



Take a Look . . .



At District 211

*A general information
brochure for newcomers,
Realtors, and residents*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

Take a Look at Township High School District 211

- ▶ Largest high school district in Illinois
- ▶ Over 225,000 residents in 11 communities within 62 square mile boundaries
- ▶ Nearly 13,000 students in grades 9 through 12
- ▶ Five high schools with enrollments of 2,133 to 2,925
- ▶ All five high schools are nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the United States Department of Education (Palatine High School received two Blue Ribbon awards)

▶ Palatine, William Fremd, and Schaumburg High Schools were named among the nation's "Top 99 High Schools" by *U.S. News & World Report*

- ▶ High School District 211 was ranked among the nation's best districts by *Expansion Management* magazine in 1998, 2001, 2003, and 2005
- ▶ Palatine High School was one of only 10 schools in the country named a "New American High School" by the United States Department of Education in 2000 and also received the character education award
- ▶ Schaumburg High School was nationally recognized in 1996 as one of "America's Best Schools" by *Redbook* magazine
- ▶ The District 211 Transportation Department was named as one of the "Great Fleets Across America" by *School Bus Fleet* magazine in 2000
- ▶ An auditorium and music practice rooms, plus computer, reading, science, and vocational laboratories in each school
- ▶ Swimming pool, gymnasium, athletic stadium, softball and baseball fields, running track, and tennis courts at each school
- ▶ Hot lunch, breakfast, and snacks served in nationally recognized school cafeterias

James B. Conant High School



700 East Cougar Trail, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169-3699
 Timothy W. Cannon, Principal Telephone: (847) 755-3600 Enrollment: 2,572
 Opened 1964 Nickname: Cougars School Colors: Blue, White & Scarlet

- ▶ An equalized assessed valuation (2004 E.A.V. for 2005-2006) of \$8,143,076,872
- ▶ Aa-2 bond rating
- ▶ An operating expense per pupil of \$13,576
- ▶ 88% of students are college preparatory
- ▶ District-wide ACT composite of 22.3, compared to 20.5 state and 21.1 national composites
- ▶ 13 National Merit Scholars in 2005-2006

- ▶ 479 Illinois State Scholars in 2005-2006
- ▶ Pupil-teacher ratio of 14.1:1
- ▶ 983 certificated staff members
- ▶ 81% of faculty with master's degrees or beyond
- ▶ Teachers are recognized statewide, nationally, and internationally for excellence
- ▶ A comprehensive curriculum with over 270 courses
- ▶ Advanced placement and gifted programs
- ▶ Two District 211 special education schools, LEAP and Academy-North, serve approximately 40 special needs students each

Hoffman Estates High School



1100 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169-4098
 Theresa L. Busch, Principal Telephone: (847) 755-5600 Enrollment: 2,232
 Opened: 1973 Nickname: Hawks School Colors: Orange & Blue

- ▶ Special education courses and services at each school
- ▶ Social, personal, academic, career, and college counseling services available at each school
- ▶ Psychologist, social worker, speech and language therapist, police consultant, and nurse at each school
- ▶ Over 285,000 books/periodicals in media centers
- ▶ A network of over 5,300 Internet-ready computers assist students and teachers in the engaged learning process required to meet Illinois State Learning Goals and Standards
- ▶ More than 7,500 videos/films for educational use

Palatine High School



1111 North Rohlwing Road, Palatine, Illinois 60074-3797
 Gary P. Steiger, Principal Telephone: (847) 755-1600 Enrollment: 2,542
 Founded: 1875 Opened: 1977 Nickname: Pirates School Colors: Scarlet & Gray

- ▶ Students are tested prior to freshmen year using the EXPLORE Test, during sophomore year using the PLAN Test, and during junior year using the state's PSAT Test
- ▶ Schools fully accredited by North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, with full recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education
- ▶ Work-study programs in applied technology, business-related occupations, life and family studies, and office occupations
- ▶ Four-year programs in French, German, and Spanish
- ▶ Two, three-week summer school sessions, in addition to the *Incoming Freshmen Academy* which is designed to accelerate student learning
- ▶ Over 6,000 residents take advantage of more than 350 evening/weekend continuing education classes each year
- ▶ Largest high school district-owned school bus fleet in Illinois, with approximately 160 buses and vans transporting over 9,000 students, traveling more than 7,700 miles each day
- ▶ All transportation mechanics are nationally certified
- ▶ Free bus transportation for students living 1½ miles or more from school, and pay transportation for eligible bus riders living within the 1½-mile limit
- ▶ Over 60 clubs and organizations at each school

Schaumburg High School



1100 West Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60194-4197
 Sharon E. Cross, Principal Telephone: (847) 755-4600 Enrollment: 2,617
 Opened: 1970 Nickname: Saxons School Colors: Cardinal Red & Gold

- ▶ Comprehensive program of 28 inter-scholastic sports
- ▶ Over 75% of students participate in extra-curricular activities/sports

William Fremd High School



1000 South Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois 60067-7099
 Marina D. Scott, Principal Telephone: (847) 755-2600 Enrollment: 2,915
 Opened: 1961 Nickname: Vikings School Colors: Green & Gold

B Building the Future,

High School District 211 has been providing educational excellence for over 125 years. The reputation of this district has been built by the achievements of our students, the professionalism of our staff, the commitment of supportive parents, and the stability of quality neighborhoods. These efforts have not gone unnoticed as each of our schools has been nationally recognized by the United States Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. What this means is that our students have the best educational opportunities available to reach individual goals and to develop the greatest possible potential for the future.

It has been said, "People who work together will succeed." The schools and communities in this district have worked together over the years and have been successful in creating high schools that everyone takes pride in.

This brochure presents an overview of District 211. For more information about our schools, please call Community Relations Coordinator Thomas Petersen at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, (847) 755-6631, or visit our web site at www.d211.org. To arrange a school tour, please contact the principal's office.

I welcome and encourage your interest in our schools, and I appreciate your support.



Roger W. Thornton
Superintendent of Schools



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O One Student at a Time.

