

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**LCB File No. R120-17**

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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, 385.114, 389.018 and 390.600.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising the criteria for certain pupils to receive a standard high school diploma; 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, including, without limitation, a requirement that, commencing with the graduating class of 2022 and any graduating class thereafter, a pupil successfully complete a course of study designed to prepare the pupil for graduation from high school and for readiness for college and career. (NRS 390.600) Existing regulations prescribe the units of credit required to receive a standard diploma from high school. (NAC 389.664) This regulation adds a requirement that a pupil in the graduating class of 2022 or any class thereafter earn 2 units in a course of study of college and career ready flex credit to receive a standard high school diploma. This regulation also prescribes the criteria for a course of study in college and career ready flex credit.

**Section 1.** NAC 389.664 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.664 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~2,~~ **3**, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil *in the graduating class of 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021* must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to ~~subsection 2 of~~ NRS ~~389.805,~~ **390.600**, 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<br>Number of Units |
|---|----------------------------|
| American government .....   | 1                          |
| American history .....  | 1                          |
| Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level<br>III or Level IV) 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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil in the graduating class of 2022 or any graduating class thereafter must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to NRS 390.600, have earned a minimum of 17 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 23 units of credit. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:*

| <i>Required Course</i>  | <i>Minimum<br/>Number of Units</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>American government</i> .....  | <i>1</i>                           |
| <i>American history</i> .....   | <i>1</i>                           |
| <i>Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps<br/>(Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education</i> ..... | <i>1</i>                           |
| <i>College and career ready flex credit as described in subsection<br/>5</i> .....  | <i>2</i>                           |
| <i>English, including reading, composition and writing</i> .....  | <i>4</i>                           |
| <i>Health education</i> .....   | <i>1/2</i>                         |
| <i>Mathematics</i> .....  | <i>3</i>                           |
| <i>Physical education</i> .....   | <i>2</i>                           |
| <i>Use of computers</i> .....   | <i>1/2</i>                         |
| <i>Science</i> .....  | <i>2</i>                           |
| <b><i>TOTAL:</i></b>  | <b><i>17</i></b>                   |

3. 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 :

(a) *If the pupil is required to meet the requirements of subsection 1*, 14 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 1.

*(b) If the pupil is required to meet the requirements of subsection 2, 16 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 2.*

4. The course of study in the use of computers *described in subsection 3* must be for at least one semester or trimester, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study.

5. *The course of study in college and career ready flex credit required by subsection 2 must include a:*

*(a) Level II or Level III course of study in a program area prescribed pursuant to NAC 389.803;*

*(b) Fourth year of mathematics, which must include Algebra II or another course which follows such a course of study;*

*(c) Third year of social studies; or*

*(d) Third year of science.*

6. This ~~subsection~~ *section* 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.