

**LCB File No. R029-01**

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

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as LCB File No. T006-01)

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

**AUTHORITY:** NRS 385.080

**Section 1.** NAC is hereby amended by the following:

**Section 2.** NAC 387.131 School day in session.

1. A school day in session must consist of the following minimum daily periods for each grade, including recess and time between activities, but not including the time allowed for lunch:

Grade	Period
Kindergarten	120 minutes
1 and 2	240 minutes
3 through 6	300 minutes
7 through 12	330 minutes

2. The minimum daily period for a program of special education is identical to the period for a regular grade unless an exception is permitted by a pupil's individualized education program.

3. The minimum daily period for an *adult program*, alternative program, or a program of instruction in a detention home is identical to the period for a regular grade unless the school district:

(a) Exercises its option pursuant to subsection 4 of NAC 387.140; or

(b) Obtains the written approval of the superintendent of public instruction for a program that demonstrates progress or completion by pupils in a curriculum that is equivalent to the regular school curriculum. *Demonstrated competency in curriculum that meets state standards may be considered equivalent.*

4. A day on which school is dismissed for pupils to attend, or to be transported to, extracurricular activities may not be counted as a school day in session unless every pupil for

whom school is dismissed is directly participating in the activity in a manner other than as a spectator.

5. Upon approval of the superintendent of public instruction, any day on which pupils in kindergarten are assessed for instructional purposes may be counted as a school day in session.

**Section 3.** NAC 387.190 Adult High School Diploma program for ~~part-time~~ enrollment of person withdrawn from high school.

1. A person who has not received his high school diploma and has withdrawn from high school may be enrolled as a ~~part-time~~ pupil under a program designed to enable him to obtain a diploma.

2. Before commencing a class within such a program, a school district must apply to the department of education for permission to conduct the class. The application must be made on a form provided by the department and include the name of the course to be taught, the proposed beginning and ending dates for the class and the hours of instruction scheduled for the class. A class may begin or end at any time during the school year, but the entire schedule of the class, reflecting all the days and hours of instruction, must be entered on the application.

3. A school district that offers an adult high school diploma program shall offer a sufficient number of required and elective courses for a pupil enrolled in the program to obtain the credits necessary to receive an adult standard diploma. Such required and elective courses must include the content identified in the school district's approved curriculum.

**Section 4.** NAC 387.330 Pupil in adult high school diploma program

1. An adult high school diploma program must be operated in accordance with the standards prescribed in NAC 387.190 and any additional standards prescribed by the department. A school district that offers a program for pupils to obtain an adult high school diploma shall maintain a register of enrolled pupils and a list of classes that are offered. The list of classes must include the beginning and ending dates of each class, the time that each class meets and the total enrollment of pupils in each class.

2. Enrollment and attendance for each class must be recorded in the class record book in the manner prescribed in NAC 387.165.

3. Reports of enrollment and attendance in each class must be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department for that purpose. The reports must be submitted on or before:
  - a) December 31 for each class that commences on or after July 1 and is completed on or before December 31 of the same year.
  - b) June 30 for each class that commences on or after July 1 and is completed on or before June 30 of the immediately succeeding year.
4. The department shall determine the amount of money apportioned to a school district that operates a program for pupils to obtain a high school diploma ~~[based upon the unduplicated count of pupils enrolled in the program]~~ in accordance with a plan or formula developed by the Department of Education to ensure the money is distributed equitably and in a manner that permits accounting for the expenditures of school districts. ~~[Pupils who are reported to the department as enrolled in a regular school program and who subsequently enroll in an adult high school diploma program during the same school year must not be included in the count of pupils for purposes of apportionment to the school district for the program.]~~

**Section 5.** NAC 389.688 Requirements for adult standard diploma. ~~[Effective through June 30, 2000.]~~ *Effective through June 30, 2002.*

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. *A school district shall not allow a 16 year old who passes the tests of general educational development to waive the units of credit required for either a standard high school or adult standard diploma.*
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
	<b>TOTAL: 12</b>

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 6.** NAC 389.688 Requirements for adult standard diploma. (NRS 385.080) ~~Effective July 1, 2000.~~ *Effective July 1, 2002.*

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. *A school district shall not allow a 16 year old who passes the tests of general educational development to waive the units of credit required for either a standard high school or adult standard diploma.*

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~~ **13** units

for required courses and a total of 7 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	<del>2</del> 3
Science	2
Use of computers	1/2

TOTAL: ~~12~~ 13

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 ~~12~~ 12 1/2 units in required courses.

**Section 7:** NAC 389.690 Credit received for adult education applicable toward adult standard diploma.

1. Units of credit earned by a person through a program of adult education may be applied toward meeting the requirements for an adult standard diploma only if the course in which the units were earned was:

(a) Taught in a school district of this state; or

(b) Equivalent to a regular course offered in the high school where the diploma will be issued, and the course is approved by the principal of the high school for that purpose.

2. As used in this section, "adult education" means instruction or training provided at or below the level of a secondary school for persons over 17 years of age who have not completed high school. *If the local school district Board of Trustees allows, persons 16 years of age who have withdrawn from high school to take the general educational development tests may enroll in adult high school diploma programs for the purpose of test preparation only. A school district shall not allow a 16 year old who passes the tests of general educational development to waive the units of credit required for either a standard high school or adult standard diploma.*