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## Graduation Requirements and Career & Technical Education May 19, 2005

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education supports increasing graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, both increased graduation requirements and Career and Technical Education courses serve the goal of preparing students for an increasingly competitive workplace; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education courses partner the rigor of higher standards with the relevance of core academic subjects in every day life; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education is committed to encouraging the development and expansion of Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education currently allows districts to count Career and Technical Education science courses that include a science lab component towards minimum graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education courses are not generally used to fulfill state mathematics requirements, but there are Career and Technical Education courses that could be aligned with state mathematics standards;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education shall also:

1. Maintain the rigor of its current standards; and
2. Work with local school districts and the Career and Technical Education community to increase the number of Career and Technical Education courses to be used to satisfy graduation requirements in mathematics and science.

Signed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005

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