

Instruction

Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program

The Superintendent or designee may develop, maintain, and supervise a program for students at risk of academic failure or dropping out of school. The program shall include education and support services addressing individual learning styles, career development, and social needs, and may include without limitation one or more of the following:

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Counseling services by social workers and/or guidance counselors
- Counseling services by psychologists
- Psychological testing
- Truants' alternative and optional education program
- Alternative school placement
- Community agency services
- Alternative learning opportunities program, in conformity with the Alternative Learning Opportunities Law, as it may be amended from time to time
- Graduation incentives program
- Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) Program
- Remediation program.

Any student who is below the age of 20 years is eligible to enroll in a graduation incentives program if he or she:

- 1 Is considered a dropout according to State law;
- 2 Has been suspended or expelled;
- 3 Is pregnant or is a parent;
- 4 Has been assessed as chemically dependent; or
- 5 Is enrolled in a bilingual education or LEP program.
- 6 Has an Individualized Educational Plan with the graduation incentive program specified therein.

Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) Program

To the extent the District is awarded IHOPE funds, the Superintendent or designee shall develop the required partnerships necessary to build a comprehensive plan to re-enroll high school dropouts in the District through the IHOPE Program. The IHOPE Program shall include all components required by State law and regulations. Any student who wishes to earn a high school diploma must meet the prerequisites to receiving a high school diploma in policy 6:300, Graduation Requirements.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.41, , 5/2-3.66, , 5/10-20.9a, 5/13B,
5/26-2a, 5/26-13, 5/26-14, and 5/26-16.

CROSS REF.: 6.280, 6.300, 7.70

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