School Board

Exhibit - Waiver and Modification Request Resource Guide

Waiver or Modification	Explanation, Special Considerations, and Resources
Exemptions from Unfunded	Explanation
Mandates, 105 ILCS 5/22-60.	Applies to unfunded or under-funded: (1) mandates in the School Code enacted after 8-20-10, or (2) regulatory mandates promulgated by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and adopted by rule after 8-20-10, other than those promulgated with respect to 105 ILCS 5/22-60 or statutes already enacted on or before 8-20-10.
	Allows the District to petition its Regional Superintendent or an Suburban Cook County Intermediate Service Center Executive Director, whichever is appropriate, to request exemption from implementing the mandate in school(s) in the next school year.
	Special Considerations
	 Whether the significance of the unfunded or underfunded mandate justifies the effort needed to seek an exemption, and The advisability of simultaneously seeking a waiver or modification using Section—105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g (see Explanation section in the row below).
	Resources
	ISBE Rules and Waivers division at:
	www.isbe.net/Pages/Waivers.aspx, (217) 782-5270, or waivers@isbe.net.
School Code Mandates and ISBE	Explanation
Rules, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g, amended by 104-391, amended by P.A. 100-465; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.100.	There are two options for the District (explanations are listed below each option):
	Option 1: Petition ISBE for a <i>waiver</i> of School Code mandates; ISBE forwards the petition for waiver to the Ill. General Assembly for consideration in its next-scheduled report.
	Option 2: Petition ISBE for one or more of the following:
	1. A <i>modification</i> of the mandates in the School Code (this is different than asking for a <i>waiver</i> of mandates in the School Code).

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	The District must develop a plan supporting a waiver or modification request that meets the criteria in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g. See www.isbe.net/Pages/Overview-of-the-Waiver-Process.aspx . 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.100.
	Resources
	ISBE rules at:
	 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.100 (Waiver and Modification of State Board Rules and School Code Mandates) 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.110 (Appeal Process Under Section 22-60 of the School Code)
	ISBE waivers at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Waivers.aspx
	Waiver overview at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Overview-of-the-Waiver-Process.aspx
	Instructions at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Waiver-Application.aspx
	Application form at: www.isbe.net/documents/33-77_waiver_application.pdf
Physical Education, 105 ILCS 5/27-	Explanation
7106, amendrenumbered by P.A. 100-465 P.A. 104-391.	See the <i>Explanation</i> section in the row above.
Driver Education, 105 ILCS 5/27-	Special Considerations
81524.2, renumbered by P.A. 104-	In addition to the <i>Explanation</i> section above:
391 and 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g, amended by P.A. 104-391, amended by P.A. 100 465.	 Physical education is managed as a waiver of School Code mandates discussed in the Explanation section above. A waiver of this School Code mandate may be in effect for up to five years. Recent legislative changes removed any cap applicable to renewal of waivers related to physical education. Driver education fee increases require the District to include the proposed amount of the fee increase: (a) in the public notice; and (b) on the District's website. 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g(c-5). Note: For a sample school district resolution to increase driver education fees, see 4:140-E3, Resolution to Increase Driver Education Fees.
	Resources
	See the <i>Resources</i> section in the row above.
Holidays, 105 ILCS 5/24-2(b).	Explanation
	Allows the District to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff

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	development on certain holidays without submitting a modification request to and obtaining approval from ISBE.
	After a public hearing, the District may hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on:
	 The third Monday in January (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday); February 12 (President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday); The first Monday in March (Casimir Pulaski Day); The second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and/or November 11 (Veterans Day). Special Considerations
	The Board must provide notice before the public hearing
	to both educators and parents/guardians with: (1) the time, date, and place of the hearing; (2) a description of the proposal; and (3) information that testimony from educators and parents/guardians will be taken about the proposal during the hearing.
	The District must prepare a proposal for recognizing the person(s) honored by the holiday through instructional activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day preceding or following that day. The District may also consider aligning the proposal with Board policies 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; and 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day.
	Resources
	See the tab labeled <i>Waivers and modifications no longer needed for legal school holiday requests, most parent-teacher conference schedules</i> on ISBE's website at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Modifications-of-the-School-Codes-and-Rules-of-the-State-Board.aspx .
Parent-Teacher Conferences (Attendance Calculation), 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(d), added by P.A. 101-12.	The District is allowed to count a parent-teacher conference as a full day of attendance under any of the following configurations:
	 A minimum of five clock-hours of parent-teacher conferences; Both a minimum of two clock-hours of parent-teacher conferences held in the evening following a full day of student attendance, and a minimum of three clock-

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	hours of parent-teacher conferences held on the day immediately following evening parent-teacher conferences; or 3. Multiple parent-teacher conferences held in the evenings following full days of student attendance, in which the time used for the parent-teacher conferences is equivalent to a minimum of five clock-hours.	
	Special Considerations	
	Any other options for counting a parent-teacher conference as a full day of attendance not covered by the language above will require a waiver request to the General Assembly for its consideration.	
	The above clock-hour requirements do not apply if the Governor declares a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305/7 and the State Superintendent of Education may establish minimum clock-hour requirements under 105 ILCS 5/10-30. 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(j-5), added by P.A. 101-643. Resources	
	See the tab labeled Waivers and modifications no longer needed for legal school holiday requests, most parent-teacher conference schedules on ISBE's website at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Modifications-of-the-School-Codes-and-Rules-of-the-State-Board.aspx.	

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Exhibit - Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records ¹

[For use by only those \cancel{Dd} istricts that have websites.]

The District's Freedom of Information Officer designates the public records that are listed in this table as being immediately available to the public. The records that are asterisked (*) are posted on the District's website and may be immediately inspected, downloaded, printed, and/or copied. Any asterisked public record is also immediately available for inspection or copying upon request at the District's administrative office during its regular business hours, provided any applicable fees are paid. Unless otherwise noted in the special instructions column, records not asterisked (*) will be provided within five business days as allowed by the Freedom of Information Act, provided any applicable fees are paid.

Web-posted records and information (use of an * is explained in the paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
*Annual schedule of regular meetings for the current school year that are posted at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year	
*Public notice of each Board meeting that is posted at least 48 hours before the meeting and remains posted until the meeting is concluded	
*Agenda of each regular meeting that is posted at least 48 hours before a meeting and remains posted until the meeting is concluded	
Note: For school districts that do not post board meeting notices and/or agendas on a website (because they do not	

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Districts may respond to a FOIA request for a public record published on the district website by directing the requester to the website. However, if the requester is unable to reasonably access the record, the requester may re-submit his or her request, and the district must then make the record available for inspection and copying. See 5 ILCS 140/8.5; see also reference in III. Public Access Counselor binding opinion 10-1. Consult the board attorney for ideas to manage the district's specific FOIA compliance issues.

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¹ This exhibit has two purposes: (1) to identify the data and documents that must be posted on a district's website, if the district has a website; and (2) to fulfill the requirement in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the district's FOIA officer to designate the public records that are immediately available to the public. 5 ILCS 140/3.5(a). Many attorneys agree that using the required items for web-posting is an easy and practical way for the FOIA Officer to develop a list of public records that are *immediately available*. Some attorneys prefer that the district also retain copies of its web-posted public records for immediate inspection and/or copying upon request at the administrative office. The introductory paragraph manages this issue by indicating that copies of certain identified public records will also be immediately available in the district's administrative office. This exhibit suggests identifying public records for immediate availability that are easily reproduced and stored, i.e., not voluminous. The FOIA Officer should customize this list as appropriate to the district's circumstances.

Web-posted records and information (use of an * is explained in the paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
have a website maintained by a full-time staff member), the notice and agenda must be continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding the meeting	
*Official open meeting minutes that are posted within 10 days of the Board's approval and remain posted for at least 60 days (required if the District has a website maintained by a full-time staff member)	()
*Description of the District and its records including:	5 ILCS 140/4.
Summary of the District's purpose	The District must prominently post the list
Functional subdivisions	at each administrative office and make it available for inspection and copying.
Total amount of operating budget	,
Number and location of all of its separate offices	
Approximate number of full- and part-time employees (see also, salary and benefits information report for the Superintendent, administrators, and teachers, District's Statement of Affairs)	
Identification and membership of the Board	
Brief description of the methods whereby the public may request information and public records	
Directory information for the Freedom of Information Officer	
Address where requests for public records should be directed	
Fees	
*A hyperlink to an email address(es) for members of the	50 ILCS 205/20.
public to communicate with members of the Board	The hyperlink must be easily accessible from the District's home page.
Annual budget for current fiscal year, itemized by receipts	105 ILCS 5/17-1.2.
and expenditures	This may be accomplished using the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) <i>School</i>

Web-posted records and information (use of an * is explained in the paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
	District Budget Form (50-36) or the summary pages from it. ²
	The District must notify its students' parents/guardians when the budget is webposted along with its website address.
*Notice of a public hearing under the Truth in Taxation Law, when applicable (required if the District has a website maintained by a full-time staff member)	
*Notice of public hearing on waiver or modification of a School Code mandate, when applicable	105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g(c-5). The time, date, place, and general subject matter of the public hearing must be posted at least 14 days prior to the hearing. If the District is requesting to increase the fee charged for driver education authorized pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/7-24.2, the website information must include the proposed amount of the fee the District will request. See 2:20-E, Waiver and Modification Request Resource Guide.
*District Report Card and a Report Card for each School (the Report Cards will be provided by ISBE by Oct. 31 of each year, unless otherwise provided by law)	105 ILCS 5/10-17a. Annually, no more than 30 calendar days after receiving the Report Cards from the State Superintendent, the District must: (1) present them at a regular Board meeting, (2) post them on the District's website, (3) make them available to a newspaper of general circulation serving the District, and (4) upon request, send them home to parents/guardians. 105 ILCS 5/10-17a(5).

² For school officials who are concerned that some of their district's constituents may not have the proper software to access these documents, ISBE provides links to free *viewer or reader* products that support the ISBE School District Budget Form (50-36). These products can be downloaded and used to access the budget as posted on the district's website. See www.isbe.net/Pages/School-District-Joint-Agreement.aspx.

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	The District also must send a written notice home to parents/guardians stating: (1) that the Report Cards are available on the website, (2) the website's address, (3) that a printed copy will be sent upon request, and (4) the telephone number to request a printed copy. <u>Id</u> .
*Hyperlink to ISBE's Expanded High School Snapshot Report	105 ILCS 5/10-17a(7), added by P.A. 103-503. The hyperlink must be displayed in a manner that is easily accessible to the public. ISBE is required to prepare a standalone report covering high schools beginning 10-31-27 and by Oct. 31 of each subsequent year.
*The District's discipline plan and progress on the plan, in the event the District is identified by ISBE to be in the top 20% (for three consecutive years) of districts for out-of-school suspensions, out-of-school expulsions, or racial disproportionality in the use of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions	
*A list of all contracts in excess of \$25,000 and any contracts with an exclusive bargaining representative	105 ILCS 5/10-20.44-, amended by P.A. 104-261, eff. 1-1-26. There is no statutory timeline for webposting. Each year, before Dec. 1, and in conjunction with the submission publication of the Statement of Affairs to ISBE on the District's website and in a newspaper of general circulation, before Dec. 1, the District must submit to ISBE shall include an annual report on all contracts over \$25,000 awarded during the previous fiscal year.
*Contract(s) with any commercial driver training school(s) for driver education	105 ILCS 5/27-81524.2, renumbered by P.A. 104-391. The District is required to web-post this document if it has a website. If the District

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	has no website, it must make the contract available upon request.
*Annual Statement of Affairs	105 ILCS 5/10-17-, amended by P.A. 104-261, eff. 1-1-26.
	Annually by Dec. 1, tThe District is not required to web post this document. It must, annually by Dec. 1, submit the Statement to ISBE for posting on ISBE's website, have copies of the Statement available in the main administrative office must post its statement of affairs on its website and publish a summary of the Statement in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District.
*Fiscal Efficiency Report, summarizing the District's attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year	105 ILCS 5/17-1.1. The report must be: (1) approved by the Board at an open meeting, ³ and (2) primarily in checklist form and approximately one page in length.
Beginning in levy year 2022, if the District has an aggregate property tax levy greater than \$5,000,000, it will make good faith efforts to electronically publish the following data from all vendors and subcontractors doing business with the District: Whether the vendor or subcontractor is minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned	The law does not define <i>electronically publish</i> ; website posting is a means of compliance. This item is not asterisked should the District choose to electronically
Whether the vendor or subcontractor holds a certification as a minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned business as defined in 30 ILCS 575/, or if they are self-certifying; and	
If the vendor self-certifies, whether it qualifies as a small business under federal Small Business Administration	

³ 105 ILCS 5/17-1.1 specifies that the report must be approved by the board at an "open meeting that allows for public comment." The public comment qualification is omitted here because it is redundant; all open meetings must have a period during which the public can offer comments. See sample policy 2:230, *Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board*. This report is included in a district's annual financial report as the *Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing*. See www.isbe.net/Pages/Annual-Financial-Report.aspx.

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standards (See <u>www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-guide/size-standards</u>).	
*Notice of a public hearing at which the Board will consider closing a school, when applicable	105 ILCS 5/10-22.13. The notice of the public hearing must be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing and include the time, date, place, and name or description of the school building that the Board is considering closing.
*Explanation of the data elements of covered information ⁴ that the District collects, maintains, or discloses to any person, entity, third party, or governmental agency. *A description of the procedures ⁵ that parents/guardians may use to carry out their rights under 105 ILCS 85/33(c)(1), (2), & (3), including the right to: Inspect and review their child's covered information Request a paper or electronic copy of their child's covered information Request corrections for factual inaccuracies contained in their child's covered information	The explanation of data elements of covered information must be clear and understandable by a layperson and cover the following: (1) how the District uses the covered information; (2) to whom or what entities the District discloses the covered information; and (3) for what purpose the
*A list of operators with whom the District has written agreements and the following for each operator: Copy of the agreement Business address List of any subcontractors to whom covered information may be disclosed or a link to a page on the operator's website that clearly lists the subcontractors	The District must post new operator contracts and an explanation of the data elements of covered information disclosed to the operator (see immediate row above) within 10 business days after entering into

⁴ Covered information means personally identifiable information or material (PII) or information linked to PII in any media or format that is not publicly available and is any of the following: (1) created by or provided to an operator by a student or the student's parent/guardian in the course of the student's/guardian's use of the operator's site, service or application for K-12 school purposes; (2) created by or provided to an operator by an employee or agent of the District; or (3) gathered by an operator through the operation of its site, service, or application. 105 ILCS 85/5. Operators are entities that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and used for K-12 school purposes. Id. See sample administrative procedure 7:345-AP, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security, for additional information regarding posting requirements under Student Online Personal Protection Act, 105 ILCS 85/, and sample exhibit 7:345-AP, E1, Student Covered Information Reporting Form, for a sample reporting format.

⁵ See sample exhibit 7:345-AP, E4, *Notice of Parent Rights Regarding Student Covered Information*. Districts may choose to, but are not required to, include a description of these procedures in a student handbook.

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	This list must also be updated by Jan. 31 and July 31 each year, as needed.
*A list of <i>breaches</i> of covered information maintained by the school or an operator involving 10% or more of the District's student enrollment. The list must include: Number of students whose covered information was involved in the breach, unless the breach involved <i>personal information</i> as defined in the Personal Information Protection Act, 815 ILCS 530/5, in which case the number of students involved may not be disclosed Date, estimated date, or estimated date range of the breach Name of the operator, if applicable	The District must update breach information by Jan. 31 and July 31 each year, and it must remain on the District's website for at least five years after the District adds it to the list. Breaches that occurred (or were estimated to have
*Board policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment *Information developed as a result of the evaluation and assessment of the bullying policy's outcomes and effectiveness	renumbered by P.A. 104-391.
*Contact information for the District's Title IX Coordinator(s) and Board policies 2:260, <i>Uniform Grievance Procedure</i> ; and 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i>	Ü
Training materials for any individuals designated as Title IX Coordinator(s), investigators, decision-makers, and informal resolution facilitators	34 C.F.R. §106. 45(b)(10)(i)(D). Naming only the training provider and course does not meet this requirement. The U.S. Dept. of Education (DOE) requires training materials to be publicly available "so that a district's approach to training Title IX personnel may be transparently viewed by the [district's] educational community and the public, including for the purpose of holding a [district] accountable for using training materials

^{6 105} ILCS 85/27(d) states that individual notification to the parent/guardian of a child whose covered information was breached may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that notification will interfere with a criminal investigation and provides the District with a written request for a delay of notice. This basis for delay does not specifically apply to the more general website notification of a breach, however, such a delay may also be warranted depending upon the circumstances. Consult the board attorney for guidance on this issue.

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	that comply with [Title IX] regulations." 85 Fed. Reg. 30254. Consult the Board Attorney regarding this requirement; making training materials of third-party consultants publicly available may violate their intellectual property rights. The DOE acknowledged the potential for intellectual property violations, suggesting that districts either "secure permission from the consultant to publish the training materials" or create their own training materials. 85 Fed. Reg. 30412.
*Board policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited, and age-appropriate explanations of its contents in student handbook(s)	105 ILCS 5/10-20.69. The District must have an age-appropriate policy on sexual harassment (1) in the student handbook(s), (2) posted on the District's website, and (3) posted in any other area where policies, rules and standards of conduct are posted in each school.
*Board policy 7:255, Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence, and procedures for requesting supportive services	466, a/k/a Ensuring Success in School Law,
	Procedures for requesting supportive services that are available at the building level and on building-specific websites should include the building-level Article 26A Resource Person's name and contact information. See administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence.
*Board policy 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention	105 ILCS 5/2-3.166.
*Contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988), and the Crisis Text Line (Text 741741), and the Safe2Help Illinois helpline (Call 844-4-SAFEIL or Text SAFE2 to 72332) if the District does not issue	103-143 and 104-264, eff. 1-1-26.

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student identification cards to all students in grades 6-12 or school employees serving those grades	
*Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report (itemized salary report for the Superintendent and all administrators and teachers); benefits includes, without limitation, vacation days, sick days, bonuses, annuities, and retirement enhancements	Annually on or before Oct. 1: (1) the
All records pertaining to the creation, alteration or revision of school attendance areas shall be open to the public	
*Vacancies for teaching positions in a subject shortage area, before hiring a retired teacher to any such position	40 ILCS 5/16-150.1, amended by P.A. 103-588. The District must, on an ongoing basis, post the vacancy for a period of at least 90 days during the six months preceding either the fall or spring term for which it seeks to employ a retired teacher in a subject shortage area. This posting requirement is in effect for employment ending no later than June 30, 2027.
*Information regarding a Severance Agreement entered into because an employee or contractor was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination	50 ILCS 205/3c. Within 72 hours of Board approval, the District must post: (1) the name/title of person receiving payment under the severance agreement, (2) the amount of payment, (3) that the employee or contractor was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, as applicable, and (4) the

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 $^{^{7}}$ 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 does not specify whether a district must provide employee names as part of its salary and benefits report. The general practice of districts has been to include names in the report. Consult the board attorney for guidance.

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	date, time, and location of the meeting at which the agreement was approved.
	Note: The Government Severance Pay Act (GSPA), 5 ILCS 415/10(a)(2), prohibits an employee of a school district with contract provisions for severance pay from receiving any severance if the employee is fired by the board for <i>misconduct</i> , which includes sexual harassment and/or discrimination. <u>Id.</u> at 415/5. For more discussion about the reconciling these laws, see f/n 7 in sample policy 2:260, <i>Uniform Grievance Procedure</i> .
*As an employer that participates in the Ill. Municipal	5 ILCS 120/7.3.
Retirement Fund (IMRF), a compensation report for employees who have a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year; total compensation package means salary, health insurance, a housing allowance, a vehicle allowance, a clothing allowance, bonuses, loans, vacation days granted, and sick days granted	The report must be posted within six business days after the District approves a budget. The District may choose to post a physical copy of this information at its principal office in lieu of posting the information directly on the website in which case it must post directions on the website for accessing that information.
	The Ill. Attorney General's office has not provided guidance concerning whether this requirement applies to employees who do not participate in IMRF, e.g., Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) participants.
*As an employer that participates in the IMRF, a	5 ILCS 120/7.3.
compensation report for employees who have a total compensation package that is equal to or in excess of \$150,000 per year; total compensation package means payment by the employer to the employee for salary, health insurance, a housing allowance, a vehicle allowance, a clothing allowance, bonuses, loans, vacation days granted, and sick days granted	The report must be posted at least six days before the District approves an employee's total compensation package that is equal to or in excess of \$150,000. The District may choose to post a physical copy of this information at its principal office in lieu of posting the information directly on the website in which case it must post directions on the website for accessing that information.
	The Ill. Attorney General's office has not provided guidance concerning whether this requirement applies to employees who do

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	not participate in IMRF, e.g., TRS participants.
*As an employer that participates in IMRF, a link to information posted on the IMRF website at: www.imrf.org/en/about-imrf/transparency/employer- cost-and-participation-information	40 ILCS 5/7-135.5.
*Board policy 5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest	105 ILCS 5/22-85.5(e).
*A description of activities to address intergroup conflict (an optional program authorized by 105 ILCS 27-23.6)	105 ILCS 5/27- <u>1050</u> 23.6 (c), renumbered by P.A. 104-391.
The total number of personnel with a school support personnel endorsement, and for each endorsement area: 1. Those actively employed by the District on a full-time basis; 2. Those actively employed by the District on a part-time basis; and 3. Those actively employed by a special education cooperative providing services to students in the District	
The total number of students enrolled in the District and of that total, the number of students with an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan	105 ILCS 5/2-3.182. Annually by Dec. 1, ISBE must make the enrollment information available on its website based on the District's enrollment information as of Oct. 1.
*Notice that students with disabilities who do not qualify for an IEP may qualify for services under Section 504	105 ILCS 5/14-6.01. The notice shall: (1) identify the location and phone number of the District office or employee to whom inquiries about the identification, assessment, and placement of children with disabilities should be directed, and (2) inform parents/guardians who are deaf or do not typically communicate using spoken English that they are entitled to the services of an interpreter when participating in a Section 504 meeting.
*Class size reporting that includes the information described in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.136a:	105 ILCS 5/10-20.70. Annually, the District must report its class size information, which ISBE must make available on its website by Jan. 31 (see

-	ecords and information (use of an * is ne paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
in the late of the put	chool in the District and the total number of or class sections in each school that exceed ass size guidelines under 105 ILCS 5/18-10(2) (evidence-based funding core teacher	report.aspx). See 105 ILCS 5/2-3.136a for definitions of the italicized terms.
	ard members who have completed evelopment leadership training	105 ILCS 5/10-16a requires the District to post on its website the names of all Board members who have completed professional development leadership training. The webposting may be expanded to log all Board members' training and development activities.
		5 ILCS 120/1.05(b) and (c) require each Board member to complete training on the Open Meetings Act. After completing the training, each Board member must file a copy of their certificate of completion with the Board.
		105 ILCS 5/24-16.5 requires each Board member to complete a training program on performance evaluations before voting on a dismissal based on a performance evaluation pursuant to the Performance Evaluation Reform Act.
Immunization	data reported to ISBE by each Nov. 15	105 ILCS 5/22-1057-8.1(6), renumbered by P.A. 104-391.
		By Dec. 1, the District must annually make the immunization <i>data</i> that it must report to ISBE by Nov. 15 each year publicly available. The data, not its format, must be identical to the data reported to ISBE. Boards have control over the method(s) used to make this data publicly available. One method is to instruct the reader to ask for the data directly from ISBE.

Web-posted records and information (use of an * is explained in the paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
Information on mental health issues and local treatment resources	The III. House of Representatives encouraged this in HR 478 (99th General Assembly, 5-31-15).
*All reliable assessments, scored by entities other than the District that are administered in each of the District's schools	105 ILCS 5/22-82(b). These must be made available to parents and/or guardians through the District's website or paper handouts.
*The District's Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan, when the Governor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305/7.	105 ILCS 5/10-30(6).
*When the Board allows for student participation in registered apprenticeship programs: 1. Notification to students and parents of the opportunities for registered apprenticeships, which includes the following statements: a. Students may participate in any registered apprenticeship program listed by the District, and b. Students may find a registered, but not listed, apprenticeship program with a business or organization if a registered apprenticeship program is not offered in the District. 2. Board policy 6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students (specifically, the section titled Registered Apprenticeship Program) 3. A form for a parent/guardian to request that when their child successfully completes a registered apprenticeship program, it be substituted for a course	
*If offered by the District, identification of the curriculum the District uses to provide comprehensive personal health and safety and comprehensive sexual health education (National Sex Education Standards (NSES)), the scope and sequence of these instructional materials, and the name and contact information, including an email address, of a school staff member who can respond to inquiries about instruction and materials	105 ILCS 5/27-10159.1a, renumbered by P.A. 104-391.

Web-posted records and information (use of an * is explained in the paragraph above this table)	Web-posting statutory reference and special instructions
*Board policy 6:135, Accelerated Placement Program	23 Ill.Admin.Code §227.60(a).
*Board policy 7:70, Attendance and Truancy	105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(k), amended by P.A. 104-250, eff. 1-1-26; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §207.20(b).
*Board policy 2:270, Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited	105 ILCS 5/22-95, added by P.A. 103-472.
*The name(s) of designated Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS)-trained employee(s) in each	105 ILCS 5/2-3.163(c), amended by P.A. 103-504.
school within the District.	Every public school must designate at least one employee to take the Ill. Dept. of Human Services' PUNS training. <u>Id</u> . See Board policy 5:100, <i>Staff Development Program</i> .
*If the District has one or more school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system, notice to drivers that its buses are so equipped.	625 ILCS 5/11-208.9(m).
*Type 1 diabetes informational material.	105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 103-641. The informational materials to be posted are those made available on ISBE's website.
*Local postsecondary and career expectations framework	105 ILCS 5/10-20.84(a). The framework must be available at a prominent location on the District's website.
*Informational materials about the Illinois Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account program established under the State Treasurer Act.	105 ILCS 5/14-8.02i, amended by P.A. 104-314, eff. 1-1-26. The informational materials are distributed to the District by ISBE and must be posted by the District beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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General School Administration

<u>Exhibit - Event Reporting and Notice Requirements for Building Principals Concerning School Safety and Security</u>

The Building Principal shall comply with all State law reporting and notice requirements for principals. Compliance with the State law reporting and notice requirements is required by Board policy 3:60, *Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal*, in its mandate to "perform all duties as described in State law." The specific statute identified in the following tables should be checked for current requirements. The lists of required reports and notices may not be exhaustive.

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
A student or other person poses a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or others.	The ISP has posted information and
This report is made to the Ill. State Police (ISP) within 24 hours after the Building Principal makes this determination. The Building Principal must also notify the Superintendent or designed whenever he or she makes a clear and present danger report to ISP. 1	instructions at: https://isp.illinois.gov/St aticFiles/docs/FirearmsS afety/Forms/CPD%20Re porting%20handout.pdf.
This report is required by the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/105), and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (405 ILCS 5/6-103.3). The Building Principal may delegate making reports concerning students, but not otherwise.	3:60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
Clear and present danger is defined in 430 ILCS 65/1.1, amended by P.A. 104-270, as a person who:	7:340, Student Records 7:340-AP1, School
(1) communicates a serious threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable victim or poses a clear and imminent risk of serious physical injury to himself, herself, or another person as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, advanced practice psychiatric nurse, or qualified examiner; or	Student Records
(2) demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior, such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions, or other behavior, as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, advanced practice psychiatric nurse, qualified examiner, school administrator, or law enforcement official.	
ISP rules implementing this duty to report are found in 20 Ill.Admin.Code §1230.120(b), and state, in relevant part:	

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¹ Optional and suggested as a best practice. This aligns with sample administrative procedure 4:190-AP2, *Threat Assessment Team*.

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
b) Law enforcement officials and school administrators shall report determinations of a clear and present danger directly to the Department [ISP]. The Department [ISP] shall make a form and instruction for the reporting available to law enforcement officials and school administrators on its website.	
1) Clear and present danger reports shall be reviewed by the Department to deny a FOID [Firearm Owners Identification] card application or revoke a FOID card under Section 8(f) or 8.1(d) of this Act.	
2) Clear and present danger reporting shall be made consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g) to assist the Department [ISP] with protecting the health and safety of the public by denying persons who present a clear and present danger from having lawful access to weapons.	
Note: 430 ILCS 65/8.1(d), as amended by P.A. 104-5, also allows ISP to suspend a person's FOID card.	
A student may be an abused or neglected child or, for a student aged 18 through 21, an abused or neglected individual with a disability. This report is made to the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) immediately upon suspicion or receipt of knowledge. The DCFS Child Abuse Hotline is 800/25-ABUSE (within Illinois) or 217/524-2606 (outside Illinois).	Information and directions are available from DCFS at: www.state.il.us/dcfs/child/index.shtml. 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child
In addition to the Building Principal, all school personnel are required to make this report. A staff member should inform the Building Principal if the staff member made a report; the Building Principal should inform the Superintendent of any report made.	Reporting 7:190-AP6, Administrative Procedure—Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations
This report is required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/), and the Dept. of Human Services Act (20 ILCS 1305/). A knowing and willful failure to make the report to DCFS is a Class A misdemeanor for the first violation and a second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony. 325 ILCS 5/4.	
Child <u>sexual abuse material pornography</u> is discovered on electronic and information technology equipment.	5:90, Abused and Neglected Child
This report is made immediately to local law enforcement, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 800/ <u>THE-LOST843-5678</u> or online at: www.CyberTipline.com https://report.cybertip.org/.	Reporting
According to 325 ILCS 5/4.5,	

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
Electronic and information technology equipment means, equipment used in the creation, manipulation, storage, display, or transmission of data, including internet and intranet systems, software applications, operating systems, video and multimedia, telecommunications products, kiosks, information transaction machines, copiers, printers, and desktop and portable computers. (Italics added.)	
An electronic and information technology equipment worker or the worker's employer is required to make this report by 325 ILCS 5/4.5, amended by P.A. 104-245, eff. 1-1-26.	
Failure to make this report is a business offense subject to a fine of \$1,001. <u>Id</u> . at 5/4.5(e).	
Hazing resulted in bodily harm to any person.	5:90, Abused and
This report is required when the Building Principal or other school personnel or volunteer observes hazing.	Neglected Child Reporting
This report is made to the Superintendent or other supervising authority or, in the event of death or great bodily harm, to law enforcement. 720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1. The statute does not provide a deadline for making the report, but making the report immediately is prudent.	7:190, Student Behavior
Failure to report hazing is a Class B misdemeanor and if the hazing resulted in death or great bodily harm the failure to report is a Class A misdemeanor. <u>Id</u> . at 5/12C-50.1(c).	
The person enrolling a student fails to provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate within 30 days of enrolling the student.	7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To
The Superintendent or designee is required to immediately notify local law enforcement. The Superintendent or designee must also notify the person enrolling the student, in writing, that unless the person complies within 10 days, the case will be referred to local law enforcement for investigation. If the person does not comply within 10 days, the Superintendent or designee refers the case to local law enforcement. 325 ILCS 50/5(b)(2) and 325 ILCS 55/5(b).	and From Non-District Schools 7:50-AP, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
This report is required by the Missing Children Records Act (325 ILCS 50/), and the Missing Children Registration Law (325 ILCS 55/).	
The District receives notification from the ISP of the disappearance of a student currently or previously enrolled.	7:50-AP, School Admissions and Student
The Superintendent or designee is required to flag records pertaining to the student, such that whenever a copy of or information regarding the flagged records is requested, the Superintendent or designee will be alerted. The Superintendent or designee must immediately report to local law enforcement any request concerning flagged records or	Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
knowledge about where the student may be located. 325 ILCS 50/5(a) and 325 ILCS 55/5(a).	
This report is required by the Missing Children Records Act (325 ILCS 50/), and the Missing Children Registration Law (325 ILCS 55/).	
A drug-related incident occurred on school property, including any conveyance used to transport students, or on any public way within 1000 feet of the school.	3:60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
The Building Principal or designee is required to immediately notify the Superintendent or designee and any involved student's parent/guardian. ² The Superintendent or designee is required to immediately report to local law enforcement. 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1B, amended by P.A.s 103-609 (first to pass both houses) and 103-780 (second to pass both houses and controlling). Schools must also report any verified incident involving drugs to the III. State Board of Education (ISBE) through its web-based School Incident Reporting System (SIRS) as it occurs during the year but no later than July 31 for the preceding school year. Id. See f/n 6 in sample administrative procedure 4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan. 105 ILCS 127/2 also requires reporting to the municipal police dept. or office of the county sheriff of the municipality or county where the school is located within 48 hours of becoming aware of the drug violation. 105 ILCS 127/2 sets forth specific drug violations that will trigger this duty to report; however, best practice suggests reporting any drug violation. This report is required by the School Reporting of Drug Violations Act, 105 ILCS 127/.	4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, Letter J. Required Notices
The safety and welfare of students and teachers are threatened by illegal use of drugs and alcohol, by illegal use or possession of weapons, or by illegal gang activity.	3:60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
If this occurs, the Building Principal is required to utilize the resources of proper law enforcement agencies. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.4a.	7:190, Student Behavior

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² Parent/guardian notification is only required by law when the alleged offense is firearm possession by a student or a threat of firearm violence by a student, but parent/guardian notification is suggested here as a best practice. 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1A(b), amended by P.A. 104-174. This aligns with the Required Notices subhead of sample policy 7:190, Student Behavior, and section J. Required Notices of sample administrative procedure 4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, which provide that a parent/guardian will be notified of drug-related incidents and battery of a staff member. See f/n 596 in sample policy 7:190, Student Behavior, and f/n 5 in sample administrative procedure 4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan. If your board has not expanded this notification duty in policy 7:190, Student Behavior, delete "and any involved student's parent/guardian."

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
A student committed a criminal or civil offense.	2:150, Committees
The Superintendent or designee is required to make this report. This report is made to local law enforcement agencies as part of a reciprocal reporting system between the District and local law enforcement agencies. No specified time period is stated in the statute. A reciprocal reporting system is required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, amended by P.A. 104-430.	7:190-AP3, Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students
A threat of gun violence on school grounds is made, or a person on school grounds possesses a firearm.	7:190, Student Behavior 4:170-AP1,
This report is made by the Building Principal or designee to local law enforcement immediately after receiving a report of a <u>threat of gun</u> <u>violence on school grounds or of a person on school grounds possessing a firearm.</u>	Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, Letter J. Required Notices
If the report pertains to a threat of firearm violence made by a student, the Building Principal or designee must attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible and must further attempt to contact the parent/guardian to ensure that the student does not have access to a firearm.	
The Building Principal or designee must also notify the Superintendent or designee and any involved student's parent/guardian, and the Superintendent or designee must also immediately report to local law enforcement. Schools must also report any verified incident involving a firearm to ISBE through SIRS as it occurs during the year but no later than July 31 for the preceding school year. See f/n 6 in sample administrative procedure 4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan.	
These reports are required by 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1A, amended by P.A.s 102-197103-34, 103-609 (first to pass both houses) and 103-780 (second to pass both houses and controlling), and 104-174. A knowing and willful failure to make the report is a petty criminal offense for the first violation and a second or subsequent violation is a Class C misdemeanor. <u>Id</u> .	
A staff member is battered.	4:170-AP1,
This report is made by the Building Principal or designee to the Superintendent or designee and to any involved student's parent/guardian. ³ The Superintendent or designee will immediately report to local law enforcement and will report to ISBE through SIRS as	Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, Letter J. Required Notices

³ See f/n 1, above.

Events Requiring Reports Concerning	Resources
School Safety and Security	
incidents occur during the school year and no later than August 1 for the preceding school year. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.7, amended by P.A. 102-894.	
A student engaged in aggressive behavior. The Superintendent or designee is required to make this report. This report is made to the parent/guardian of a student who engaged in aggressive behavior including, without limitation, bullying. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(d). No specific time period is stated in the statute.	7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment 7:190, Student Behavior
	7:190-E1, Aggressive Behavior Reporting Letter and Form

Required Notices Concerning School Safety and Security	Resources
Human Trafficking Hotline.	Notice available for
The Superintendent or designee ensures the Ill. Dept. of Human Services' notice is posted in conspicuous and accessible locations such as administrative offices or other locations in view of school employees.	download at: www.dhs.state.il.us/page. aspx?item=82023.
This notice is required by the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act, 775 ILCS 50/.	
Lead in Drinking Water.	4:170, Safety
If samples from any drinking water lead test performed in any District school(s) exceed five parts per billion, the Superintendent or designee provides notification of the sampling results to the parents or guardians of all enrolled students.	
This notification is required by 225 ILCS 320/35.5(c)(3).	
Sex Offender Information is Available.	4:170, Safety
This notice is provided to the parents/guardians of students at either registration or parent-teacher conferences.	4:175-AP1, Criminal Offender Notification
Either the Building Principal or teacher shall notify the parents/guardians that information about sex offenders is available on the ISP website. 730 ILCS 152/120(g).	Laws; Screening 4:175-AP1, E1, Informing
This notice is required by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, 730 ILCS 152/120(g).	Parents/Guardians About Offender Community Notification Laws

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Exhibit - State Law Graduation Requirements

This exhibit is intended as a reference, but it may not reflect recent legislative updates. Before relying on it, check the Ill. General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov, for the current statute. Note: There is a lag between when a bill becomes law and when the law is updated at www.ilga.gov.

The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-60522, amended by P.A. 104-387 and amended and renumbered by P.A. 104-391s 101-464, 101-654, 101-643, 102-366, 102-551, and 102-864, and 105 ILCS 5/22-87, added by P.A. 101-180amended by P.A.s 104-13 and 104-14, contains the following course requirements and financial aid application requirement for a student in Illinois to receive a high school diploma. Other graduation requirements, including additional course requirements, if any, are contained in School Board policy 6:300, Graduation Requirements. For guidance in offering the coursework necessary to meet the State graduation requirements, see the Ill. State Board of Education, State Graduation Requirements, Guidance Document (202516), available at: www.isbe.net/Documents/grad_require.pdf.

State Law Graduation Requirements

105 ILCS 5/27-22605, amended by P.A. 104-387 and amended and renumbered by P.A. 104-391s-101-464, 101-643.

101-654, 102-366, 102-551, and 102-864.

Required high school courses.

- (a) (d) are not listed because they are blank in the statute.
- (e) **Through the 2023-2024 school year**, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete all of the following courses:
 - (1) Four years of language arts.
 - (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
 - (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content, and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. A mathematics course that includes geometry content may be offered as an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or career and technical education course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.
 - (3.5) For pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2022-2023 school year and 2023-2024 school year, one year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social studies, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
 - (4) Two years of science.
 - (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government and, beginning with

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- pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at least one semester must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. School districts may utilize private funding available for purposes of offering civics education. Beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter, one semester, or part of one semester, may include a financial literacy course.
- (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement under subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course requirement under this subdivision (6).
- (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform school districts of standards for writing-intensive coursework.
- (e-5) **Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year**, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete all of the following courses:
 - (1) Four years of language arts.
 - (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. If applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
 - (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. A mathematics course that includes geometry content may be offered as an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or career and technical education course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.
 - (3.5) One year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social studies, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
 - (4) Two years of laboratory science.
 - (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government and at least one semester must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. School districts may utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering civics education. One semester, or part of one semester, may include a financial literacy course.
 - (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, (D) vocational career and technical education, or (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement under subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course requirement under this subdivision (6).

- (e-10) Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete 2 years of foreign language courses, which may include American Sign Language. A pupil may choose a third year of foreign language to satisfy the requirement under paragraph (6) of subsection (e-5).
 - (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform school districts of standards for writing-intensive coursework.
- (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement computer science course to high school students, then the school board must designate that course as equivalent to a high school mathematics course and must denote on the student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this Section.
 - (g) Theis amendatory Acts of 1983 and of the 94th General Assembly do not apply to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an Individualized Education Program. ¹
 - Subdivision (3.5) of subsection (e) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.
 - Subsection (e-5) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program. Subsection (e-10) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.
 - (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the provisions of Section 27-22.05610 [substitutions for required courses].
 - (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Management Agency Act.

105 ILCS 5/22-87, added by P.A. 101-180 amended by P.A.s 104-13 and 104-14.

Graduation requirements; Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

- (a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, in addition to any other requirements under this Code, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma from a public high school, the parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must comply with either of the following:
 - (1) File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid with the United States Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for State financial aid.
 - (2) On a form created by the State Board of Education, file a waiver with the student's school district indicating that the parent or guardian or, if applicable, the student understands what the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and application for State financial aid are and has chosen not to file an application under paragraph (1).

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¹ This section has been modified to delete older, irrelevant language that still appears in the statute.

(b) Each school district with a high school must require each high school student to comply with this Section and must provide to each high school student and, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to comply with this Section. A school district must award a high school diploma to a student who is unable to meet the requirements of subsection (a) due to extenuating circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i) the student has met all other graduation requirements under this Code and (ii) the principal attests that the school district has made a good faith effort to assist the student or, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an application or a waiver under subsection (a).

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each high school must designate at least one member of its staff as a contact for matters related to this Section, annually provide the individual's name and contact information to the State Board of Education and Illinois Student Assistance Commission in a form and manner that these agencies prescribe, and inform high school seniors that this individual is available to answer questions about this Section or to refer them to an appropriate resource, which may include, but is not limited to, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The contact shall serve as a designated point of contact for information from the State Board of Education and Illinois Student Assistance Commission related to this Section, including the free resources available to their students and schools to help them comply with this Section. A person designated as a point of contact under this Section shall, upon designation, be required to complete an initial orientation and, thereafter, shall be encouraged to participate in annual briefings. The individual shall be eligible to receive professional development hours for both the initial orientation and subsequent annual briefings, as applicable. 2

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the school district shall provide appropriate support to each high school student to assist with education about and the completion of a financial aid application as described in subsection (a). This support may be offered in a variety of formats, times, and settings and shall include an opportunity for the student to request and receive help during the school day in completing the student's portion of the financial aid application. The high school may request assistance from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to support the completion of financial aid applications, including application completion events and individual assistance, at no cost to the high school. A high school student may choose whether to use the support or assistance provided under this Section.

A school district must award a high school diploma to a student who is unable to meet the requirements of subsection (a) due to extenuating circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i) the student has met all other graduation requirements under this Code and (ii) the principal attests that the school district has made a good faith effort to assist the student or, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an application or a waiver under subsection (a).

(c) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this Section.

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² The second and third paragraphs of 105 ILCS 5/22-87(b) reflect additions made by P.A.s 104-13 and 104-14, respectively. Because these public acts amended the same subsection, the final appearance of this subsection in the III. Compiled Statutes may be different than shown in this sample exhibit.

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Instruction

Exhibit – Form for Exemption from Financial Aid Application Completion

This form is to be used to document a parent/guardian or student's exemption from the State law requirement to file, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma:

- 1. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at https://studentaid.gov/;
- 2. An application for State financial aid at www.isac.org/students/before-college/financial-aid-planning/retention-of-illinois-rise-act/; or
- 3. An Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) FAFSA Nonparticipation Form and instructions on accessing and completing the Form are at: www.isbe.net/Pages/FAFSA.aspxwww.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA Non-Participation-Form.pdf. 105 ILCS 5/22-87(b), amended by P.A. 104-13 and 104-14 added by P.A. 101-180; 23 Ill.Admin Code §1.440(c)(4).

Return a copy of thise completed form to the parent/guardian or student and keep a copy in the student's file.

Completed by <u>Ss</u> tudent's parent/guardian or <u>sS</u> tudent, if 18 years or older or legally emancipated.
Student's Name:
Address:
School:
Grade:
I am unable to file a FAFSA, an application for State financial aid, or an ISBE FAFSA Nonparticipation Form because of the following:
Completed by the High School Principal.
Due to extenuating circumstances, the Student is unable to file a FAFSA, an application for State financial aid, or an ISBE FAFSA Nonparticipation Form:
☐ Yes ☐ No, exemption denied
(Complete next portion only if the answer is Yes above)
I attest that the District has made the following good faith efforts to assist the Student's parent/guardian or Student, if applicable, in filing an application or a waiver from this requirement:

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The student has met all other State law graduation req Yes, exemption approved No, exemption de	
High School Principal Signature	Date



<u>Instruction</u>

Exhibit - Class Substitution Request 1

Students in grades 9-12 may satisfy one or more high school courses or graduation requirements by successfully completing related vocational or technical education courses, or a registered apprenticeship program. Students participating in a registered apprenticeship program must be at least 16 years old.

This request for class substitution must be completed by the student's parent/guardian (or by the student who is at least 18 years of age) and submitted to the Building Principal for approval. Such requests will be kept in the student's temporary school record in accordance with 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.445 (as applicable) and Section 4 of the Ill. School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/4).

Student Name (please print)		Grade
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)	Telephone	Student Birthdate
Class Requesting to Substitute		Fechnical Course/Registered hip Program Substitute
Student Signature		Date
Parent/Guardian Signature (For students	s under age 18)	Date
Request for class substitution:	Approved Denied	
Building Principal		Date
Building Principal		Date

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¹ Optional. But, if offered, it must be included in board policy. 105 ILCS 5/27-61022.05, amended and renumbered by P.A. 104-391; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.445; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §255.200. See sample policy 6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students.

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Students

Exhibit - Memorandum of Understanding

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) vary by community. This exhibit contains two sample MOUs in two subheads: General Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Beginning 7-1-26, an SRO MOU is required for any district that uses an SRO. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5), added by P.A. 104-430. Depending upon the needs in the District, each MOU is designed to stand alone or be combined into one MOU.

Use these sample MOUs to develop the District's MOU with (1) assistance from the Board Attorney, (2) careful attention to the footnotes, which provide instructions, information, best practice considerations, and other resources, (3) alignment of their sample language to the District's or its individual school building's local conditions and student discipline needs, (4) careful attention to [INSERT] the requested information and fill boxes and blanks with the information indicated in the final MOU, (5) deletions of all sample language not used from the final MOU, (6) deletions of all footnotes from the final MOU.

General Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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A. Introduction

In consideration of the mutual promises, terms, and conditions set forth in the sections below, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby expressly acknowledged, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by [INSERT District's

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¹ Consult the Board Attorney about developing these sample MOU(s). Neither sample is meant to replace existing MOU(s) that the District may have with any Local Law Enforcement Agency (LLEA), but they may be helpful in reviewing any existing MOU(s). The District may have several General MOU agreements with multiple LLEAs.

² See f/n 1, and specifically discuss posting this as a contract on the District's website pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-20.44.

The LLEA is organized and operates as follows: ⁴
The District is organized and operates as follows: 3
The District and LLEA agree that they may enter into and participate in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance (Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., and Board Policy 1:20, District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements).
DATES day of, 20].

The District and LLEA further agree to the following sections:

B. Definitions/Acronyms ⁵

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Defines a local law enforcement agency's role in schools and describes the respective duties of a school district and local law enforcement agencies (105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b) encourages school districts to create memoranda of understanding (MOU) with law enforcement agencies). Its purpose is to prevent confusion, decrease conflict, and promote school safety.

Leadership Team (Team) - A group of designated key staff members from each party. These individuals will be responsible for the implementation of the MOU. They will communicate directly with each other about MOU issues.

Local Law Enforcement Agency (LLEA) - A police department or State's Attorney's Office within the District's boundaries.

Police Officer - A police officer employed by the LLEA but who is not specifically assigned to the District or any of its buildings.

School Resource Officer (SRO) - A police officer who is assigned to the District or any of its buildings through an intergovernmental agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the LLEA. ⁶

C. MOU Leadership Team (Team)

The following individuals are designated for the MOU Team as described in Section B, above.

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³ Use the Board's statement from policy 1:20, *District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements*. Delete this statement if the Board does not have a statement or does not want to include it in the MOU.

⁴ Delete this statement if the local law enforcement agency does not have or provide a statement.

⁵ Amend these definitions to align with the local community.

⁶ See 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68, amended by P.A. 104-430.

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L	LEA Staff: 8			

D. District Authority Over the Educational Environment 9

The District has identified the need for a partnership with LLEA. LLEA will partner with District school officials to manage substantially disruptive student behavior and discipline issues. Collaboration between the District and LLEA and respect for the important role each party holds in connection with our community's youth are essential to the success of the mission of both parties. Where it is necessary for LLEA to be present on school property, its employees will conduct themselves according to the District's principles of schooling and interactions with minors, will not knowingly communicate false facts or lie to minors, ¹⁰ and will always recognize the responsibility and authority of the District's officials to manage the educational environment and work with them to minimize any impact its actions might have upon that environment. The District's management authority includes the ability to order the LLEA to leave District property immediately.

Both parties recognize that disciplining students is better left for District officials to manage, especially in light of 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b). If a student in the District is recommended for prosecution in a court of law, the Team conferences about the most appropriate form of discipline for the student. Final discretion regarding discipline lies with the District. Final discretion regarding whether to charge an individual with an ordinance, criminal, or traffic violation lies with the LLEA.

E. Identified Needs for Services to Maintain the Educational Environment 11

LLEA's activities shall align to the District's identified needs for creating and maintaining its educational environment. All services rendered by LLEA for the District shall seek to implement a partnership that creates effective and positive school student discipline that (a) functions in concert with efforts to address school safety and climate; (b) utilizes all appropriate and available

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⁷ Individuals for the District may include principals, teachers, school-employed mental health professionals, instruction/curriculum professionals, and a staff member skilled in data collection analysis.

²⁰ ILCS 1705/76, added by P.A. 101–45, requires the Ill. Dept. of Public Health to create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website that contains mental health resources specifically geared toward school social workers, school counselors, parents, teachers, and school support personnel. See the database at: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=118331.

⁸ Individuals for the LLEA may include employees who have demonstrated interest and/or training in challenges specific to schools.

⁹ 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b), amended by P.A. 104-430. See f/n 1. Defining parameters helps prevent school buildings from becoming unintended extensions of the LLEA. Discuss how the case law on this concept applies to the District and the MOU terms and insert any recommendations. See also the Ill. Council of School Attorneys' *Guidelines for Interview of Students*, at: www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf.

¹⁰ Prohibiting the LLEA from communicating false facts or lying to minors is optional, but it aligns with new legislation that prohibits law enforcement and juvenile officers from lying to minors suspected of a crime during interrogation. 705 ILCS 405/5-401.6 and 725 ILCS 5/103-2.2, added by P.A. 102-101.

¹¹ This section lists communications and reports that are required or authorized by the School Code to be exchanged between the District and its LLEAs. Discuss local conditions within the District to determine other services that may be needed from the LLEA to maintain ideal educational environments. School climate surveys may also provide data to determine these needs.

behavioral and disciplinary interventions, including restorative measures as defined in 105 ILCS 5/22-110-27-23.7(b)¹²; (c) is clear, consistent, and equitable; and (d) reinforces positive behaviors.

- 1. The District's identified needs for services from LLEA are each of the following:
 - a. When requested, assistance with conducting inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the District for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs. If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law, local ordinance, or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized by school authorities and turned over to law enforcement authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(e) and 10-22.10a.
 - b. Utilization by Building Principals of proper law enforcement agency resources when the safety and welfare of students and teachers are threatened by illegal use of drugs and alcohol, by illegal possession or use of weapons, or by illegal gang activity. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.4a.
 - c. Cooperation with the parent-teacher advisory committee to develop policy guideline procedures that establish and maintain a reciprocal reporting system between the District applicable local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal and civil offenses committed by students. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b) and see Board Policy 2:150, Committees.
 - d. Immediate required reporting to local law enforcement authorities by the superintendent of batteries committed against teachers, teacher personnel, administrative personnel, or educational support personnel. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.7, amended by P.A. 102 894.
 - e. Immediate required notification by the Building Principal or his or her designee to a local law enforcement agency upon receiving a report that any person has been observed in possession of a firearm on school grounds, becomes aware of any person in possession of a firearm on school grounds, or becomes aware of any threat of gun violence on school grounds, other than a law enforcement official engaged in the conduct of his or her official duties. 105 ILCS 5/10 27.1A.
 - f. Upon receipt of a report from any school personnel regarding a verified incident involving a firearm in a school or on school owned or leased property, immediate required notification by the Superintendent or designee to the local law enforcement authorities of all such firearm-related incidents occurring in a school or on school property. 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1A.
 - g. Upon receipt of a report from any school personnel regarding a verified incident involving prohibited ¹³ drugs in a school or on school owned or leased property, immediate required reporting by the Superintendent or designee to the local law enforcement authorities of all such drug-related incidents occurring in a school or on school property. 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1B.

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¹² Optional. See 105 ILCS 5/22-11027-23.7, amended by P.A. 102-241, renumbered by P.A. 104-391, and sample policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

¹³ Prohibited is added because 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1B includes cannabis in its definition of *drugs*, but cannabis may be allowed in a school or on school property under limited circumstances. See f/n 11 in policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

	with LLEA for the purposes of keeping schools safe and providing education or training.
i.	Based upon locally based District outcomes, the District has identified these additional needs: ¹⁴

h. Implementation of other sections of the School Code that authorize the District to work

- 2. The LLEA has identified partnership needs from the District, which include each of the following:
 - a. Sharing required reports to applicable Building Principals whenever a child enrolled in the District is detained for proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/), or for any criminal offense or any violation of a municipal or county ordinance (105 ILCS 5/22-20). The report shall include the basis for detaining the child, circumstances surrounding the events that led to the child's detention, and status of proceedings. The report shall be updated as appropriate to notify the Building Principal of developments and the disposition of the matter. Building Principals shall keep this information separate from the official school record of the student and ensure that it does not become part of the official school record of the student. Such information shall not be a public record and will be used solely by the appropriate school official or officials that the Building Principal determines have a legitimate educational or safety interest to aid in the proper rehabilitation of the child and to protect the safety of students and employees in the school. 105 ILCS 5/22-20.
 - b. In accordance with administrative procedure 7:190-AP3, Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students, transmitting juvenile law enforcement records concerning a minor enrolled in any District school who has been arrested or taken into custody for certain offenses. 705 ILCS 405/1-7(A)(8)(A) and 405/5-905(1)(h)(A) and see Section H., Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students, below.

c.	Based upon needs:	locally-based	LLEA	outcomes,	the	LLEA	has	identified	these	additional

F. Annual Evaluation of MOU; Renewal; Termination

The parties will periodically review the MOU for relevancy, monitor its terms for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required. This review may align with the School Board's annual policy review and monitoring calendar. The MOU will remain in effect and

For more discussion about identifying and developing additional needs, see the discussion in f/n 27.

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¹⁴ Use school climate surveys and other information to identify additional needs from the LLEA, which may include, but not be limited to requiring the LLEA to:

Cooperate with building principals and staff to coordinate and develop delinquency prevention programs, anticrime programs and/or school emergency plans or other safety-related plans, including targeted school violence prevention efforts, and

[•] Explain the LLEA's role in society.

automatically renew from year to year unless terminated. Any party may terminate its participation in this MOU upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other(s).

G. Record Sharing ¹⁵

Both parties recognize the privacy protections of federal and State law in the disclosure of student records. When sharing information, State and federal laws regarding *school student records* apply. See the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99) and the Illinois School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/; 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375). The applicable federal and/or State law shall control, and the District may refuse disclosure requests by LLEA without a warrant or subpoena/court order. The SRO and LLEA's officers shall at all times recognize and comply with the confidentiality of student and education records and may only seek such records in accordance with the requirements of the District's Policy 7:340, *Student Records*.

School student records may only be released to the LLEA by the Building Principal. Information kept by law enforcement professionals working in a school is not considered a school student record. See 105 ILCS 10/2. Information derived from reports of law enforcement to principals regarding students detained for proceedings are not considered a school student record. 105 ILCS 5/22-20. The school student records definition and 7:340-AP1, School Student Records are incorporated into this agreement.

Within its standard operating procedures, the LLEA will include training for its officers about these laws, along with information about how to access the District's policies and procedures for school student records. For general guidance both parties will refer to *Answers to FAQs Responding to a Subpoena* (Illinois Council of School Attorneys, Revised October 2021) at:

www.iasb.com/IASB/media/School-Law/FAQ Responding to Subpoena.pdf.

H. Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students 16

As outlined in Section E.2.b., above, the District and LLEA's officers shall at all times recognize and comply with (a) the School Code requirements for a reciprocal reporting system regarding criminal and civil offenses committed by students (105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b)), and (b) the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the School Code's requirements for the management and sharing of law enforcement records and other information about students who have contact with LLEA.

The District's administrative procedure 7:190-AP3, Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students is incorporated into this MOU.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to impose upon any party a duty to report information to any other party that is not otherwise required by law. This MOU shall not be interpreted as making an obligation of a party mandatory that is otherwise discretionary under the law or vice versa. No party to this MOU waives any defenses or immunities it otherwise has under the law, including without limitation any immunities under the Sections 2-204 or 2-205 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act or the State Employee Indemnification Act. 5 ILCS 350/.

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¹⁵ For Sections G – L, see f/n 1 and ensure that the language for these sections aligns to local conditions. These sections may duly apply to an SRO-specific agreement. See f/n 26 for instructions to add them to the sample School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU below. For further resources, see f/n 1 in policy 7:150, Agency and Law Enforcement Requests Police Interviews.

^{16 &}lt;u>Id</u>. Replace this section with a reference to any existing reciprocal reporting agreements already in place. <u>Important</u>: exiting reciprocal reporting agreement(s) may be a part of a larger countywide agreement(s).

I. Live Feeds

The District will provide access to its live feeds to one or more of its buildings in the event of a health or safety emergency. Access is strictly to allow LLEA tactical forces to become familiar with current conditions that underlie the health or safety emergency in the District's building(s). ¹⁷

J. Cell Phone/Electronic Device Searches 18

The established procedures between the parties for searching cell phones/electronic devices must be followed. Both parties agree that cell phone/electronic device searches involve Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues and the federal Stored Communication Act (SCA) (18 U.S.C. §2701) issues. Generally asking for permission, calling the parents to come and search the phone, or getting a warrant solves this issue. Investigations of sexting allegations shall follow administrative procedure, 7:190-AP6, *Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations*, which is incorporated into this agreement.

K. Agency and Police Interviews

Board Policy 7:150, Agency and <u>Law Enforcement Requests Police Interviews</u>, and administrative procedure 7:150-AP, <u>Managing Agency and <u>Law Enforcement Requests Police Interviews</u>, are incorporated into this MOU and must be followed at all times.</u>

Within its standard operating procedures, LLEA will include training for its officers about this policy and procedure, along with information about how to access the District's policies and procedures. ¹⁹

Before a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act is detained and questioned on school grounds, a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security personnel will (a) notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian, (b) document the time and manner of the notification or attempted notification, (c) make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if not present, ensure that school personnel (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, school psychologist, school nurse, school counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning, and (d) if practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a law enforcement

¹⁷ Id. Considerations to discuss with the Board Attorney for this section may include, but are not limited to:

^{1.} Which parties have authority to activate a live feed?

^{2.} If police are given authority to activate, what is the standard for activation? Is it upon request of the Superintendent or an emergency 911 call reporting a crime in progress at the school?

^{3.} How and when is the live feed tested?

^{4.} When and what are the requirements for testing the live feed?

^{5.} Will the Superintendent have the right to review the activation logs to ensure that the live feed is/was being activated in accordance with the MOU terms?

¹⁸ Id. See the following publications to develop more detailed researched-based local procedures for this section: Searching and Seizing Computers and Obtaining Electronic Evidence Manual (Sept. 2009), Chapter 3, The Stored Communication Act, at: www.justice.gov/file/442111/download

Orin S. Kerr, A User's Guide to the Stored Communications Act, and a Legislator's Guide to Amending It, George Washington Law Review (Aug. 2004), at: courses.ischool.berkeley.edu/i205/s10/readings/week10/kerr-storedcomm.pdf

¹⁹ The following optional sentence may be added: "For general guidance, both parties will refer to Ill. Council of School Attorneys' *Guidelines for Interview of Students*, at: www.iasb.com/policy-services-and-school-law/guidance-and-resources/guidelines-for-interviews-of-students/."

officer trained in promoting safe interactions and communications with youth is present during questioning. 20

L. Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

All parties agree that any use of BWCs by officers must be subject to and in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations regarding the use and operation of them. The LLEA shall notify the District at least two weeks before its officers assigned to the District are to begin use of BWCs, and it will provide written information and training to the Building Principals and assistant principals of the schools in which the officers may enter. Training shall include the objectives and procedures for the use of BWCs in public and in schools. Every officer equipped with a BWC shall be trained in the operation of the equipment prior to its use. To maximize the effectiveness of the BWC and the integrity of the video documentation, officers shall adhere to the objectives and procedures outlined in this MOU and the LLEA's General Operations Orders or similar policies when they utilize BWCs. LLEA shall, if not otherwise prohibited by law, provide to the District copies of any such filming of students, parents, employees, or others upon school property, upon request for such copies by the District, as a law enforcement record. In the event that the LLEA receives advice that providing a copy of such videos is prohibited, the LLEA agrees to facilitate the availability of its officer(s) that made the video to testify, upon request by the District, in any school disciplinary hearing concerning his/her/their knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the videoed incident. Any such film or video taken by and kept in the possession of LLEA's officers may be considered law enforcement records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g and 34 C.F.R. §99.8) and Ill. School Student Records Act (ISSRA) (105 ILCS 10/2(d)). Any copy of such film or video, if permitted by law to be provided to the District, may become an educational record of the District. The LLEA's officers shall at all times recognize and comply with the confidentiality of student and education records and may only seek such records in accordance with the requirements of Board Policy 7:340, Student Records, which is incorporated into the terms of this MOU.

M. General Provisions 21 22

1. Scope of Agreement

Nothing in this MOU is intended to impose upon any party a duty to report information to any other party that is not otherwise required by law. This MOU shall not be interpreted as making an obligation of a party mandatory that is otherwise discretionary under the law or vice versa. No party to this MOU waives any defenses or immunities it otherwise has under the law, including without limitation any immunities under Sections 2-204 and/or 2-205 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act or the State Employee Indemnification Act. 5 ILCS 350/.

M. School Resource Officer (SRO) Terms
The District's School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU dated [INSERT DATES ____ day of _____, 20__] is incorporated into this agreement.

The footnotes should be removed before the material is used.

²⁰ 105 ILCS 5/22-85, added by P.A. 101-478 and amended by P.A.s 102-197 and 102-558. See sample policy 7:150, Agency and Law Enforcement Requests Police Interviews.

²¹ If the District uses the same LLEA for school resource officer (SRO) services, and it wants its SRO MOU(s) referenced in this General MOU:

^{1.} Change section M. General Provisions to: N. General Provisions, and

^{2.} Insert the following:

²² This section M. General Provisions includes general best practice terms for intergovernmental agreements. Note: If the optional section discussed in f/n 18 was added, this becomes section N.

2. Amendment

No change or modification of this MOU shall be valid unless it is in writing and is signed by all parties.

3. Assignment

No party to this MOU may assign it or its rights or obligations.

4. Notices

All notices required pursuant to this MOU shall be in writing and sent by U.S. certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or by overnight express delivery to the address of the party set forth below or as otherwise directed in writing by such party or as provided under applicable state law. Notice is deemed given three (3) days after being deposited in the U.S. Mail for certified mail delivery or one (1) day after being deposited with an overnight express delivery courier for delivery to the correct address.

5. Governing Law

This MOU shall be construed in accordance with and pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois.

6. Non-Waiver of Breach

The failure of any party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms or conditions of this MOU shall not be construed to be a waiver of such term or condition or any subsequent breach of it.

7. Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this MOU shall not affect the other provisions of it, and it shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted.

8. Enforcement

No party to this MOU shall be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either by omission or commission, chargeable to the other party. This MOU shall not be construed to create a duty owed by any party to any third party. The District and LLEA agree that the exclusive claims or remedies for breach of this MOU are limited to an action for specific performance or mandamus action or termination of the MOU. Each party waives any and all other claims and remedies, direct or indirect, by way of subrogation or otherwise, that it may have against the other party arising out of the performance or non-performance of any provision of this MOU.

Board President	Date
Authorized Signatory for LLEA	Date

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 I.I. SRO Employer; Assignments;

Mentoring & Outreach; Supervision; Performance Evaluations; Conflict

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A. Introduction

[INSERT Section A from General MOU here.]

B. Definitions/Acronyms

[INSERT Section B from General MOU here.]

C. MOU Leadership Team

[INSERT Section C from General MOU here.]

D. District Authority Over the Educational Environment

[INSERT Section D from General MOU, above. End Section D with this sentence: "The LLEA recognizes that assigning SROs to District buildings is not a substitute for effective student discipline policies."]

- E. Funding; Payment for SROs; Chain of Command 24
 - 1. **Funding.** Members of the Leadership Team (Team) will negotiate the terms for funding including any grant funding that is available. Any terms tied to grant funding, such as data collection include: ²⁵

2.	Payment for SROs. The Team has agreed that the District shall compensate LLEA for the
	SROs in 10 equal installments commencing on August 15th of each fiscal year in the following

3. Chain of Command. The Team shall develop a local, District-specific chain of command for the placement of SROs in school buildings. Each District administrator responsible for

amounts:

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The footnotes should be removed before the material is used.

²³ Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5), added by P.A. 104-430, beginning 7-1-26 for any district that uses an SRO. See f/n 1. This section does not replace any existing SRO MOU agreements that the District may have. SRO terms must always be specifically aligned with the buildings in which the SROs will be assigned; therefore, SRO MOU agreements generally work best as a stand-alone agreement.

²⁴ See f/ns 1 and 2.

²⁵ Delete this language if grant funding does not apply.

supervising and evaluating the SRO in his/her/their assigned building(s) shall be included in an individual SRO's District-specific chain of command. ²⁶

F. Data Collection; Review & Evaluation of SRO Program

- 1. Data Collection. The Team will outline a process for collecting data in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 on the number of students who are referred to a law enforcement agency or official and the number of instances of referrals to law enforcement that such students received. This District will annually report this data to the Ill. State Board of Education, disaggregated by race and ethnicity, sex, grade level, whether a student is an English learner, and disability. Referral to law enforcement means an action by which a student is reported to a law enforcement agency or official, including a school police unit, for an incident that occurred on school grounds, during school-related events or activities (whether in-person or virtual), or while taking school transportation, regardless of whether official action is taken. Referral to law enforcement includes citations, tickets, court referrals, and school-related arrests. 27
- Review & Evaluation of SRO Program. The Team will determine and implement a process for the regular review and evaluation of the SRO Program, which shall include community and stakeholder input. 28

F.G. Ongoing Training of SROs 29

Both parties agree that training is critical to the success of this partnership. The LLEA's assigned SROs (as defined in Section H below) will receive minimum in-service training and certification requirements as would normally apply to all other certified officers of LLEA through LLEA and/or local State's attorney offices. In addition, an ongoing District training calendar shall be developed for assigned SROs and District officials.

Trainings will consist of updates from the District's School Board Attorney on current laws and difficult issues such as search and seizure, questioning, and requests for student records. In addition, trainings will delineate legal authority for when assigned SROs will be acting at the direction of a District official (reasonableness) or at the direction of LLEA (probable cause).

Other LLEA employees that are not SROs but have frequent contact with District buildings will be encouraged to attend any of these trainings.

All trainings, when possible, must occur during school breaks or at times that would least impact the District and should include: (1) emerging education issues, (2) state law training requirements, (3) mental health awareness training, (4) restorative justice (if applicable), and (5) record sharing.

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²⁶ The District may have several SRO District chains of command based upon local conditions.

²⁷ Required by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5)(4), both added by P.A. 104-430. The annual reporting requirement begins with the 2027-28 school year and must occur in a manner and method determined by the III. State Board of Education. 105 ILCS 5/2-3.206(b), added by P.A. 104-430.

²⁸ Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5)(5), added by P.A. 104-430.

²⁹ See f/n 1. Ongoing training is a best practice that SRO MOUs should address for both parties. Modify the language to match the District's practices.

G.H.SRO Selection Process; Qualifications & Certification 30

1. **Selection Process.** The Team shall develop formal screening criteria based upon the following *Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)* characteristics: (1) likes kids – wants to, and is able to, work with kids; (2) has the right demeanor and people skills, including being calm, patient, approachable, and "able to put up gracefully with guff from kids;" (3) has experience as a patrol officer or road deputy; (4) has above-average integrity; (5) demonstrated willingness to work hard, be dependable and on time, be self-directed, and has the ability to teach. Other formal screening criteria shall include:

In addition, the Team shall designate the appropriate school officials in buildings to be assigned an SRO to provide input to LLEA on SRO applicants for open SRO positions, such as reviewing applications and memoranda of interest provided by candidates, sitting in on interviews of candidates and/or rating of applicants.

2. SRO Qualifications & Certification. The LLEA must ensure that the SRO has either of the following qualifications issued by the Ill. Law Enforcement Training Standards Board under Section 10.22 of the Ill. Police Training Act (50 ILCS 705/10.22): (1) a certificate of completion for the required course of instruction or (2) an approved waiver (prior experience and training only). Such training must include specific training on working with students with disabilities to ensure appropriate and effective interactions that support their educational and behavioral needs.³¹ The certificate of completion or waiver of it must be obtained within one year of assignment to the District.³² The SRO must possess, at minimum, 48 hours of National Association of School Resource Officer (NASRO) training,³³ along with the following other qualifications: ³⁴



³⁰ See f/n 1. Restated from U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) publication, A Guide to Developing, Maintaining, and Succeeding with Your School Resource Officer (SRO) Program, written by Peter Finn, Meg Townsend, Michal Shively, and Tom Rich, at:

www.popcenter.asu.edu/sites/default/files/Responses/school police/PDFs/Finn et al 2005.pdf

<u>31</u> Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5)(2), added by P.A. 104-430.

³² Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(b), amended by P.A. 104-430. The District is not responsible for an officer's SRO certification training or payment for it. Additional training is available from the National Association of School Resource Officers.

³³ Optional. Delete this qualification requirement if the District does not wish to require it in addition to the required certification under 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(b), amended by P.A. 104-430.

³⁴ A District may want to insert its own qualifications specific to local conditions. Delete this qualification requirement if the District does not wish to require additional qualifications.

H.L.SRO Employer; Assignments; Mentoring & Outreach; Supervision; Performance Evaluations; Conflict Resolution; Termination/Replacement; Extra Duties/Projects 35 36 37

- 1. Employer. SROs are employed by LLEA. The District does not employ any SROs that are assigned in any of its buildings. The District is not considered a joint employer of SROs for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The SRO remains covered by the LLEA's insurance and continues to enjoy the immunities specific to his or her employment with LLEA. Section D, District Authority Over the Educational Environment, above shall apply to the District's specific responsibilities for supervision and performance evaluations of assigned SROs while in District school buildings as their duties pertain to fulfilling the identified needs and goals of a District building.
- 2. **Assignments.** For purposes of this section, SRO means a sworn police officer of LLEA who has been assigned to a District building pursuant to this MOU. SROs shall be assigned to District buildings by the LLEA with input from the MOU Leadership Team. Staffing issues at LLEA may take precedence to the assignment of an SRQ to the District.
 - a. **SRO Work Hours, Uniform, and Visibility on Campus.** The SRO shall remain on school grounds during normal school hours, except when necessary to attend a law enforcement emergency, to attend any meetings or trainings described in this MOU, or on limited occasions to attend to official law enforcement business off campus. With the exception of emergency situations out of the SRO's control, the SRO shall give the SRO Supervisor and Building Principal(s) reasonable advanced notice of any times when the SRO is not expected to be on campus during normal school hours, and LLEA may provide a replacement SRO to the extent possible.

The SRO shall wear the official law enforcement uniform or other apparel issued by the LLEA at all times while serving on District property. The SRO shall make best efforts to maintain high visibility at all times when practical and safe to do so, especially in areas where incidents of crime or violence are most likely to occur.

The SRO shall, whenever possible and in accordance with guidance from the Building Principal or designee, participate in or attend school functions during the SRO's regular duty hours in order to assure the peaceful operation of school-related programs.

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35 <u>Id-Defining the role, duties, and responsibilities of the SRO is required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5)(1), added by P.A. 104-430, and s</u>

See f/n 1. Replace this section with any existing intergovernmental agreement(s) or MOU(s) terms. Questions to answer while memorializing assignments in the MOU include:

- Will the SRO be a full-time or part-time assignment? A full-time SRO contract usually requires the SRO to be
 present during the times that students are on campus and would follow the District's calendar. A part-time SRO
 contract would generally require the SRO to be present during certain hours of the school day when students are
 on campus.
- Will the District have an SRO at each school within the District?
- Will the SROs only be assigned to high schools?

Do not use this option or the f/n 27 option if the District uses the same LLEA for SRO services (see f/n 18).

³⁶ See f/ns 1 and 12. If the District wants sections G – L from the **General MOU** in its SRO MOU, add them here and adjust the alphanumeric lettering.

³⁷ Id. If the District wants section **M. General Provisions** (see f/n 18) from the **General MOU**, insert it here and adjust the alphanumeric numbering. Discuss, if it exists, the District's targeted school violence prevention program (see sample policy 4:190, *Targeted School Violence Prevention Program*) and information sharing between the District and local law enforcement. See Recommendation 3 in *Recommendations of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force School Safety Working Group*, Presented to the Office of the Governor 4-5-18, at: www.iasb.com/safety/.

- b. **Student Search Assistance.** When requested, assistance with conducting inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the District for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs. If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating the law, local ordinance, or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized by school authorities and/or turned over to law enforcement authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 and 10-22.10a.
- c. **Prohibition on Issuing Tickets or Citations.** In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(i), the SRO is prohibited from issuing municipal code tickets or citations to students for incidents occurring: (1) on school property during school hours; or (2) during school-related transportation. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68(a-5)(3). 38
- e.d. Administrative Hearings. Contingent upon pre-approval by the LLEA, the SROs will attend suspension review and/or expulsion hearings upon the request of school officials or the Superintendent. The SRO will be prepared to provide testimony on any actions that were taken by the SRO and any personally observed conduct witnessed by the SRO.

<u>d.e.</u>	Goal Setting for Services in District. 39		

- 3. **Mentoring & Outreach.** The SRO shall conduct himself or herself as a role model at all times and in all facets of the job; shall seek to establish a strong rapport with staff, faculty, students, parents, and other members of the school community; and shall encourage students to develop positive attitudes toward the school, education, law enforcement officers, and good citizenship in general.
- 4. Supervision. With input from the LLEA and/or the MOU Team, the District will assign school officials to supervise SROs in District buildings based upon the individual SRO's needs, School Board policies, available local resources, specific school building needs, and geographical realities. Both parties expect excellence from SROs and commit to frequent communication

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³⁸ Nothing in the law prohibits an SRO from issuing a ticket for student conduct that occurs outside school hours, nor does it prohibit LLEAs from issuing tickets or citations for traffic violations that occur on school grounds. Districts may still involve LLEAs in serious student misconduct and students may still be criminally charged if such misconduct occurs within the District's jurisdiction. See the When and Where Conduct Rules Apply subhead of sample policy 7:190, Student Behavior, for a sample jurisdictional statement.

³⁹ These may be identical to the **General MOU** terms in f/n 10. List whether the SRO will additionally:

[•] Assume any instructional responsibilities for short-term programs

[•] Provide individual mentoring to students, and become familiar with local youth-related service providers
Other questions to answer include whether the District wants a "law enforcement/safety officer," a problem solver and
liaison to community resources, or both? Defining these roles helps to establish a successful relationship.

The following publication, U.S. Departments of Education and Justice Release School Discipline Guidance Package to Enhance School Climate and Improve School Discipline Policies/Practices, may be helpful for the District to identify and develop specific needs, goals and/or services from its LLEA. It is available at: www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-justice-release-school-discipline-guidance-package-enhance-school-climate-and-improve-school-discipline-policiespractices. Note: These guidance documents were rescinded by a joint U.S. Dept. of Education and U.S. Dept. of Justice Dear Colleague-letter dated 12-21-18, at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201812.pdf (copy and paste link into browser if clicking doesn't work).

between supervising school officials and the SROs assigned to their buildings. The SRO and his or her supervising District official shall meet both formally and informally on a regular basis to discuss issues, duties, and responsibilities.

- 5. **Performance Evaluations.** An instrument for SRO performance evaluations in the school setting shall be agreed upon by the assigned SRO and the District's official supervising the SRO. Both parties recognize that a performance evaluation instrument for an SRO should incorporate data results from the District's school climate assessments, if available.
- 6. **Conflict Resolution.** If the District's expectation of excellence is not being met by an SRO, the supervising District official will report unresolved concerns to the SRO's direct law enforcement supervisor at LLEA sooner rather than later. Addressing issues promptly helps increase understanding and minimize potential negative impact on the school environment. If that method of communication does not solve the conflict, the Team has agreed to the following formal conflict resolution process between the District and LLEA:

7.	Termination/Replacement of SROs. When paragraph 6, Conflict Resolution, above, has not
	been successful, the District may request that the SRO be removed from his or her assignment
	and replaced with another SRO from LLEA. If a replacement is not immediately available, the
	District reserves the right to terminate the SRO's assignment in a specific building until a replacement is available.

8. Extra Duties/Projects. The Team has negotiated the below terms for special projects and/or

extra duties:	
	,
Board President	Date
Authorized Signatory for LLEA	Date

Incorporated

by reference: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:150 (Committees), 7:150-AP (Managing Agency and Law Enforcement Requests Police

Interviews), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:190-AP3 (Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses Committed by Students), 7:190-AP6 (Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:340 (Student Records), 7:340-AP1 (School Student

Records)

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.206, 5/10-20.14(b), 5/10-20.68, 5/10-22.6(i), 5/22-20, and 5/22-85.

50 ILCS 705/10.22, Ill. Police Training Act.

705 ILCS 405/1-7, 1-8(F), 1-8(G), and 5-905, Juvenile Court Act of 1987.