**Section 210.10 Purpose**

This Subpart A establishes the requirements for approval of Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) programs established pursuant to Section 2-3.66b of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.66b] by regional offices of education or the City of Chicago School District 299 (CPS).

a) IHOPE programs shall re-enroll high school dropouts in their respective regions of the State and provide instructional and other services to enable dropouts to *meet the prerequisites to receiving a high school diploma specified in Section 27-22 of the School Code and any other graduation requirements of the student's district of residence*. [105 ILCS 5/2-3.66b(b)] For the purposes of this Part, "any other graduation requirements" means those that the district of residence has established for all students enrolled in the district's general program of instruction.

b) A regional office of education or CPS may establish an IHOPE program or may contract with one or more entities specified in Section 2-3.66b(d) of the School Code to operate those programs.

c) A regional office or CPS may provide instructional services through a subcontractor only if the entity providing those instructional services is recognized by the State Board of Education. (See Section 210.40(a)(2) of this Part.)