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INSTRUCTION

6:315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

The Superintendent or designee may investigate, coordinate, and implement a program for students in grades 7 and 8 to enroll in a course required for a high school diploma.

If a program is available, students in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in a course required for a high school diploma when the course is offered by the high school that the middle school student would attend and either one of the following is satisfied: (1) the student participates in the course at the high school and the middle school student's enrollment in the course would not prevent a high school student from being able to enroll, or (2) the student participates in the course where the student attends school as long as the student passes the course and the end-of-course examination given at the high school granting the credit for the same course, demonstrating proficiency at the high school level. [PRESSPlus1](#) or (3) the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license with an endorsement for the grade level and content area of the course.

A student who successfully completes a course required for a high school diploma while in grades 7 and 8 shall receive academic credit for the course. That academic credit shall satisfy the requirements of Section 27-22 of the School Code 105 ILCS 5/27-615 for purposes of receiving a high school diploma, unless evidence about the course's rigor and content show that the course did not address the relevant Illinois learning standard at the level appropriate for the high school grade during which the course is usually taken. The student's grade in the course shall also be included in the student's grade point average.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.43 and 5/27-61522.10. [PRESSPlus2](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.460](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-615, amended by PA. 104-267, eff. 1-1-26, and renumbered by P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

[PRESSPlus 2](#). The Legal References are updated. **Issue 120, October 2025**