	Lawrence University	Tulane University
Barnard College	Lehigh University	Unity College
Beloit College	Lewis and Clark College	University of Alabama
Binghamton University	Longy School of Music	University of Arizona
Boston University	Louisiana State University	University of California at Berkeley
Bradley University	Loyola University Chicago	University of California at Los Angeles
Brandeis University	Lynn University	University of California at San Diego
Brown University	Macalester College	University of California at Santa Cruz
Bryn Mawr College	Machon Maayan	University of Chicago
Bucknell University	Manhattanville College	University of Cincinnati
Butler University	Marquette University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Carroll University	McGill University	University of Delaware
Case Western Reserve University	Miami University of Oxford	University of Denver
Clark University	Michlelet Meuseret Yerushalayim	University of Hartford
Colby College	Michigan State University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Colgate University	Middlebury College	University of Illinois at Springfield
College of Charleston	Midreshet HaRova	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of the Atlantic	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Indianapolis
College of Wooster	Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of Iowa
Colorado School of Mines	Muhlenberg College	University of Kansas
Colorado State University	Nativ	University of Kentucky
Columbia College	New York University	University of Louisville
Columbia University	Nishmat	University of Maine
Cornell University	Northeastern Illinois University	University of Maryland, College Park
Creighton University	Northern Arizona University	University of Massachusetts
Dartmouth University	Northern Illinois University	University of Miami
DePaul University	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
DePauw University	Northwestern University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Dickinson College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Missouri, Columbia
Drake University	Oakton Community College	University of Nebraska
Drexel University	Oberlin College	University of New Hampshire
Duke University	Ohio Northern University	University of New Orleans
Eckerd College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Northern Iowa
Elon University	Parsons School of Design	University of Oklahoma
Emerson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Oregon
Emory University	Pomona College	University of Pennsylvania
Florida Atlantic University	Pratt Institute	University of Pittsburgh
Florida Southern College	Princeton University	University of Puget Sound
Florida State University	Purdue University	University of Rochester
Fordham University	Queens College of the CUNY	University of South Alabama
Franklin and Marshall College	Quinnipiac University	University of South Florida, Tampa
George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Southern California
Georgetown University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rice University	University of Tampa
Goucher College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Grinnell College	Roosevelt University	University of Texas
Hampshire College	Rothberg International School at Hebrew University of Jerusalem	University of Vermont
Harvard University	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	University of Washington
Harvey Mudd College	Saint Louis University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Haverford College	Sarah Lawrence College	Vanderbilt University
Hebrew Theological College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Vassar College
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Simpson College	Washington University in St. Louis
Hofstra University	Skidmore College	Wesleyan University
Hunter College of the CUNY	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Western Michigan University
IDC Herzliya	Southern Methodist University	West Virginia University
Illinois Institute of Technology	Stanford University	Wheaton College (MA)
Illinois State University	Stern College for Women	Yale University
Illinois Wesleyan University	Stetson University	Yeshiva University
Indiana University	St. Johns College	Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi
Iowa State University	Swarthmore College	Yeshivat HaKotel
Israel Defense Forces	Syracuse University	Yeshivat Maale Gilboa
Ithaca College	Technion - Israel Institute of Technology	Young Judaea Year Course
Jewish Theological Seminary		
Johns Hopkins University		