

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 385.080, 385.114, 389.018 and 390.600, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237, and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, at page 3252, and section 41.5 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3245; §2, NRS 385.080, 385.114, 389.018 and 390.600, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237, and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, at page 3252.

A REGULATION relating to education; prescribing the criteria for a pupil to receive a college and career ready high school diploma, a college-ready endorsement and a career-ready endorsement; revising the criteria for a pupil to receive an advanced diploma; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that prescribe the criteria for a pupil to receive a college and career ready high school diploma, which must include requirements that the pupil: (1) satisfy the criteria for the receipt of a standard high school diploma; and (2) obtain either a college-ready endorsement or a career-ready endorsement. Existing law also requires the State Board to adopt regulations that prescribe the criteria for obtaining a college-ready endorsement or a career-ready endorsement. (Section 41.5 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3245) **Section 1** of this regulation prescribes the criteria to receive: (1) a college and career ready diploma; (2) a college-ready endorsement; and (3) a career-ready endorsement.

Existing regulations prescribe the criteria to receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, which include a requirement that a pupil complete four units of credit in mathematics. (NAC 389.663) **Section 2** of this regulation specifies that a pupil must complete the units of credit in Algebra II or higher to receive an advanced diploma.

Section 1. Chapter 389 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To receive a college and career ready diploma evidencing graduation from high school pursuant to section 41.5 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3245, a pupil must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 390.600, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237, and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252:

(a) Successfully complete the requirements to receive an advanced diploma prescribed by NAC 389.663;

(b) Demonstrate proficiency in speaking not less than two languages or have earned not less than two of the units of credit used to complete the requirements prescribed by NAC 389.663 in:

(1) Advanced placement courses;

(2) International baccalaureate courses;

(3) Dual-credit courses or courses completed through dual enrollment;

(4) Career and technical education courses;

(5) Work-based learning courses; or

(6) A world language course; and

(c) Obtain a college-ready endorsement pursuant to subsection 2 or a career-ready endorsement pursuant to subsection 3.

2. To receive a college-ready endorsement pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of section 41.5 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3245, a pupil must, before graduating from high school:

(a) Complete a college readiness assessment prescribed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada in section 1 of chapter 16 of title 4 of the “Board of Regents Handbook”; and

(b) Receive not less than the minimum scores for initial placement into college-level English and mathematics courses prescribed by the Board of Regents in section 1 of chapter 16 of title 4 of the “Board of Regents Handbook.”

3. To receive a career-ready endorsement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of section 41.5 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3245, a pupil must, before graduating from high school:

(a) Receive not less than the minimum score prescribed by the State Board of Education on a career readiness assessment prescribed by the State Board;

(b) Satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a certificate pursuant to subsection 4 of NAC 389.800; or

(c) Obtain an industry-recognized credential identified by the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation in the Office of the Governor pursuant to section 20 of Senate Bill No. 516, chapter 595, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4330.

4. To the extent that money is available for these purposes, the Department:

(a) Shall award incentive grants to each public high school, including, without limitation, each charter school that operates as a high school, for each graduate of the school who receives a college and career ready diploma; and

(b) May reimburse a school district or a charter school that operates as a high school for any costs associated to administer or provide an assessment, credential, certificate or

certification required for a pupil to receive a college and career ready diploma pursuant to subsection 1.

5. For the purposes of this section, the “Board of Regents Handbook” is hereby adopted by reference as it existed on September 12, 2017. A copy of the “Board of Regents Handbook” is available, free of charge, from the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada at the Internet address <http://system.nevada.edu/nshe/index.cfm/administration/board-of-regents/handbook/>.

6. If section 1 of chapter 16 of title 4 of the “Board of Regents Handbook” is revised, the State Board of Education will review the revision to determine its suitability for the purposes of this section. If the State Board determines that the revision is not suitable for the provisions of this section, the State Board will hold a public hearing to review its determination and give notice of that hearing within 90 days after the date of the publication of the revision. If, after the hearing, the State Board does not revise its determination, the State Board will give notice that the revision is not suitable for the purposes of this section within 90 days after the hearing. If the State Board does not give such notice, the revision becomes part of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 5.

Sec. 2. NAC 389.663 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.663 1. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection ~~1~~ **1** of NRS ~~389.805,~~ **390.600**, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237, and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252, have:

(a) Earned a minimum of 18 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of credit; and

(b) Maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted, for all units of credit applicable toward graduation.

2. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

| Required Course | Minimum Number of Units |
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| American government | 1 |
| American history | 1 |
| Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education | 1 |
| Social studies..... | 1 |
| English, including reading, composition and writing | 4 |
| Health education..... | 1/2 |
| Mathematics (<i>including Algebra II or higher</i>) | 4 |
| Physical education..... | 2 |
| Use of computers..... | 1/2 |
| Science | 3 |
| TOTAL: | 18 |

