**Section 1.430 Additional Criteria for Elementary Schools**

a) A district shall provide the following coordinated and supervised instructional offerings. The time allotment, unless specified by the School Code or applicable rules, is the option of the local board of education.

1) Language Arts, Reading, and other Communication Skills

2) Science

3) Mathematics

4) Social Studies

5) Music

6) Art

7) Health Education (see the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act)

8) Physical Education (see Section 27-6 of the School Code)

9) Career Education − Awareness and Exploration

10) Safety Education (see Section 27-24.2 of the School Code)

11) Conservation of Natural Resources (see Section 27-13.1 of the School Code)

12) *Instruction, study, and discussion in grades kindergarten through 8 of effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse* (Section 27-13.2 of the School Code)

13) Civics Education (see Section 27-3.10 of the School Code)

14) Play Time (see Section 27-6.3 of the School Code)

b) *American patriotism and the principles of representative government, as enunciated in the American Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the proper use and display of the American flag shall be taught in all public schools. Not less than one hour per week, or the equivalent, shall be devoted to the study of this subject matter in the 7th and 8th grade or the equivalent* (Sections 27-3 and 27-4 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5]).

c) *No student shall be graduated from the 8th grade unless* that student *has received the instruction in the history of the United States and has given evidence of comprehensive knowledge of that subject* (Section 27-21 of the School Code), which may include, without limitation, a written test, which may be administered remotely, or the teacher's evaluation of the student's work.

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