

Illinois Community College Board

**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENT**

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) requires that all individuals who pass one of the three High School Equivalency (HSE) tests must also take and pass the United States (US) and Illinois Constitution test and the Flag tests. Upon the passage of all requirements, an Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate is issued. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the access to testing and in particular the constitution testing, has not been available.

Based upon the recommendations of the Academic, Workforce and Student Services (AWS) Committee, the ICCB staff researched requirements in other states as well as examined HSE test content to determine next steps relative to Constitution requirements. It was determined that four other states have a civics requirement and most of those are either on hold or are temporarily suspended. None of these states have a state constitution specific requirement.

The ICCB staff in consultation with the AWS Committee is recommending the suspension of the Constitution requirement due to COVID-19 and testing availability. Staff will conduct additional research and outreach and bring forth a more detailed plan on HSE at a future date.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the suspension of all Constitution test requirements through December 2021 to allow those who pass the High School Equivalency test to be issued their Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate.