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**Assembly Bill 510**  
**Proficiency & College Entrance**  
**Exams Elective Course**

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**Summary:** Requires State Board of Education to prescribe a course to prepare pupils for the high school proficiency examination and college entrance exams (examples: ACT & SAT).

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION  
DATE: 4/7/03 ROOM: 3143 EXHIBIT C  
SUBMITTED BY: TYA MATHIS

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# **Purpose or Intent of this Bill:**

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- To offer all students in Nevada an additional opportunity to be successful on the proficiency exam and all college entrance exams
  - This course will focus on test taking skills
  - It will also review the subject(s) that the student needs to focus on in order to be successful
  - The Nevada Proficiency exam and both the ACT & SAT exams will be the primary focus

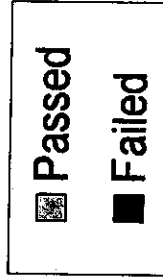
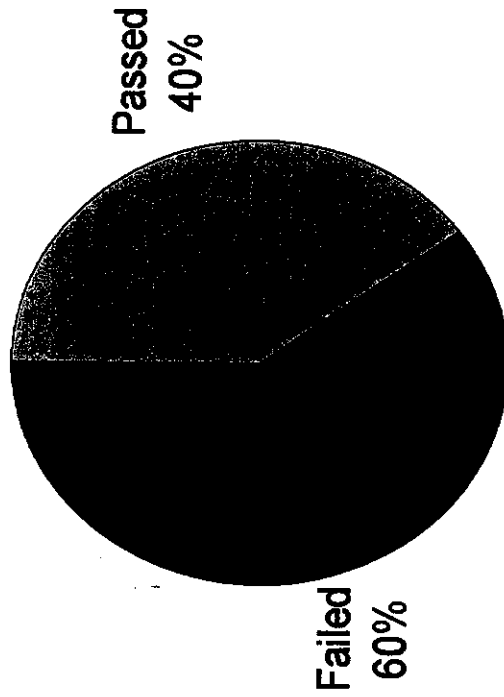
# Proficiency Results:

■ **November 2002 Exams (This  
school year)**

■ **April 2002 Exams (Last school  
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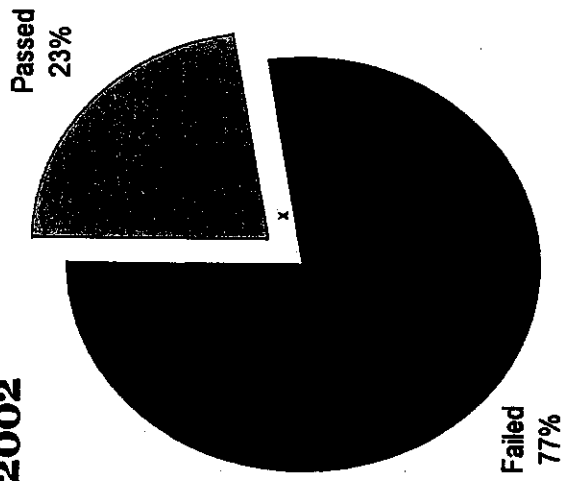
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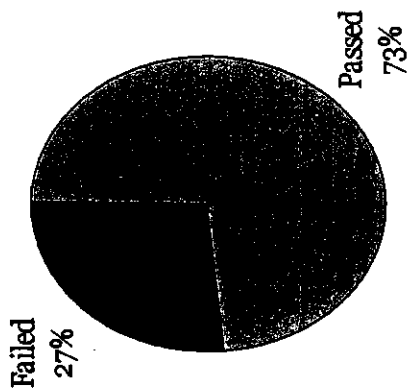
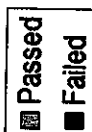
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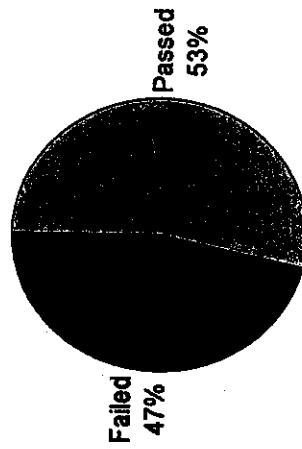
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Writing Results  
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**Grade 11  
Reading Results  
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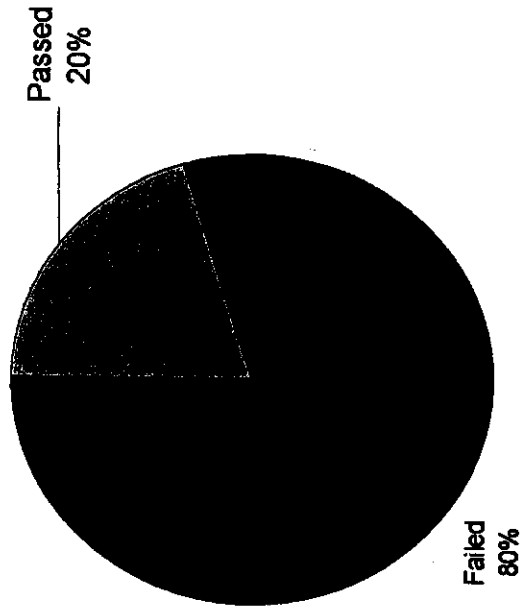


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**Grade 11  
Math Results  
April 2002**



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**Those results were not cumulative results over multiple testing. They were passing rates for only those test dates. The February 2003 results are being edited by the CCSD Central Information Systems and should be available in a few weeks."**

**-John Carpenter  
Administrative Specialist & Evaluator, CCSD  
Student Support Services Division  
Department of Grants, Development and Administration**

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# **A goal of the Clark County School District:**

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**“We believe that all actions of a school district should lead to improved student achievement— our number one priority.”**

**-Carlos A. Garcia, CCSD Superintendent**

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Finally...

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**If this course is implemented it  
will help with the greatest  
student achievement....**

**High school graduation and  
being successful once  
in higher education.**

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# **Additional Speakers:**

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■ **Stacey Ellmore**

Senior Consultant, ACT

■ **Ashley Mathis**

High School Senior, Clark County

■ **Jennifer Staats**

High School Senior, Washoe County

Of the total number of current 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not passed one or more sections of the HSPE:

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- 39%-4794 have not passed the math portion
- 15.5% - 1917 have not passed the reading portion
- 17% - 2145 have not passed the writing portion

They appear to have failed the math exam 2.8 times and the reading exam 1.8 times.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2003  
TO: Assemblyman Wendell Williams  
FROM: Mindy Braun, Education Program Analyst, *mb*  
Fiscal Analysis Division  
SUBJECT: **Costs of Administering the High School Proficiency Examination**

At the request of Tia Mathis, I am providing information to you concerning the cost of administering the High School Proficiency Examination in the state of Nevada. Cost is based upon information received from the Department of Education (see attached).

Administration of the High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE)

Costs for the High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) are based upon five administrations of the reading and math portions of the examination during a given school year; the administrations occur in November, February, April, May, and summer. For each administration, certain grade levels are eligible to participate in the examination. For example, 10<sup>th</sup> grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to take the examination during the April administration. Adults and students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to take the examination during each of the five administrations.

Costs of Administering the High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE)

The annual budget for the reading and math portions of the High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) is approximately \$1.4 million. The estimated per pupil cost for each administration is \$29. Total costs for each of the five administrations of the examination are as follows:

November	February	April	May	Summer
\$200,000	\$114,000	\$1,014,000	\$43,000	\$29,000

Assemblyman Wendell Williams

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I hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 684-6841.

Attachment

cc: Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Bob Atkinson, Program Analyst  
Tia Mathis, Office of Assemblyman Williams



Estimated per pupil expenditures for the HSPE by administration:

Factors to consider

- 1) Two subject areas (reading and math)
- 2) 5 administrations within a school year (November, February, April, May, Summer)
- 3) Students must be given multiple opportunities to take the examination
- 4) Students first take these examinations in grade 10
- 5) In April, the examination is taken by 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and adult students. The summer administration includes 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and adult and all other administrations are taken by 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adult students only.
- 6) The annual budget for these two programs which includes development, administration, scoring, reporting, and ancillary activities is approximately 1.4 million.

	November	February	April	May	Summer
<b>10<sup>th</sup> students (number)</b>			21,000		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> students (number)</b>			12,000		
<b>12<sup>th</sup>/ Adult students (number)</b>	7,000	4,000	2,500	1,500	1,000
<b>Total Students (number)</b>	7,000	4,000	35,500	1,500	1,000
<b>Estimated cost per pupil</b>	\$28 to \$29 <sup>a</sup>	\$28 to \$29	\$28 to \$29	\$28 to \$29	\$28 to \$29
<b>Estimated cost per administration</b>	\$200,000	\$114,000	\$1,014,000	\$43,000	\$29,000

<sup>a</sup> This total estimated per pupil expenditure includes both subject area tests

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-----Original Message-----

From: John N. Carpenter [<mailto:jncarpenter@interact.ccsd.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 3:00 PM

To: LCorbett@lcb.state.nv.us

Subject: Some CCSD NHSPE Results

Per our conversation, here are some data for NHSPE for Clark County School District:

For November 2002 Exams (this school year):

401 (40%) of 1,006 Grade 12 students passed reading  
817 (23%) of 3,612 Grade 12 students passed math  
1,935 (73%) of 2,639 Grade 12 students passed writing

For April 2002 Exams (last school year):

1,393 (53%) of 2,604 Grade 11 students passed reading  
1,191 (21%) of 5,851 Grade 11 students passed  
mathematics

These are not cumulative results over multiple testings. They are passing rates for only those test dates.

The February 2003 Reading and Math results are being edited by CCSD Central Information Systems and should be available in a couple of weeks.

The February Grade 11 & 12 writing results have not been released by NDE yet.

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