

LCB File No. T028-99

ADOPTED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Effective March, 16, 1999)

AUTHORITY: NRS 385.080

EXPLANATION - Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

Section 1. Chapter 389 NAC is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. "Semester" defined. "Semester" means one of the two terms which makes up the school year.

Section 3. "Trimester" defined. "Trimester" means one of the three terms which makes up the school year.

Section 4. NAC 389.664 Units required to receive standard diploma.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to having passed the proficiency examination required by NRS 389.015, have earned a total of 14 units of credit for required courses and a total of 8 1/2 units of credit for elective courses. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1
American history.....	1
Arts and Humanities.....	1
English.....	4
Health education	1/2
Mathematics	2
Physical education	2
Use of computers	1/2
Science.....	2
TOTAL:	14

2. If a pupil entered the ninth grade on or before July 1, 1988, he must earn 1 unit of credit in science, 3 units of credit in English, 1 unit of credit in American government, 1 unit of credit in American history, 1/2 unit of credit in health, 2 units of credit in physical education, 2 units of credit in mathematics, and a total of 10 1/2 units in the required courses; in addition to 9 1/2 units of credit for elective courses.

[3. If a pupil demonstrates competency in the use of computers, he is not required to take the course of study in the use of computers and must only earn a total of 13 1/2 units in required courses.]

Section 5. *Computer Literacy unit applicable toward graduation.* *Effective July 1, 2000. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a semester or trimester of instruction in the use of computers during the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades, the pupil is not required to complete the course in the use of computers and must earn a total of 13 1/2 units of required courses. This section allows but does not require a school district to offer a course in computer literacy as part of a middle school curriculum.*

Instruction required by this section must be in a course in the use of computers and must not be taught as part of another course.

Section 6. NAC 389.688 Requirements for adult standard diploma.

1. A school district may award an adult standard diploma to a person who:
 - (a) Withdrew from high school before his graduation and was not eligible to graduate with his class, or participated in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537;
 - (b) Has passed the proficiency examination which is administered to high school pupils pursuant to NRS 389.015;
 - (c) Has earned, in high school or in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537, or waived, the units of credit required in subsection 2; and
 - (d) Is 17 years of age or older at the time of the award.
2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the units of credit which a person must have earned or waived to be qualified to receive an adult standard diploma are a total of 12 units for required courses and a total of 8 1/2 units for elective courses. The person must have earned or waived his units for the required courses in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1
American history.....	1
Arts and humanities	1
English.....	4
Health education	1/2
Mathematics	2
Science.....	2
Use of computers	1/2
TOTAL:	12

[3. If a person demonstrates a competency in the use of computers, he is not required to complete the course in the use of computers and must earn or waive a total of 11 1/2 units in required courses.]

Section 7. *Computer Literacy unit applicable toward graduation.* *Effective July 1, 2000. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a semester or trimester of instruction in the use of computers during the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades, the pupil is not required to complete the course in the use of computers and must earn or waive a total of 11 1/2 units of required courses.*

1. Instruction required by this section must be in a course in the use of computers and must not be taught as part of another course.

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, NRS 233B.066
NAC 389, Computer Competency Credit Waiver**

IMPACT STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389, Computer Competency Credit Waiver:

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 one-hundred twenty-five individuals and educational organizations. One workshop was held December 11, 1998. There were comments no from the public.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation for public hearing on the proposed revisions to NAC 389 was sent to approximately one-hundred twenty-five individuals and educational organizations. Two public hearings were conducted on January 19, 1999, and March 5, 1999, to provide the opportunity for comments by affected parties and the public. Public response focused on proposed revisions to NAC 389.664 & 389.688, Subsection 3. There were comments from the public.

2. The Number of Persons Who:

a) **Attended Each Hearing:** Workshop: 32 First Hearing: 30 Second Hearing: 10

b) **Testified at Each Hearing;** Workshop: 0 First Hearing: 2 Second Hearing: 1

and,

c) **Submitted Written Statements:** Workshop: 0 First Hearing: 1 Second Hearing: 1

Written comments were submitted as follows: At the January 19, 1999, hearing, a letter was received letter from Kristine Jensen, Chairman, Nevada Concerned Citizens regarding disapproval of the proposed changes. At the March 5, 1999, hearing, a letter was received from Jackie Kearns, Adult Diploma Coordinator, Humboldt County School District, in favor of proposed Option II.

A copy of any written comments may be obtained by calling LaDonna Byrd, Board Secretary, at the Department of Education (702) 687-9225, or by writing to the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

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

Comment was solicited through the workshop notice of November 11, 1998, and public hearing notices of December 15, 1998, and February 2, 1999.

At the public hearing of January 19, 1999, comments from interested parties were as follows: Tom Miles, computer Coordinator, Washoe County School District, did not agree with the proposed language; Lauren Kohut-Rost, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Professional Development, Clark County School District, supported language that would use trimester and semester in order to meet the credit waiver.

At the March 5, 1999, public hearing, comments from interested parties were as follows: Lauren Kohut-Rost, director, Secondary Curriculum and Professional Development, Clark County School district, supported language identified as Option II that would use trimester and semester for grades 6, 7 & 8, in order to meet the credit waiver.

A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by calling LaDonna Byrd, Board Secretary, at the Department of Education (702) 687-9225, or by writing to the 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 temporary regulation was adopted by the Nevada State Board of Education at the public hearing on March 5, 1999.

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

There is no anticipated economic effect on the business which is to be regulated. There is no estimated economic effect on the public, either adversely or beneficially, nor immediate or long term.

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 government 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 government agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulations. 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 or involve a new fee.