



GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORIZATION OF JOINT AGREEMENTS

As stated by the Illinois Public Community College Act of 1965, if a student desires a program not offered by their home community college, the student may be eligible for the Joint Agreement program. This would allow the student to attend another Illinois public community college as an in-district student with proper documentation and approval.

The McHenry County College Board of Trustees have established the following guidelines for the purpose of granting joint agreement authorizations.

JOINT AGREEMENTS

1. Definition of resident

To qualify as an in-district student, an individual must either reside with parents within the legal boundaries of McHenry County College District no. 528, or reside within the legal boundaries of McHenry County College District no. 528 and be self-supporting.

2. Definition of program

A program is interpreted as a sequence or cluster of related courses identified as a planned group of offerings leading to a certificate or Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree which is publicized in the official catalog of an Illinois Public Community College and approved by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Individual courses, prerequisites, developmental classes, adult continuing education courses, and non-credit courses are not considered "programs" for approval purposes. Courses under 100 level and prerequisite courses are not covered under joint agreement and must be completed at MCC. Persons enrolled at four-year institutions do not qualify for Joint Agreements for individual courses in which they may wish to enroll.

3. Joint Agreement programs

If the program desired is not offered by McHenry County College, but is offered at another public Illinois community college with which McHenry County College has entered into formal joint agreement for sharing of programs, and such program is a part of the joint agreement, then the student must attend the college with which the joint agreement is entered, or pay out-of-district tuition if he attends elsewhere. If two or more such agreements are in force covering the same program, the student may apply for attendance at any of the colleges participating in a formal joint agreement.

4. Distance and convenience

Distance and convenience are not legal grounds for approval. If a program is offered within the McHenry County College district or is covered under joint agreement, then it is judged to be available. The time of day, the day of the week, location, modality (online, fast track or face-to-face) or the particular semester or term of offering the program or its component parts are not considered as factors affecting approval.

5. Limit on number of programs per applicant

Authorization is limited to one program per applicant at any time.

6. Date for filing requests

Requests for Joint Agreements should be filed with McHenry County College at least 30 days prior to the official start of the academic term for which you request enrollment.