

**REVISED 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 and 2, NRS 385.080 and 389.0195.

A REGULATION relating to education; prescribing a uniform grading scale for pupils enrolled in high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations prescribing a uniform grading scale for all public high schools, including charter schools that operate as a high school. (NRS 389.0195)

Section 1 of this regulation prescribes a uniform grading scale for pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in a school district or charter school. **Section 1** also prescribes weighted values to the grading scale for completion of honors courses, advanced placement courses and international baccalaureate courses. **Section 1** further prescribes the manner by which value must be assigned for course work completed by a pupil who transfers from a high school in another state or from a private high school in this State. The uniform grading scale applies to pupils who are enrolled in grade 9 beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. A school district or charter school may apply the uniform grading scale for pupils enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12 for the 2014-2015 school year or may continue applying the grading scale in effect for those pupils before the 2014-2015 school year. **Section 1** also provides that a board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school may adopt a policy assigning a plus or minus to the grades earned by a pupil. The policy must ensure that the value assigned to each grade earned by a pupil complies with the uniform grading scale.

Existing regulations prescribe the manner in which a pupil may earn units of credit towards graduation from high school. (NAC 389.666) **Section 2** of this regulation provides that the transfer of units from a public or private high school outside this State for application toward high school graduation in this State must be approved in accordance with the uniform grading scale set forth in **section 1**.

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

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall use the following uniform grading scale for pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive:

<i>Course Point Range</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>90.0-100</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>4.0</i>
<i>80.0-89.99</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>70.0-79.99</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>2.0</i>
<i>60.0-69.99</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Below 60</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>0.0</i>

2. The grading scale prescribed by subsection 1 must be weighted as follows:

(a) For completion of an honors course with a grade of A, B, C or D, a value of 0.025 must be added to the value otherwise prescribed by subsection 1.

(b) For completion of an advanced placement course with a grade of A, B, C or D, a value of 0.050 must be added to the value otherwise prescribed by subsection 1.

(c) For completion of an international baccalaureate course with a grade of A, B, C or D, a value of 0.050 must be added to the value otherwise prescribed by subsection 1.

3. The grade point average of a pupil enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 must be computed to the third decimal place. A grade point average that:

(a) Is less than 0.0005 must be rounded down; and

(b) Is 0.0005 or higher must be rounded up.

4. If a pupil transfers from a high school located outside this State or from a private high school located in this State and enrolls in high school at a school district or charter school in this State, the pupil's transcript must be reviewed and a value must be assigned for each grade earned by the pupil in the other state or at the private high school as follows:

(a) If the pupil's transcript contains a letter grade for a course, that letter grade must be assigned a numerical value in accordance with the grading scale prescribed by subsection 1.

(b) If the pupil's transcript does not contain a letter grade for a course but contains a numerical value for a grade in the course, that numerical value must be assigned in accordance with the grading scale prescribed by subsection 1.

(c) If the pupil's transcript contains a notation that the pupil has completed an honors course, an advanced placement course or an international baccalaureate course with a grade of A, B, C or D, the weighted value prescribed by subsection 2 must be applied for that course. If the transcript does not contain such a notation, the grading scale prescribed by subsection 1 must be applied for the course.

5. The uniform grading scale prescribed by this section applies to pupils who are enrolled in grade 9 beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, until graduation of those pupils, including, without limitation, pupils who repeat grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year.

6. For pupils who are enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12 for the 2014-2015 school year, a school district or charter school may, until graduation of those pupils:

(a) Apply the uniform grading scale prescribed by this section; or

(b) Continue applying the grading scale in effect for those pupils before the 2014-2015 school year.

7. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school may adopt a policy assigning a plus or minus to the grades set forth in subsection 1. The policy must ensure that the value assigned to each grade earned by a pupil complies with the value set forth in the grading scale prescribed by subsection 1 and, if applicable, the weighted value prescribed by subsection 2.

Sec. 2. NAC 389.666 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.666 Units of credit which a pupil may apply toward graduation from high school may be earned:

1. In a public or private high school located in this State.
2. In a public or private high school located outside this State if the school district approves a transfer of the units for this purpose ~~H~~ *in accordance with subsection 4 of section 1 of this regulation.*
3. In an institution of higher learning whose academic programs are accredited by a national accrediting organization.
4. In the Nevada Youth Training Center or the Caliente Youth Center.
5. In a course of independent study conducted in accordance with NAC 389.710 to 389.750, inclusive.