

**PROPOSED 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, NRS 385.080, 385.110 and 389.018; §2, NRS 385.080 and 385.110.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising provisions governing the receipt of a diploma evidencing graduation from high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that prescribe the criteria for a pupil to receive a standard high school diploma. (NRS 389.805) Assembly Bill No. 288 of the 77th Legislative Session repealed the requirement that a pupil must pass all subject areas of the high school proficiency examination or satisfy alternative criteria prescribed by the Board in order to receive a diploma. (Chapter 506, Statutes of Nevada 2013, pp. 3278 and 3295) This regulation removes language referring to the repealed statutory requirement.

Existing regulations require a pupil to earn a certain number of credits in order to receive an advanced diploma or standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school (NAC 389.663, 389.664) This regulation provides that a student may earn a unit of credit for participation in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps as a required course that may be counted toward the total number of units of credit required to receive an advanced or standard diploma.

**Section 1.** NAC 389.663 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.663 1. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to ~~having passed the high school proficiency examination required by NRS 389.015,~~ *meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 389.805*, have:

(a) Earned a minimum of 18 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of credit; and

(b) Maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted, for all units of credit applicable toward graduation.

2. 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, <i>Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps</i> or career and technical education .....	1
Social studies .....	1
English, including reading, composition and writing .....	4
Health education .....	1/2
Mathematics .....	4
Physical education .....	2
Use of computers .....	1/2
Science .....	3
TOTAL:	18

**Sec. 2.** NAC 389.664 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.664 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 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,~~ *meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 389.805*, have earned a minimum of 15 units of credit for required courses and 7 1/2 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 22 1/2 units of credit. 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, <i>Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps</i> or career and technical education.....	1
English, including reading, composition and writing .....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics .....	3
Physical education.....	2
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science .....	2
TOTAL:	15

2. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a course of study in the use of computers during the sixth, seventh or eighth grade, the pupil is not required to take the course of study in the use of computers and must only earn a minimum of 14 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 1. The course of study in the use of computers must be for at least one semester or trimester, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study. This subsection authorizes, but does not require, a school district to offer a course in the use of computers as part of the curriculum of a middle school.