

## **Instruction**

### **Graduation Requirements**

To graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

1. Completing all resident district graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22.
3. Completing all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.
4. Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Participating in State assessments that are required for graduation by the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(c).

The resident district superintendent, Executive Director, or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria for #4 above.
4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty. This includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma.
5. Taking all other actions needed or necessary to implement this policy.

### **Early Graduation**

The resident district superintendent, Executive Director, or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early, provided they finish seven semesters of high school and meet all graduation requirements.

### **Certificate of Completion**

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed four years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The resident district superintendent, Executive Director, or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

### **Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict**

Upon application, an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be awarded a diploma, provided that he or she (1) resided

within an area currently within the resident district at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/22-27, 5/27-3, 5/27-22, and 5/27-22.10.  
105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 7:50 (School Admissions)

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