

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 27-17 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/27-17) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-17)

Sec. 27-17. Safety education. 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.

In this section "safety education" means and includes instruction in the following:

1. automobile safety, including traffic regulations, highway safety, and the consequences of alcohol consumption and the operation of a motor vehicle;
2. safety in the home, including safe gun storage;
3. safety in connection with recreational activities;
4. safety in and around school buildings;
5. safety in connection with vocational work or training;
6. cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for students enrolled in grades 9 through 11; and

7. for students enrolled in grades 6 through 8, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator by watching a training video on those subjects.

Such boards may make suitable provisions in the schools and institutions under their jurisdiction for instruction in safety education for not less than 16 hours during each school year.

The curriculum in all educator preparation programs approved by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall contain instruction in safety education for teachers that is appropriate to the grade level of the educator license. This instruction may be by specific courses in safety education or may be incorporated in existing subjects taught in the educator preparation program.

(Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)