

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) (Blank).

10 (c) (Blank).

11 (d) (Blank).

12 (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,
13 each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other
14 course requirements, successfully complete all of the
15 following courses:

16 (1) Four years of language arts.

17 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of
18 which must be English and the other of which may be English
19 or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive
20 courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other
21 graduation requirements.

22 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be
23 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and

1 one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science
2 course. A mathematics course that includes geometry
3 content may be offered as an integrated, applied,
4 interdisciplinary, or career and technical education
5 course that prepares a student for a career readiness
6 path.

7 (4) Two years of science.

8 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one
9 year must be history of the United States or a combination
10 of history of the United States and American government
11 and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the
12 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at
13 least one semester must be civics, which shall help young
14 people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and
15 attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and
16 responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course
17 content shall focus on government institutions, the
18 discussion of current and controversial issues, service
19 learning, and simulations of the democratic process.
20 School districts may utilize private funding available for
21 the purposes of offering civics education.

22 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)
23 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include
24 American Sign Language, ~~or~~ (D) vocational education, or
25 (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech
26 course used to satisfy the course requirement under

1 subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course
2 requirement under this subdivision (6).

3 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform
4 school districts of standards for writing-intensive
5 coursework.

6 (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement
7 computer science course to high school students, then the
8 school board must designate that course as equivalent to a
9 high school mathematics course and must denote on the
10 student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer
11 science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative
12 course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of
13 subsection (e) of this Section.

14 (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils
15 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior
16 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of
17 study is determined by an individualized education program.

18 This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not
19 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school
20 year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities
21 whose course of study is determined by an individualized
22 education program.

23 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
24 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the
25 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

26 (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify

1 the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in
2 grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due
3 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
4 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17; 101-464, eff. 1-1-20;
6 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)