

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-4, NRS 385.080.

**Section 1.** NAC 389.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.017 “Adult standard diploma” means a diploma which evidences the graduation from high school of **[an adult]** *a person* who has met the requirements for graduation through **[a]** :

- 1. A program of adult education established by a school district [.] ; or*
- 2. An alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537.*

**Sec. 2.** NAC 389.688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.688 1. A school district may award an adult standard diploma to a person who:

(a) Withdrew from high school before his graduation and was not eligible to graduate with his class [;], *or participated in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537;*

(b) Has passed the proficiency examination which is administered to high school pupils pursuant to NRS 389.015;

(c) Has earned , *in high school or in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537*, or waived , the units of credit required in subsection 2; and

(d) Is [~~18~~] *17* years of age or [~~over~~] *older* at the time of the award.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the units of credit which a person must have earned or waived to be qualified to receive an adult standard diploma are a total of 12 units for required courses and a total of 8 1/2 units for elective courses. The person must have earned or waived his units for the required courses in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government	1
American history	1
Arts and humanities	1
English	4
Health education	1/2
Mathematics	2
Science	2
Use of computers	1/2
TOTAL:	12

3. If a person demonstrates a competency in the use of computers, he is not required to complete the course in the use of computers and must earn or waive a total of 11 1/2 units in required courses.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 389.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.690 1. Units of credit earned by a person through a program of adult education may be applied toward meeting the requirements for an adult standard diploma only if the course in which the units were earned was:

(a) Taught in a school district of this state; or  
(b) Equivalent to a regular course offered in the high school where the diploma will be issued, and the course is approved by the principal of the high school for that purpose.

2. As used in this section, “adult education” means instruction or training provided at or below the level of a secondary school for persons over 17 years of age who [:

(a) ~~Have] *have* not completed high school . [; and~~

~~(b) *Lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to be awarded a standard diploma.*]~~

**Sec. 4.** NAC 389.694 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.694 1. [A] *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who seeks an adult standard diploma may waive units of credit for English, mathematics, science and social studies by taking tests of his general educational development in these subjects. A person who seeks an adult standard diploma and who is enrolled in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high school established by a school district pursuant to NRS 388.537 may not waive any units of credit pursuant to this section.*

2. The maximum number of credits which may be waived in the areas of English, mathematics and science must be based on the number of credits previously earned which meet

the minimum requirements for course content outlined in NAC 389.450 to 389.510, inclusive, and the credits waived upon the completion of the General Educational Development Test.

3. Credits in elective courses may be waived only in the area of social studies. The maximum number of credits which may be waived in the area of social studies must be based on the General Educational Development Test.

4. The following table sets forth the scores which a person must achieve on the tests to waive credits in required and elective courses and the corresponding number of units which may be waived:

Subject	Designation of Test	Maximum Number of Units	
		For Score of 45.0 to 49.9	For Score of 50.0 or higher
English	I and IV (average)	2	4
Mathematics	V	1	2
Science	III	1	2
Social Studies	II	1	2