

Administrative Memo

TO: School Administrators

FROM: Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator, School Improvement

SUBJECT: QS-17-008 Statutory Requirements for Graduation

DATE: July 13, 2017

The most recent version of the MSIP Items Not Waived Checklist for the 2016-17 school year included two reminders about items that would become effective July 1, 2017. This administrative memo serves as a reminder of those requirements:

CPR Instruction (Section 170.310, RSMo):

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, graduates from any public school or charter school must have received 30 minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction and training in the proper performance of the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid for choking.

Instruction shall be included in the district or charter school's existing health or physical education curriculum. Instruction shall be based on a program established by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or through a nationally recognized program based on the most current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.

Missouri Civics Education Initiative (Section 170.345, RSMo)

Any student entering ninth grade after July 1, 2017, (public, charter or private school) must, as a condition of graduation, pass an examination on the provisions and principles of American civics.

The required examinations shall consist of 100 questions similar to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services examination administered to applicants for United States citizenship. This examination may be incorporated into any other assessment administered on the United States or Missouri Constitution or in American history or American institutions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cathi Rust at catherine.rust@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-4426.