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Geography Education National Implementation Project: Illinois**Number of Teachers:** Unknown**Number of Social Studies Teachers:** 345**I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Illinois Licensure Testing System-Test of Academic Proficiency and Assessment of Professional Teaching
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A. Geography and Social Studies Teacher Licensure Requirements

Question 4: Is a social studies examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in social studies
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in social studies
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes, majority of social studies includes geography

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 7: Is there a stand-alone geography content examination required for geography only licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 8: What is the minimum number of geography courses a pre-service teacher must take during their educator preparation program?	
a. K-5 Grades	Varies
b. 6-8 Grades	Varies
c. 7-12 th Grades	Greater than 5 courses

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	Geography in secondary can either be housed in geography program or in an education program depending on the university. Primary and middle programs must take at least one geography course in college.
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B. Professional Development

Question 10: Can in service teachers receive certification credit for professional development courses or programs in geography?	Yes
Question 11: Does the state education agency (SEA) provide professional development in geography?	Yes, but professional development is independent from the SEA

II. Curriculum

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	State standards are combined
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	Last two years
Question 18: Are there plans for revision to the state standards?	No timeline
Question 19: Is geography included in the state standards?	Yes
Question 20: How are the geography standards organized?	Geography standards are organized by strand
Question 21: What framework and/or documents were used?	Other states' standards; Five Themes in Geography; Geography for Life (2013); Other: Common core

Question 22: What general topics are included?

Human-environment interaction; Places and/or regions; Culture; Population and Settlements; Movement of people, goods and/or idea; Mapping (map projections, use of maps); Spatial Thinking and/or Mental Maps; Other: global interconnectedness.

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	16 credit hours
Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	2 credit hours

Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	0 credit hours
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Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	No standards
b. 6-8 Grades	Stand alone
c. 7-12 th Grades	Integrated into social studies

Question 26a: What is the name of the courses?

No data available

III. Student Assessment

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	PARCC
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Question 29: Is a social studies exam required during K-12?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Unknown
c. 9-12 th Grades	Unknown

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 th Grades	No

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	Planned with no timeline
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	Yes

Disclaimer: Data for this state was collected from public state education websites and through a survey to state education officers or other educators. Education data for each state changes almost yearly depending on enrollments, adoption cycles for standards, K-12 assessment requirements, and state certification requirements for teacher education. This data represents a snapshot for this state, but may not contain the most recent data. It represents the clearest snapshot of geography's role within K-12 education during 2015-2016.