

Illinois Instructional Mandates

2024-25 School Year

Last Updated: October 2024

See also: [State Graduation Requirements](#)

Changes for 2024-25

Changes instituted in 2023-24 now in effect

1. Instruction on Native American History. See [slide 32](#).
2. Instruction on the dangers of allergies. See No. 19 on Health Education 2/2 on [slide 23](#).
3. Instruction on the dangers of fentanyl use. This item was previously a separate slide. Due to a legislative change, it has now been incorporated into 105 ILCS 110/3. See No. 20 on Health Education 2/2 on [slide 23](#).

Changes to be implemented in 2026-27

1. Instruction on climate change. See Conservation of Natural Resources on [slide 16](#).

Other Changes

See [Public Act 103-0810](#) for a list of minor changes to Health Education 2/2 on slide 23.

Overview

This document contains all areas of study that are mandated by the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Administrative Code. ISBE recommends that schools review the information on the following pages annually and prior to any ROE Compliance Review Visit. **Please note this document is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of all required content for each instructional mandate. Statutory references should be consulted in all cases.**

Any topic marked with an * indicates an Illinois graduation requirement. Schools and districts should also reference the [Illinois Graduation Requirements Document](#), which provides guidance on state-required courses and compulsory units of study in which students must earn credit for conferral of a high school diploma.

How to Use This Document

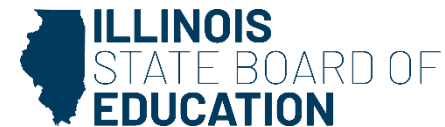
1. Fill in the identifying information below.
2. Review the “Grade Levels” for each requirement. Unless otherwise specified, the term “elementary school” includes Grades kindergarten through 8.
3. Review the “Summary of Requirements” for a brief overview.
4. Review the legal citations to ensure you are familiar with any information not included in the Summary of Requirements.
5. *Optional* Using the “Reference Key” below, indicate in the top right of each page how the mandate is taught.

Reference Key: 1 = Assemblies; 2 = Cassettes/CD; 3 = Daily Routine; 4 = Discussions; 5 = Field Trips; 6 = Video; 7 = Magazines; 8 = Newspapers; 9 = Projects; 10 = Simulations; 11 = Speakers; 12 = Supplementary Books/Pamphlets; 13 = Textbooks; 14 = Other

School District: _____

Building Name: _____

Grade Levels Served: _____



Mandate Checklist

Topic	Compliant
Abduction Education 5	☐
American Patriotism & Government 6	☐
Anabolic Steroid Abuse Prevention 7	☐
Art 8	☐
Asian American History 9	☐
Black History 10	☐
Career and Technical Education 11	☐
Character Education 12	☐
Civics Education 13	☐
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Conservation of Natural Resource 16	☐
Consumer Education 17	☐
Cursive Writing 18	☐

Topic	Compliant
Disabilities: History, People & Rights Movement 19	☐
Driver Education 20	☐
Drug & Substance Abuse Education 21	☐
Health Education 22 – 23	☐
High School Elective Course . 24	☐
Holocaust Genocide 25	☐
Internet Safety 26	☐
Language Arts, Reading & Other Comm. Skills 27	☐
Library Media Programs 28	☐
Mathematics 29	☐
Media Literacy 30	☐
Music 31	☐
Native American History 32	☐
Physical Education 33	☐

Topic	Compliant
Safety Education 34	☐
Science 35	☐
Sexual Abuse Education 36	☐
Social Studies (including U.S. History) 37	☐
Teen Dating Violence 38	☐
Traffic Injury Prevention 39	☐
Transitional Mathematics 40	☐
U.S. History 41	☐
Violence Prevention & Conflict Resolution 42	☐
Women in History 43	☐
World (Foreign) Language 44	☐
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Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Abduction Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
K-8 – each grade level High school – not specified	All public schools must provide some instruction, study, and discussion on this topic. The required instruction can be included in the courses of study regularly taught, provided, however, that such instruction must be given every year to all pupils in Grades kindergarten through 8. 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2

Helpful Resources

1. [KidSmartz](#) - A child safety program that educates families about preventing abduction and empowers youngsters in Grades K-5 to practice safer behaviors.
2. [Missing Children Analysis](#) – Reports and data including a 10-year analysis of attempted abductions.
3. [Publications](#) – Posters, family help guides, checklists, and more, available in English and Spanish.
4. [Missing and Exploited Children](#) – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s webpage dedicated to resources on missing and exploited children. Some resources overlap with those on the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children website](#).
5. [Child ID App](#) – A smartphone application developed by the FBI to help quickly report a child as missing.

American Patriotism & Government*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
K-6 (Not specified) 7-12 (all grade levels)	The following topics shall be taught in all public schools: 1. American patriotism and the principles of representative government, as enunciated in the American Declaration of Independence; 2. The Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the state of Illinois; 3. The proper use and display of the American flag; and 4. The method of voting at elections by means of the Australian Ballot system and the method of the counting of votes for candidates. 105 ILCS 5/27-3; 105 ILCS 5/27-21; 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(r)(1) In Grades 7 and 8 or their equivalent, not less than one hour of each school week must be devoted to the study of Section 27-3. 105 ILCS 5/27-4; 23 Ill Admin. Code 1.430(b) In all high school grades, not less than one hour of each school week must be devoted to the advanced study of Section 27-3. This is a required participation course for all students during the secondary school experience. 105 ILCS 5/27-4; 23 Ill Admin. Code 1.440(b)(4)

Helpful Resources

1. [C-SPAN Classroom](#) – Videos, lesson plans, and other resources.
2. [National Archives](#) – Videos, pictures, and primary resources.
3. [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) – Full lesson plans with pictures and prompts for different grade levels.
4. [United States Courts](#) – Various resources on the constitution and landmark court cases.
5. [American Bar Association](#) – Legal FAQs, monthly Supreme Court case lesson plans, and other publications.
6. [Civics Renewal Network](#) – Civics resources categorized by topic.

Anabolic Steroid Abuse Prevention



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
7-12 & interscholastic athletes	School districts must provide instruction on this topic in Grades 7 through 12 and to interscholastic athletes. Such instruction shall be included in science, health, drug abuse, physical education, or other appropriate courses of study. 105 ILCS 5/27-23.3

Helpful Resources

1. [Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide](#) – Database of resources that can be filtered by grade level and implementation type.
2. [Tips for Teens](#) – Two-page fact sheet. Available in [Spanish](#).
3. [FAQ](#) – Summary of information on steroids in Q&A format.
4. [Steroid Use in Adolescence: Information for School Personnel](#)
5. [Teens and Steroids: A Dangerous Combo](#) – A short FAQ on the dangers of steroids.
6. [Athletes Training and Learning to Avoid Steroids \(ATLAS\)](#) - This is a multicomponent school-based drug and alcohol prevention program for male high school athletes.
7. [Athletes Targeting Healthy Exercise & Nutrition Alternatives \(ATHENA\)](#) -This is a team-centered, health promotion program for female high school athletes.
8. [Federal Efforts to Prevent and Reduce Anabolic Steroid Abuse among Teenagers](#) – A summary of federal efforts to reduce steroid abuse.
9. [Performance Enhancing Anabolic Steroid Abuse in Women](#) - A summary of information regarding the effects of steroid abuse in women.

Art



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in art in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(6)
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes art in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(7)

Helpful Resources

1. [National Gallery of Art](#) – Learning activities, videos, games, and more.
2. [Scratch](#) – Combine coding and art to make interactive experiences.
3. [The Art Institute of Chicago](#) – Lesson plans on various works of art.
4. [Kennedy Center](#) – Resources and lesson plans by grade level.

Asian American History



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and high school – grade level not specified	Every public elementary school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American history, including the history of Asian Americans in Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of Asian Americans toward advancing civil rights from the 19th century onward. 105 ILCS 5/27-20.8

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's TEEACH Act Resource Guide](#) – Gives an overview of the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act and resources for teachers.
2. [ISBE's TEEACH Act Resources](#) – Provides additional resources for teachers.

Black History



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and high school – grade level not specified	Every public elementary and high school must provide a unit of instruction studying the events of Black history. 105 ILCS 5/27-20.4 Each school system shall provide history and social sciences courses that include the study of the events of Black history. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(r)(5)

Helpful Resources

1. [Howard University](#) – K-12 resources for educators.
2. [Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture](#) – Various resources including a [Learning Lab](#).
3. [Library of Congress](#) – Numerous primary sources and other documents.
4. [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) – Videos, lesson plans, and other resources.
5. [National Park Service](#) - Teaching with Historic Places uses historic places in National Parks and in the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places to enliven history, social studies, geography, civics, and other subjects.

Career and Technical Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
All grade levels	The educational system shall provide students with opportunities to prepare themselves for entry into the world of work. Every district shall initiate a Career Awareness and Exploration Program that should enable students to make more meaningful and informed career decisions. This program should be available at all grade levels. 23 Ill Admin. Code 1.420(i) A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in Career Education – Awareness & Exploration in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(9) Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes Career and Technical Education – Orientation and Preparation in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(8) If the school board of a school district that maintains Grades 9-12 establishes a list of courses from which high school students must elect at least one course, to be completed along with other high school graduation requirements, at least one course in vocational education must be included on such list. 105 ILCS 5/27-22.2

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's Career Technical Education Webpage](#) – Lesson plans, career guides, reports and much more.
2. [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) – Resources for teachers as well as students including videos, lesson plans, and games.

Character Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Not specified	Every public school teacher shall teach character education, which includes the teaching of respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship, in order to raise pupils' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline, respect for others, and moral courage for the purpose of lessening crime and raising the standard of good character. 105 ILCS 5/27-12

Helpful Resources

1. [Making Caring Common](#) – A collection of research, resources, and programs aimed at promoting character education.
2. [Character Education](#) – Research and evaluation of programs that promote character education.
3. [Sesame Workshop](#) – Sesame Workshop is an independent nonprofit organization with a mission to help youngsters everywhere grow smarter, stronger, and kinder.

Civics Education*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
6, 7, <i>or</i> 8	Every public elementary school must provide in its 6th, 7th, or 8th grade curriculum at least one semester of civics education. This course of study must be provided <i>in addition to</i> the instruction required to be provided under Section 27-3 of the School Code. 105 ILCS 5/27- 3.10
High School	Each secondary school student shall be required to complete one semester in civics, which shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. 105 ILCS 5/27-22(e)(5) ; 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(b)(5)

Helpful Resources

1. [C-SPAN Classroom](#) – Videos, lesson plans, and other resources.
2. [National Archives](#) – Videos, pictures, and primary resources.
3. [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) – Full lesson plans with pictures and prompts for different grade levels.
4. [United States Courts](#) – Various resources on the constitution and landmark court cases.
5. [American Bar Association](#) – Legal FAQs, monthly Supreme Court case lesson plans, and other publications.
6. [Civics Renewal Network](#) – Civics resources categorized by topic.

Commemorative Dates



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Not specified	School boards shall include instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of Education shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph. Commemorative holidays are: 1. January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali), 2. January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a commemoration of space exploration), 3. February 15 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), 4. March 29 (Vietnam War Veterans Day), 5. September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), 6. The school day immediately preceding Veterans Day (Korean War Veterans Day), 7. October 1 (Recycling Day), 8. October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day), 9. December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and 10. Any day so appointed by the president or governor. School boards may establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. 105 ILCS 5/24-2

Helpful Resources

1. [Illinois Inclusive History Calendar \(August 2024 – July 2025\)](#) – A calendar showing the dates of important events and links to resources to help educators teach them.

Computer Literacy*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at each grade level K-12 (computer literacy skills)	All school districts shall ensure that students receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain computer literacy skills embedded in the district's curriculum at each grade level. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.79; 10-20.74 The Computer Literacy Knowledge and Skill Continuum guidance document provides a scope and sequence to support district implementation (non-regulatory).

Helpful Resources

1. [Code.org](#) – Resources for students and educators focusing on computer science.
2. [Computer Science Field Guide](#) – Open source materials for high school age students.
3. [21Things4Students](#) – Computer science materials for Grades 5 – 9.
4. [Computer Science Unplugged](#) – Printable lesson plans for very young ages that can be used without computers.

Conservation of Natural Resources



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and high school – grade level not specified	In every public school there shall be instruction, study, and discussion of current problems and needs in the conservation of natural resources, including, but not limited to: 1. Air pollution, 2. Water pollution, 3. Waste reduction and recycling, 4. The effects of excessive use of pesticides, 5. Preservation of wilderness areas, 6. Forest management, 7. Protection of wildlife, and 8. Humane care of domestic animals. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, every public school shall provide instruction on climate change, which shall include, but not be limited to, identifying the environmental and ecological impacts of climate change on individuals and communities and evaluating solutions for addressing and mitigating the impact of climate change and shall be in alignment with State learning standards, as appropriate. 105 ILCS 5/27-13.1 A district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes Conservation of Natural Resources in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(11) Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes Conservation of Natural Resources in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(12)

Helpful Resources

1. [Illinois Environmental Protection Agency](#) – A one-stop-shop for resources for multiple grade levels on various topics.

Consumer Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Pupils in the public schools in Grades 9-12 shall be taught and shall be required to study courses that include instruction in the area of consumer education. 105 ILCS 5/27-12.1 Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes consumer education in its high school course offerings. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(11). Each high school student shall be required to take consumer education for 50 minutes per day for a period of nine weeks in any of the Grades 9-12. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(k)(3); 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(b)(3) The superintendent of each unit or high school district shall maintain evidence showing that each student has received adequate instruction in consumer education prior to the completion of Grade 12. Consumer education may be included in course content of other courses, or it may be taught as a separate required course. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(k)(2)

Helpful Resources

1. [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \(FDIC\)](#) – A one-stop-shop of resources for teachers and students that also has links to consumer education resources created by other government agencies.

Cursive Writing



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified; must be completed by Grade 5	Elementary schools must offer at least one unit of instruction in cursive writing. School districts shall, by policy, determine at what grade level or levels students are to be offered cursive writing, provided that such instruction must be offered before students complete Grade 5. 105 ILCS 5/27-20.7

Helpful Resources
1. Teaching Elementary School Students to Be Effective Writers – Short section on handwriting strategies. 2. Victoria State Government Department of Education – A summary of research for teachers and resources to use. 3. Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario – A summary of research for teachers and resources to use.

Disabilities: History, People, & Rights Movement



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Not specified	A school district must provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement. Instruction may be included in those courses that the school district chooses, and the school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time required under this Section. 105 ILCS 5/27-23.8(a) & (c)

Helpful Resources

1. [National Parks Service](#) – A multipart lesson on the disability rights movement.
2. [Emerging America](#) – Lesson plans for all grade ranges on the history of the disability rights movement.

Driver Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
1-8 – each grade level	Instruction shall be given in safety education in each of the Grades 1-8, equivalent to one class period each week. 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2
High school – grade level not specified	Any school district which maintains Grades 9 through 12 shall offer a driver education course in any such school which it operates. 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2; 23 Ill. Admin Code 1.440(a)(13) Its curriculum shall include content dealing with Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the rules adopted pursuant to those chapters insofar as they pertain to the operation of motor vehicles, and the portions of the Litter Control Act relating to the operation of motor vehicles. 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2 The course of instruction given in Grades 10 through 12 shall include an emphasis on the development of knowledge, attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles, including motorcycles insofar as they can be taught in the classroom, and instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety issue. Other course content considerations apply. 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2 A driver education course shall consist of a minimum of 30 clock hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of six clock hours of individual behind-the-wheel instruction in a dual control car on public roadways taught by a driver education instructor endorsed by the State Board of Education. 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2 Additional requirements for course content, instructor qualifications, and driver education vehicle safety and features found at 625 ILCS 5/ (1-103; 3-617; 6-419; 13-101) and 23 Ill. Admin Code 252.

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's Driver Education Standards](#) – A full overview of the standards required for driver's education.
2. [Illinois Secretary of State](#) – Has links to several helpful driving and safety forms including the [Illinois Rules of the Road](#).

Drug & Substance Abuse Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
K-8 – each grade level	All public schools maintaining any of the Grades kindergarten through 8 must provide instruction, study, and discussion on effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse. 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2; 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(12) The required instruction can be included in the courses of study regularly taught; provided, however, that such instruction must be given every year to all pupils in Grades kindergarten through 8. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2

Helpful Resources

1. [Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide](#) – Database of resources that can be filtered by grade level and implementation type.

Health Education 1/2



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements & Citations
K-6 – all grade levels MS/JH and HS – not specified	A Comprehensive Health Education Program must include certain required major educational areas as enumerated in the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act and shall be offered in all elementary schools and secondary schools in Illinois. 105 ILCS 110/3 1. No specific time requirement for Grades K-6; however, health education must be part of the formal regular instructional program at each grade level. 2. The minimal time allocation must be not less than one semester or equivalent (i.e., at least 18 weeks) during the middle or junior high experience. 3. The minimal time allocation must be not less than one semester or equivalent (i.e., at least 18 weeks) during the secondary school experience. This is a required participation course for all students during the secondary school experience. 4. If health education is offered with another course on a “block of time” basis in a middle, junior high, or high school, instruction may be offered in any combination of the grade levels in the school, provided that the total time devoted to health education is the equivalent of one full semester’s work. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(n); 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(7); 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(b)(1)

Helpful Resources
1. CDC Healthy Schools – A community wide approach to creating healthier schools. Also see the Body and Mind classroom portal for grades 4-8. 2. MyPlate – One stop shop of resources from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 3. Illinois Association for Health, PE, Recreation & Dance – Resources, grant opportunities, PD, conferences, and more.

Health Education 2/2



Summary of Requirements & Citations

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human ecology and health 2. Human growth and development 3. Family life, including sexual abstinence until marriage (opt out allowed) 4. Prevention and control of disease, including instruction in Grades 6 through 12 on the prevention, transmission, and spread of AIDS (opt out allowed) 5. Age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention education in Grades pre-K through 12 (opt out allowed K-8) 6. Public and environmental health 7. Consumer health 8. Safety education and disaster preparedness. 9. Mental health and illness, which must include how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment in the state (P.A. 102-1034) 10. Personal health habits 11. Alcohol and drug use and abuse, including the use and abuse of fentanyl, and the medical and legal ramifications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, and abuse during pregnancy; curricula for alcohol and drug use and abuse shall include classroom instruction in Grades 5 through 12 and be age and developmentally appropriate. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Evidence-based and medically accurate information regarding sexual abstinence 13. Tobacco and e-cigarettes and other vapor devices 14. Nutrition 15. Dental health 16. Course material and instruction to advise pupils of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act 17. Information about cancer 18. Training on how to properly administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator shall be included as a basis for curricula in all secondary schools in this state (opt out allowed) 19. In Grades 9-12, allergy instruction that must include, at a minimum, recognizing the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction, including anaphylaxis; the steps to take to prevent exposure to allergens; and safe emergency epinephrine administration (P.A. 103-0212) 20. Instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl in Grades 6-8 and 9-12 per the requirements set forth in (P.A. 103-0810) |
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Helpful Resources

1. [SchoolSafety.gov](#) – A collection of resources that can be sorted and filtered by topic, education level, resource type, and more.
2. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) – A collection of resources on various topics for different grade levels.
3. [Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide](#) – Database of resources that can be filtered by grade level and implementation type.
4. [Sexual Health](#) – ISBE's webpage on sexual health including a link to the [Illinois learning standards](#).

High School Elective Course*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Option for 1-year elective credit requirement in HS	As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete one year chosen from: A. Music, B. Art, C. Foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, D. Vocational education, or E. Forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the graduation requirement for four years of language arts may not be used to satisfy this graduation requirement. 105 ILCS 5/27-22(e)(6)

Helpful Resources

1. [Music](#) – See related slide in this document.
2. [Art](#) – See related slide in this document.
3. [World Language](#) – See related slide in this document.
4. [Vocational Education](#) – See related slide in this document.
5. [National Speech & Debate Association](#) – Resources on how to start a speech/debate program, competition recordings, and more.

Holocaust/Genocide Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and HS – grade level not specified	Every public elementary and high school must provide a unit of instruction studying the events of the Nazi atrocities of 1933-45, a period in world history known as the Holocaust. To reinforce that lesson, such curriculum shall include an additional unit of instruction studying other acts of genocide across the globe, which shall include but not be limited to: 1. The Native American genocide in North America (Public Act 103-0422); 2. The Armenian Genocide; 3. The Famine-Genocide in Ukraine; and 4. More recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan. 105 ILCS 5/27-20.3 Each school system shall provide history and social sciences courses that include the study of that period in world history known as the Holocaust. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(r)(4)

Helpful Resources

1. [Illinois Holocaust Museum | Chicagoland Museum](#) – The museum offers online programs and teaching trunks that can be checked out. It also provides grants and scholarships for educators and their students to visit the museum. Programming available for Grades K-12.
2. [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) – A collection of various resources including specifically for educators.

Internet Safety Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
3-12 – each grade level May be provided for in Grades K-2	A school district must incorporate into the school curriculum a component on internet safety to be taught at least once each school year to students in Grades 3 through 12. The age-appropriate curriculum may begin with students in kindergarten. 105 ILCS 5/27-13.3 The school board shall determine the scope and duration of this unit of instruction. The age-appropriate unit of instruction may be incorporated into the current courses of study regularly taught in the district's schools, as determined by the school board. Id.

Helpful Resources

1. [Internet Safety](#) – ISBE’s webpage dedicated to internet safety. Contains several resources available for use.
2. [FBI-SQS](#) - Teaches students in Grades 3 to 8 how to navigate the web safely. Available in English or Spanish.
3. [NetSmartz](#) - Provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help teach children be safer online with the goal of helping children to become more aware of potential online risks and empowering them to help prevent victimization by making safer choices on- and offline.
4. [Interland](#) - Interland is an adventure-packed online game that makes learning about digital safety and citizenship interactive and fun — just like the internet itself. Here, kids will help their fellow Internauts combat badly behaved hackers, phishers, overshangers, and bullies by practicing the skills they need to be good digital citizens.

Language Arts, Reading, & Other Skills*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in language arts, reading, and other communication skills in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(1)
K-3 grades (mandatory reading opportunities)	Each school board shall promote 60 minutes of minimum reading opportunities daily for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade whose reading level is one grade level or lower than their current grade level according to current learning standards and the school district. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.53
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes language arts in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(1)

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's Literacy Plan](#) – Additional resources can be found on [ISBE's Comprehensive Literacy Plan](#) webpage.
2. [PBS Language Arts](#) – Resources that can be sorted by grade level and resource type.
3. [AdLit.org](#) – Resources and a digital community for secondary literacy teachers.
4. [Reading Rockets](#) – Provides resources and a digital community for elementary and middle-school literacy teachers.

Library Media Programs



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Not specified	Each school district shall provide a program of library media services for the students in each of its schools that meets the requirements outlined in 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(o) .

Helpful Resources

1. [Library of Congress](#) – Primary resources and information on how to work with primary resources.
2. [Digital Public Library of America](#) – Images, texts, videos, sounds, and more.
3. [Smithsonian Open Access](#) – Growing collection of items from Smithsonian including [3D models](#).

Mathematics*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in mathematics in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(3)
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes math its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(3)

Helpful Resources

1. [Khan Academy](#) – One stop shop for all things math instruction.
2. [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) – Videos, question of the week, and other free resources.
3. [ISBE Model Math Curricular Resources](#) – Lesson plans along with scope and sequence aligned to state standards.

Media Literacy



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Every high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on “media literacy,” defined as the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a variety of objective forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts. The unit of instruction shall meet the requirements outlined in 105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 .

Helpful Resources

1. [National Association for Media Literacy Education](#) – News, information, and a [Media Literacy Handbook](#).
2. [Media Literacy Now](#) – Large collection of resources that can be sorted by grade level and resource type.

Music



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in music in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(5)
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes music in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(6)

Helpful Resources

1. [Carnegie Hall](#) – Resources for Grades K-5.
2. [TeachRock](#) – Includes multiple music genres with lesson plans by grade levels.
3. [Save the Music Foundation](#) – Links to apps for making music and resources that can be sorted by grade, subject, and content type.

Native American History



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and HS – grade level not specified	Every public elementary school and high school social studies course pertaining to American history or government shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of the Native American experience and Native American history within the Midwest and this state since time immemorial. These events shall include and describe: 1. The contributions of Native Americans in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of Native Americans to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of their own nations and of the United States. 2. Large urban Native American populations in this state, including the history and experiences of contemporary Native Americans living in this state. 3. In Grades 6-12, the study of the genocide of and discrimination against Native Americans, as well as tribal sovereignty, treaties made between tribal nations and the United States, and the circumstances pertaining to forced Native American relocation. Public Act 103-0422 This unit of instruction may be integrated as part of the unit of instruction required under Section 27-20.3 (Holocaust/Genocide Study) or 27-21 (U.S. History).

Helpful Resources

1. [National Museum of the American Indian](#) – A collection of resources and professional development opportunities from Smithsonian.
2. [National Indian Education Association](#) – Resources and activities sorted by grade level.

Physical Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
All grades subject to applicable exemptions	School boards shall provide for the physical education and training of pupils of the schools under their respective control and shall include physical education and training in the courses of study regularly taught therein. The physical education and training course offered in Grades 5 through 10 may include the health education course required in the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. 105 ILCS 5/27-5 A school board may determine the schedule or frequency of physical education courses, provided that all pupils – except for those subject to applicable exemptions – engage in a course of physical education for a minimum of three days per five-day week. 105 ILCS 5/27-6; 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(8); 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(10) A physical education course of study must be part of the regular school curriculum and not extracurricular in nature or organization. 105 ILCS 5/27-7 Appropriate activity related to physical education shall be required as provided for by Section 27-6 of the School Code. The time schedule shall compare favorably with other courses in the curriculum. Safety education, as it relates to the physical education program, should be incorporated. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(p); 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(b)(2) See 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.425 for additional requirements that apply to the provision of physical education instruction.

Helpful Resources

1. [OPEN Phys Ed](#) – Curriculum for every grade level along with PD opportunities.
2. [SHAPE America](#) – Information on physical education, health education, coaching, and more. Has both free and paid resources.
3. [Special Olympics](#) – Resources on how to achieve whole school engagement for physical education.
4. [GENYOUth](#) – Small collection of resources including [Root4Her](#) aimed at increasing physical education participation among female students.

Safety Education



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified May be provided for in all other grades	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in safety education in its elementary schools. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(10) School boards of public schools and all boards in charge of educational institutions supported wholly or partially by the state may provide instruction in safety education in all grades and include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein. Such boards may provide for instruction in safety education for not less than 16 hours during each school year. (105 ILCS 5/27-17) Per Public Act 102-0971, “safety education” as used in this section of School Code includes instruction in safe gun storage.

Helpful Resources

1. [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) – Safety guides and videos by topic and age. Click the “Road Safety” option and select a topic.
2. [Crash Science in the Classroom](#) – Science based approach to understand car crashes and injuries.
3. [Ready Illinois](#) – A large collection of safety resources on different topics.

Science*



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in science in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(2)
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes science in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(2)

Helpful Resources

1. [NASA](#) – Resources for students and educators from covering Grades K – 12.
2. [National Geographic](#) – Videos, articles, infographics, and more for all grade levels.
3. [National Science Digital Library](#) – Large collection of teacher resources. You need to search a topic before the materials will display.

Sexual Abuse Education (Erin's Law)



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements & Citations
Pre-K through 12	Each school board must adopt and implement a policy addressing sexual abuse of children that includes an age-appropriate and evidence-informed curriculum for students in pre-K through 12th grade. 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 ; 105 ILCS 110/3

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Guide](#) – Contains a list of Accredited Childrens Advocacy Centers and Sexual Assault Centers.
2. [NetSmartz](#) – Provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help teach children be safer online with the goal of helping children to become more aware of potential online risks and empowering them to help prevent victimization by making safer choices on- and offline.
3. [ISBE's Sexual Health Resources](#) – Resources that can be filtered by topic and grade level.
4. [Illinois School and Campus Safety Center](#) – Compilation of resources from several different organizations.

Social Studies* (Including U.S. History)



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary school – grade level not specified	A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in social studies in its elementary schools. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(4)
Required at every high school – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes U.S. history in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(4)

Helpful Resources

1. [PBS: Social Studies](#) – Resources of different types that can be filtered by grade level.
2. [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) – Lesson plans, teachers guides, and media resources.
3. [National Council for the Social Studies](#) – Articles and resources that can be filtered by grade level all the way down to pre-K.

Teen Dating Violence



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
7-12	The school board of each public school district in this state shall adopt a policy on teen dating violence that, among other things, incorporates age-appropriate education about teen dating violence into new or existing training programs for students in Grades 7 through 12 and school employees. 105 ILCS 110/3.10

Helpful Resources

1. [Youth.gov](#) – One stop shop for hotlines, resources, and links to several other organizations offering resources.

Traffic Injury Prevention



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
K-8	The school board of a district that maintains any of the Grades K through 8 must adopt a policy on traffic injury prevention education, and such education must be made available to students in Grades K-8. 105 ILCS 5/27-23.11

Helpful Resources

1. [Safe Routes Partnership](#) – Numerous resources on the topic of student safety while traveling to and from school.

Transitional Mathematics



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
12	School districts serving Grades 9 through 12 may elect to implement transitional mathematics instruction preparing students for one or more of the postsecondary institution mathematics pathways. ISBE and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) jointly published an implementation plan in June 2019. The implementation plan outlines benchmarks that lead to full statewide implementation in all school districts. Transitional mathematics instruction must be delivered by high school faculty with community college collaboration as defined through a partnership agreement. Instruction may be delivered through stand-alone mathematics courses, integrated courses, or competency-based learning systems. 110 ILCS 148/ (148/40; 148/50; 148/55; 148/65) Public school districts serving Grades 9 through 12 wishing to opt out of offering transitional mathematics instruction must complete the opt-out process through ISBE. More information can be found on ISBE's Transitional Math webpage.

Helpful Resources

1. [ISBE's & ICCB's Implementation Plan](#) – Full summary of how to implement transitional math along with links to resources.
2. [ISBE's Transitional Math Webpage](#) – Additional resources and information on transitional math.

U.S. History*

Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
All public schools (grade levels not specified)	History of the United States shall be taught in all public schools and in all other educational institutions in the state supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds. The teaching of U.S. history must include study of all of the topics outlined in Section 27-21 of the School Code. 105 ILCS 5/27-21 Please be mindful to click on the link above for specific content requirements including, but not limited to: • The study of the role and contributions of ethnic groups (including but not limited to those specifically enumerated in statute) and the labor unions in the history of this country and this state; • The study of events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression; • The study of the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the history of this country and this state; • Contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices (including, but not limited to, those specifically enumerated in statute); and • Instruction in the history of Illinois. The teaching of history shall also include teaching about Native American nations' sovereignty and self-determination, both historically and in the present day, with a focus on urban Native Americans. Public Act 103-0422 The requirement for U.S. history shall be provided through history and social sciences courses. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(r)
7-12	All students in Grade 7 and all high school students enrolled in a course concerning U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and American government must view a Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. 105 ILCS 5/27-3.5 No student may graduate from the eighth grade unless he or she has received such instruction in the history of the United States as outlined in Section 27-21 of the School Code and gives evidence of having a comprehensive knowledge thereof, which may be administered remotely. 105 ILCS 5/27-21

Helpful Resources

1. [PBS – U.S. History](#) – Videos, lesson plans, and more that can be filtered by grade level.
2. [KidCitizen](#) – Primary sources for teaching history to elementary grades
3. [National Museum of American History](#) – Resources, units, and case studies.

Violence Prevention & Conflict Resolution



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
K-12 – each grade level	School districts shall provide instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution education for Grades kindergarten through 12 and may include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein. 105 5/27-23.4

Helpful Resources

1. [CASEL](#) – Resources and implementation guides for social and emotional learning to help mitigate conflict from happening.
2. [Conflict Resolution Education](#) – Resources for teachers and administrators.
3. [Western Justice Center](#) – Lesson plans with videos to teach conflict resolution.

Women in History



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every elementary and high school – grade level not specified	Every public elementary and high school must provide a unit of instruction studying the events of the history of women in America. 105 ILCS 5/27-20.5 Each school system shall provide history and social sciences courses that include the study of the events of women's history in America. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(r)(6)

Helpful Resources

1. [National Women's History Museum](#) – Lesson plans, photographs, primary resources, and more.
2. [Smithsonian's American Women's History Museum](#) – Various materials organized by grade level.
3. [Library of Congress](#) – A collection of resources and links to additional pages with even more resources.
4. [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) – Collection of resources for Women's History month with links to additional resources.

World (Foreign) Languages



Grade Levels	Summary of Requirements
Required at every HS – grade level not specified	Each district must provide a comprehensive curriculum that includes foreign language in its high school course offerings. The time allotment is the option of the local board of education. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(a)(5) The description for any foreign language course shall indicate whether the school district will award a State Seal of Biliteracy in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.442 of this Part and Section 2-3.159 of the School Code and state the qualifications for receipt of the Seal. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440(d)(2)

Helpful Resources

1. [World Language Webpage](#) – The Illinois Learning Standards for World Languages guide learners to develop competence to communicate effectively and interact with cultural competence to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.
2. [Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy](#) – A public school district or nonpublic school may establish the State Seal of Biliteracy program to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and in one or more other foreign, or world, languages.