

**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, 385.114, 389.018, as amended by section 5.5 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237 and section 2 of Senate Bill No. 249, chapter 456, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2929, and 390.600, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237 and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252.

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 college and a career. (NRS 390.600, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237 and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252) Existing regulations prescribe the units of credit required to receive a standard diploma from high school. (NAC 389.664) This regulation revises the criteria for a pupil in the graduating class of 2022 or any class thereafter to receive a standard high school diploma by: (1) adding a requirement that such a pupil earn a unit of credit in social studies; and (2) replacing one required unit of credit in science with a required unit of credit in either science or mathematics.

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, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237, and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252, 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, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level 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, as amended by section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 64, chapter 61, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 237 and section 52 of Assembly Bill No. 7, chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 3252, 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 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 (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education</i>	<i>1</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>Mathematics or science</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Use of computers</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>2</i>

Social studies1

TOTAL: **17**

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. 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.