

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Occupational Education intends to hold a public hearing on the proposed regulations on May 21 or 22, 1998

**PROPOSED REGULATIONS OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATE BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

**Explanation:** Matter underlined is new; matter in brackets[ ] is material to be omitted

**Program for Independent Study**

**Statutory Authority:** NRS 389.155

389.xxx Program for independent study.

1. General Provisions. Except as provided by this regulation, any enrolled pupil as defined in NAC 387.050, who is enrolled in high school, may complete any required or elective course through independent study outside of the normal classroom setting. Such courses may be taken by variance outside the zone or district in which the student is enrolled. (may need to define “variance” here)

2. For the purposes of this regulation, the board will interpret the term “independent study” to mean instructional activities which are consistent with the course of study prescribed by the state board of education and which take place in a setting other than a regular high school classroom.

3. Before placement in an independent study course, a pupil shall enter into an agreement with the instructor of record. The agreement shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) course objectives;
- b) a timeline for completion of assigned coursework;
- c) a schedule of regular communication between the student and the instructor of record;
- d) method of assessing student learning;
- e) criteria for awarding grades and credit;
- f) a signed approval by the parent/guardian of the student.

4. A teacher who is licensed to teach in the State of Nevada shall be in the instructor of record of the course.

5. Districts which provide for independent study must:

- a) develop a board policy for independent study, including specifications for appeals;

b) establish a system of recordkeeping for each student enrolled in each independent study course which includes:

- 1) a copy of the agreement for independent study;
- 2) a record of the communications between the pupil and the instructor;
- 3) a record of the assignments that the pupil has completed; and
- 4) a copy of the record which indicates the final grade and credit earned issued by the instructor of record for each course of independent study.

6. Independent study course activities which may constitute a risk to a student's health and safety must be conducted under qualified adult supervision.

7. A student may earn no more than six of the credits required for graduation through independent study.