

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**Proposal for Nevada’s College and Career Ready Diploma
Section 41.5 of Assembly Bill 7 (Chapter 501, *Statutes of Nevada 2017*)**

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NAC 389.663 Units of credit and grade point average required to receive advanced diploma; *requirements to receive a college and career ready diploma.*

1. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of ~~NRS 389.805~~¹ *NRS 390.600*, 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, Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education.....	1
Social studies.....	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics (<i>including Algebra II or higher</i>).....	4
Physical education.....	2
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science.....	3
TOTAL:	18

3. To receive a college and career ready diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must:

- (a) Successfully complete the requirements for an advanced diploma pursuant to subsections 1 and 2;***
- (b) Within the 24 units of credit required for the advanced diploma pursuant to subsection 1(a), successfully complete at least 2 units of course work in one or more of the following:***
 - (1) Advanced placement courses;***
 - (2) International baccalaureate courses;***
 - (3) Dual-credit courses;***
 - (4) Career and technical education courses;***

- (5) Work-based learning courses; or*
- (6) World/foreign language courses.*
- (c) Obtain at least one endorsement described in subsection 4.*

4. In addition to the criteria prescribed in subsection 3, to receive a college and career ready diploma, a pupil must obtain at least one of the following endorsements:

¹ **Note:** Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), NRS 389.805 replaced in revision by NRS 390.600.

- (a) A college-ready endorsement. To earn a college-ready endorsement, prior to graduation from high school, a pupil must meet the benchmark test scores established by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada² that should enable a pupil to place into college–level coursework as a postsecondary student.*
 - (b) A career-ready endorsement. To earn a career-ready endorsement, prior to graduation from high school, a pupil must:*
 - (1) Achieve the designated proficiency level on a career readiness assessment³ selected by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall designate the minimum proficiency level that must be achieved on the selected assessment; or*
 - (2) Satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a certificate⁴ pursuant to subsection 4 of NAC 389.800; or*
 - (3) Obtain an industry-recognized credential as adopted by the State Board of Education.*
- 5. To the extent that money is available for this purpose:*
- (a) Incentive grants shall be awarded to public high schools and public charter schools for each pupil at the school who earns a college and career ready high school diploma.*
 - (b) Reimbursement may be made to a public high school, charter schools or school district for any costs associated with the administration or provision of an assessment, credential, certificate or certification required for receipt of a college and career ready high school diploma.*

² Under [Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Handbook](#), the Board of Regents establishes minimum test scores on college readiness assessments, including the ACT and SAT, for placement into college-level courses.

³ For discussion, the silver level of proficiency on the [ACT National Career Readiness Certificate](#) might be considered, but these assessments/vendors are not typically specified in regulations.

⁴ Citation (subsection 4 of NAC 389.800) is to the career and technical education certificate issued upon completion of the course of study in career and technical education.