

LCB File No. R155-07

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

NAC 389.655 Passage of proficiency examinations. (NRS 385.080, 389.015)

1. *Unless otherwise provided in Section 9,a* pupil must not be given a standard diploma until the pupil has, after entering grade 11, passed:

- (a) The Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Reading;
- (b) The Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Mathematics; and
- (c) The Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Writing for the Eleventh Grade and Above.

↪ For pupils who graduate from high school before the 2004-2005 school year, the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Science must be used solely to gather information and data concerning the examination and must not be used as a condition for receipt of a high school diploma.

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9. A pupil must receive a standard high school diploma if he has failed to pass the high school proficiency examination in its entirety not less than three times before beginning grade 12, and the pupil:

- (a) Passes the subject areas of mathematics and reading on the proficiency examination;*
- (b) Has an overall grade point average of not less than 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale;*
- (c) Satisfies the alternative criteria pursuant to subsection 10;*
- (d) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for graduation from high school; and*
- (e) Has not previously failed to satisfy the alternative criteria in the same subject area.*

10. Alternative criteria for a pupil to receive a standard high school diploma pursuant to section 9 will be developed as follows:

- (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with Nevada educators will develop criteria for the submission of a pupil essay, senior project, or portfolio;*
- (b) The Department of Education, in conjunction with Nevada educators will develop rubrics for the evaluation of pupil submissions;*
- (c) For each pupil submission, a teacher and principal from the pupil's school must certify that the submission is the pupil's own work;*
- (d) Pupil submissions must be submitted on the dates specified by the Department of Education;*
- (e) Pupil submissions will be scored in a central location by a panel of educators selected and trained by the Department of Education*
- (f) Scoring of pupil submissions will occur on dates as determined by the Department of Education.*