

**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 and 2, NRS 385.080 and 389.160.

Section 1. Chapter 389 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The superintendent of each school district which is authorized by the state board of education to grant academic credit for an occupational course of study pursuant to NAC 389.672 shall, at least once every 3 years, appoint a committee to review that occupational course of study. The committee must consist of one person who is certified to teach in the occupational course of study and one person who is certified to teach in the academic area in which the credit may be earned.

2. After the committee has reviewed the occupational course of study, it shall submit a written report of its review to the board of trustees of the school district. The report must include a statement signed by the members of the committee that the curriculum for the occupational course of study includes the curriculum of the required course of study.

3. The board of trustees shall submit to the state board of education, for its approval, the written curriculum and title of the occupational course of study and a statement of the academic credit it proposes to grant.

4. *Academic credit may be granted for the occupational course of study or combination of courses only after the state board of education has given its approval.*

Sec. 2. NAC 389.672 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.672 1. A board of trustees may allow a pupil to earn, towards the units necessary for graduation from high school, two units of the credit required in English, one unit required in mathematics, one unit required in science and one-half unit required in health if he is enrolled in one of the following occupational courses of study and that course of study includes as part of its curriculum the curriculum of the required course:

- (a) Agriculture.
- (b) Business.
- (c) Occupational education in cooperation with a private employer.
- (d) Occupations described in NAC 389.572 to 389.584, inclusive.
- (e) Occupations in trade and industry described in NAC 389.586 to 389.618, inclusive.
- (f) Home economics.
- (g) Industrial arts.
- (h) Marketing.
- (i) Skills needed to obtain employment.

2. The [local] superintendent of [schools] *the school district* shall appoint a committee composed of one person certified to teach in the occupational course of study and one person certified to teach in the academic area in which the credit may be earned. The committee must verify to the board of trustees that the curriculum for the occupational course of study includes the curriculum of the required course of study.

3. After verification has been received [from] *by* the board of trustees, the written curriculum and title of the course of study and a statement of the academic credit to be granted must be submitted to the state board of education for approval. Academic credit may be granted for the occupational course of study or combination of courses only after the state board of education has given its approval.

4. The superintendent of public instruction may give approval for the granting of academic credit to a board of trustees requesting to use a curriculum for a course of study that has [already] been approved by the state board of education for another school district, if:

- (a) The procedures set forth in subsection 2 were followed by the requesting district; and
- (b) The board of trustees provides assurances that it will not deviate from the curriculum [already] *that has been* approved by the state board.

5. A pupil who earns academic credit pursuant to this section must be notified that the approval for academic credit is designed to meet the requirements for graduation from high school and may not be accepted for academic credit by a specific postsecondary institution. A copy of the notification given to the pupil must accompany the other materials to be submitted to the state board of education for final approval.

6. A minimum number of credits must be earned in the respective academic areas, as follows:

- (a) At least one credit must be earned in the academic mathematics department;
- (b) At least one credit must be earned in the academic science department; and
- (c) At least two credits must be earned in the academic English department.

Sec. 3. This regulation becomes effective on September 1, 1999.