



Legislative Update

Nevada Department of
Education

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Legislative Committee on
Education
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The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) will provide a legislative update on the following 2021 bills.

- AB19: Standards
- SB83: Accountability Waiver
- SB102: Kindergarten Start Date
- SB215: Blue Ribbon Commission
- The Department's current portfolio of 2021 legislation

2021 NDE Legislation: Assembly Bills



- AB38: Work-based Learning
- AB57: NEPF Student Learning Goal
- AB67: Discipline Cleanup
- AB109: Charter Teacher Licenses
- AB118: Child Transportation
- AB194: Restorative Justice
- AB195: EL Bill of Rights
- AB205: Opioid Antagonist
- AB215: Adult High School Diploma
- AB224: Feminine Hygiene
- AB225: Teacher Licensure Exams
- AB231: Education Relating to the Holocaust
- AB235: FAFSA
- AB237: Air Quality
- AB266: NEPF Class Size
- AB261: Curriculum Diversity,
- AB330: Occupational Licenses
- AB371: Discrimination in Schools
- AB417: School Bus Inspections
- AB494: K-12 Allocation
- AB495: Mining Tax

2021 NDE Legislation: Senate Bills



- SB2: CCSD Assessments
- SB36: School Safety
- SB66: Device Reporting
- SB69: Substance Abuse
- SB70: Mental Health
- SB151: School Instructional Support Professional Ratios
- SB160: Dual Credit
- SB172: Dual Credit Reporting
- SB173: Back on Track Act
- SB193: Veteran Education
- SB194: Civics State Seal
- SB210: Emotional Disturbance
- SB318: Government Services for Limited English Proficiency
- SB327: Anti-Discrimination
- SB352: Paraprofessional Student Teachers
- SB353: Assessment Regulations
- SB354: Restorative Justice Data
- SB390: Suicide Prevention
- SB439: Pupil-Centered Funding Plan
- SB444: Supplemental Appropriation
- SB458: State Education Fund
- SB461: ARP Guidelines
- SB249: Mental Health Days



- AB19: Standards was in response to educator feedback to publish standards in their fullest professional form, with illustrations and publication aids, on the Nevada Department of Education website and other professional resources, such as curriculum guides.
- This will no longer require academic standards to be codified in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) but maintain the robust standards adoption process.

Overview of Standards Development



STANDARDS

What a child needs to know and be able to do at each grade. **Adopted by the Nevada State Board of Education.**

CURRICULUM

How the standards are designed to be taught; including any resources, texts, and specific instructional units or strategies used in the classroom. **Selected by school districts and schools.**

Curriculum = standards + the means

INSTRUCTION

Action and method of implementing the curriculum and standards by the educator. This is how the educator facilitates learning to ALL students. **Selected by educators within school districts and schools.**

Proposal Stage

- NDE seeks approval from the Council to Establish Academic Standards
- Approval to review current standards

Preparatory Stage

- Select review committee
- Review standards from other states
- Review national frameworks or guidelines

Committee Stage

- Review national standards and national initiatives
- Prepare revisions, additions, and or rewrite the standard

Publish Stage

- Release approved standards on the NVD OE website
- Communicate new standards to all districts, SPSCA, and Regional Professional Development Programs
- Release standards implementation, model curriculum, instructional materials, and digital learning courses timeline

Approval Stage

- Prepare recommended revisions for the Council to Establish Academic Standards
- Prepare approved recommendation to the State Board of Education for final approval

Public Review Stage

- Prepare draft standards for public hearing and public comment
- Committee reviews and reconciles all comments
- Committee makes edits that are necessary
- Prepare draft of standards to be recommended for approval

SB83: Accountability Waiver



- SB83: Accountability Waiver waives the State annual report of accountability should the US Department of Education (USDOE) waive its report of accountability. Since the passage of this bill in 2021, the Nevada Department of Education has not had to apply this authority.
 - At this point in time, USDOE has not provided any additional waivers for accountability.

SB102: Kindergarten Start Date



- SB102: Kindergarten Start Date changes admittance requirement to so that any child who is 5 years of age by the first day of that district's school year is eligible to attend kindergarten. This is a change from being 5 years of age by September 30th.
 - NDE provided guidance on SB102 and continues to work with school districts and the public for full implementation.



- SB215: Blue Ribbon Commission passed during the 2021 legislative session with updates to programs of distance learning education and flexibilities in time, schedules, and calendars, and attendance.
 - The Blue Ribbon Commission informed these recommendations made to the State Superintendent of Public
 - SB215 has been recognized nationally for its innovative policies including at the South by Southwest education conference in Austin, Texas.

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