

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, NRS 233B.066
LCB File No. R001-12

NAC 389.555 Employability Skills and NAC 389.800 General Requirements for program.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 389:

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations was sent to approximately 200 individuals and educational organizations. A workshop was held on January 27, 2012. There was public comment.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation for public hearing and adoption of R001-12; proposed changes to NAC 389.555 Employability Skills and NAC 389.800 General Requirements for Program was sent to approximately 200 individuals and educational organizations. A public hearing was conducted on February 24, 2012 to provide the opportunity for comments by affected parties and the public. There was public comment. The State Board of Education adopted the proposed new regulation.

2. The Number of Persons Who:

- a) Attended Each Hearing: First Workshop: 17; First Hearing: 13; Second Hearing: N/A
- b) Testified at Each Hearing: First Workshop: 4; First Hearing: 4; Second Hearing: N/A
- c) Submitted Written Statements: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 0; Second Hearing: N/A

A copy of any written comments may be obtained by contacting Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9225, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

3. A description of how comments were solicited from affected businesses, a summary of the response and an explanation how other interested parties may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited through the workshop notice of January 5, 2012; and a public hearing notice of January 19, 2012. At the January 27, 2012 Workshop to Solicit Comments, there was public comment to the proposed regulation. At the February 24, 2012 public hearing there was public comment to the proposed new regulation language.

Workshop Comments:

Ardell Galbreth, Deputy Director, Workforce Connections, applauded Mr. Raponi for the partnership he established by reaching out to the workforce. He said they are working closely with economic development to boost skill sets of students. A key component from the employers of businesses is to assure the credentials the students obtain are of use to the employers and are transferrable.

Scott Lommori, Lyon County School District, CTE, said Lyon County supports the regulation.

Stan Hall, Clark County School District, CTE, said he supports the employability skills for career readiness; and employers overwhelming response is that these standards are absent from applicants seen on the job and this will provide greater influence in the classroom.

Ray Bacon, Nevada Manufactures Association (NAM), provided information about the program NAM is bringing forward to address workplace shortages in the manufacturing sector. He provided information about the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) which has broad industry recognition. There is a series of three tests for the certification.

Public Hearing Comments:

Ryan Costella, Director Strategic Initiatives, Click Bond Inc. said he appreciates being involved in the Task force to discuss the importance of career and technical education and employability skills. He said the soft skills are important, but more important is if the person can read, write, do math and problem solve at basic level of proficiency; he sees some of these skills lacking. If they can't meet those requirements, the 21 standards are not relevant.

Robert Hooper, Executive Director, Northern Nevada Development Authority, stated he was excited about the 21 workplace skills. He said Mr. Raponi and Dr. Rheault have done a fantastic job bringing these to Nevada, and that our educational process is key to our economic success.

Ray Bacon, Nevada Manufacture's Association, stated that is not that the calculation skills are missing, rather it is utilizing the math skills and application of that skill is missing. He said the national recognized credential provides students who have recently graduated from school a certificate that states I have accomplished something that is recognized across the entire nation.

Michael Spangler, Dean of the School of Advanced Applied Technologies at the College of Southern Nevada, stated the 21 employability readiness plan is what the member

employers in their joint technical skills committees and advisory groups have indicated this needed for employment in Nevada. He added the 21 employability skills are integral and are not part of the realm of the college and university program.

A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9225, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

4. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.

The Nevada State Board of Education adopted the proposed regulation language at the public hearing held February 24, 2012. The reason for adopting the changes is to revise provisions governing the general requirements for a program of career and technical education to include instruction in the standards for a course of study in employability skills for career readiness.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:

There is no economic effect on the public or the business it regulates.

There is no cost to the Department of Education to adopt these regulations. There is no federal law affecting the proposed regulations. There is no duplication or overlap of state or local governmental agencies. The proposed regulations do not establish a new fee nor increase an existing fee of the regulating agency.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation, which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are none.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.