

Illinois Community College Board

**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CONSTITUTION TEST REVISION**

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) requires that all individuals who pass one of the two approved High School Equivalency (HSE) tests take and pass the United States (US), Illinois Constitution test and the Flag tests. Upon the passage of all requirements, an Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate is issued.

At the request of the Academic, Workforce and Student Services (AWS) Committee, the ICCB staff researched requirements in other states as well as examined HSE tests to determine Constitution requirements and content. The research found that four other states have a civics requirement and most of these either were placed on hold or have been suspended indefinitely due to COVID-19. None of these states have a state constitution specific requirement. After examination of the HSE tests it was determined that a significant portion of the U.S. Constitution is included as part of the HSE test. As HSE tests are national tests, the Illinois Constitution is not included.

Based on the research, the ICCB staff in consultation with the AWS Committee is recommending a revision of the current Illinois HSE requirements. By doing this, it would reduce the duplication of content for test-takers and would speed the time of completion in order to enter into postsecondary education and/or into employment.

This change will require two Actions.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby directs the staff to modify the requirements of the Illinois High School Equivalency Test by removing the Illinois Constitution test and the Flag test requirement. This revision is effective January 1, 2022.

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby directs the staff to modify the requirements of the Illinois High School Equivalency Test by developing and adding an online module of the Illinois State Constitution to satisfy High School Equivalency completion requirements. This revision is effective January 1, 2022.