

**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 387.652 and 387.656.

A REGULATION relating to prekindergarten education; prescribing certain requirements with which a recipient of a grant to fund a prekindergarten program must comply; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

To the extent money is available, existing law requires the Department of Education to award grants of money to school districts, sponsors of charter schools and nonprofit organizations to support prekindergarten programs. (NRS 387.652) Existing law also requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations prescribing: (1) the services that a program must provide; (2) any evaluations in which a program must participate; (3) requirements concerning the engagement of parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in a program; and (4) the minimum standards of performance a program must meet and indicators to measure the effectiveness of a program. (NRS 387.656) This regulation requires the recipient of a grant to support a prekindergarten program to: (1) work with providers of community-based services to meet certain needs of the families of pupils enrolled in the program; (2) develop a system to assess the progress of pupils toward the applicable prekindergarten standards; (3) administer a survey to the families of pupils to evaluate their experience with the program and use the information collected to create and implement a plan to promote family engagement; and (4) create and implement a system to monitor and improve the quality of the prekindergarten program.

Section 1. Chapter 387 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

A recipient of a grant for a prekindergarten program awarded pursuant to NRS 387.652

shall:

1. Collaborate with providers of community-based services to meet the needs of the families of pupils enrolled in the program, which must include, without limitation, providing:

(a) Screening for basic health care needs, including, without limitation:

- (1) Wellness checks;*
- (2) Immunizations;*
- (3) Vision examinations;*
- (4) Hearing examinations; and*
- (5) Dental examinations.*

(b) Referrals for services and resources from programs that provide services, including, without limitation:

- (1) Educational programs;*
- (2) Nutritional programs;*
- (3) Social programs; and*
- (4) Any other program which provides a beneficial service to the community.*

2. Maintain a record of the community-based services provided to the families of pupils enrolled in the prekindergarten program.

3. Create and implement a system to assess the progress of pupils toward the prekindergarten standards established pursuant to NRS 389.520.

4. On or before December 31 of each year, administer a survey from the Department to the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the prekindergarten program to evaluate the experience each family is having with the program.

5. Create and implement a plan to keep the families of pupils enrolled in the prekindergarten program engaged in the education of the pupil using information from the survey administered pursuant to subsection 4.

6. Create and implement a system to monitor and improve the quality of the prekindergarten program, which must include, without limitation, the:

(a) Monitoring of pupil performance;

(b) Use of best practices in education based on the most recent data and research;

(c) Use of the newest practicable technology in education and any related technical assistance which is necessary; and

(d) Professional development and coaching of teachers and administrators.

7. Provide data collected from the system implemented pursuant to subsection 6 to the Department for the evaluation of the prekindergarten program and the system implemented pursuant to subsection 6 to monitor and improve the quality of the prekindergarten program.