

May 24, 2017

RESCIND BOARD REPORT 06-0628-PO2 AND
AMEND BOARD REPORT 16-0224-PO1
AMEND BOARD REPORT 03-1022-PO02
AMEND BOARD REPORT 00-0726-PO2
AMEND BOARD REPORT 98-0826-PO1
AMEND BOARD REPORT 97-0827-PO2
MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Rescind Board Report 06-0628-PO2 and amend Board Report 16-0224-PO1 ("Minimum High School Graduation Requirements").

PURPOSE:

The Illinois Board of Education is recommending to the Board that it rescind Board Report 06-0628-PO2 and amend Board Report 16-0224-PO1 to increase the minimum high school graduation requirements to increase academic rigor and to prepare students for post-secondary education and the world of work. The graduation requirements meet or exceed requirements for entry into Illinois public colleges and universities. Furthermore, this action rescinds Board Report 06-0628-PO2, incorporating changes to minimum

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POLICY TEXT:

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A student must earn a minimum total 24 credits in the following areas:

~~English (emphasis on written communication, oral communication, and literature); English~~

~~and English II course to satisfy the state requirement for writing-intensive courses) (4.0~~

credits)

1. English I
2. English II
3. English III

2. Other Laboratory Science Courses (a combination of the following four courses with a total of 2.5 credit each for a total of 2.0 credits. No more than 1.0 credit in

one course may be used towards satisfaction of the science requirement):

a. Chemistry
b. Earth and Space Science

c. Environmental Science
d. Physics

The following requirements apply to students who enter high school as freshman in 2018 or later:

1. Biology (1.0 credit)
2. Chemistry (1.0)
3. Physics (1.0)

These courses may be taken in any sequence.

D. Social Science (3.0 credits)

1. Career Education I or ROTC III
2. Career Education II or ROTC IV

The following requirements (1.0 credits) apply to students who entered high school as

freshman in 2016 or later:

1. Career Education I or ROTC III

Computer Science (1.0 credits); this requirement applies to students who entered high

school as freshman in 2016 or later.

- J. Electives (3.0 credits)

II. COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT

It is the intent of the Board to develop, encourage and promote partnerships with city agencies,

- 4) Service Learning criteria shall be developed by the Chief Education Officer or designee

III. OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Completion of State non-credit requirements (Consumer Education, demonstrated knowledge of U.S. and Illinois constitutions) as part of subject requirements

The following requirements apply to students who entered high school as freshman in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016:

F. Students may place out of courses through exams, but shall not receive credit towards graduation for courses not actually taken.

G. Schools have the option to develop an integrated or thematic equivalent of subject area courses in so far as standards are met.

H. Credit is awarded in General Units that are equivalent to 100 hours of instructional time.

Integrated/thematic courses will be translated into General Units

I. The Chief Education Office or designee shall determine appropriate placement for transfer students and students participating in independent study following an