

LCB File No. R037-99

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~⊕~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 385.080

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.*