

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**LCB File No. R037-99**

Effective July 1, 2000

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 7, NRS 385.080; §§2-6, NRS 385.080 and 385.110.

**Section 1.** Chapter 389 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *“Semester” means one of the two academic terms that make up the school year at a school that offers a traditional 9-month school schedule.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Trimester” means one of the three academic terms that make up the school year at a school that offers a 12-month school program or a school program involving alternative scheduling whose regular academic year consists of three terms.*

**Sec. 4.** NAC 389.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.011 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 389.015 to 389.040, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 5.** NAC 389.664 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.664 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to having passed the proficiency examination required by NRS 389.015, have earned a total of 14 units of credit for

required courses and a total of 8 1/2 units of credit for elective courses. 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.....	1
English.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	2
Physical education.....	2
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science.....	2
TOTAL:	14

2. If a pupil entered the ninth grade on or before July 1, 1988, he must earn 1 unit of credit in science, 3 units of credit in English, 1 unit of credit in American government, 1 unit of credit in American history, 1/2 unit of credit in health, 2 units of credit in physical education, 2 units of credit in mathematics, and a total of 10 1/2 units in the required courses . ***⚠ The units of credit required by this subsection are*** in addition to 9 1/2 units of credit for elective courses.

3. If a pupil ~~[demonstrates competency]~~ *satisfactorily completes a course of study* in the use of computers *during the sixth, seventh or eighth grade*, he is not required to take the course of study in the use of computers and must only earn a total of 13 1/2 units in required courses. *The course of study in the use of computers must be for at least one semester or trimester, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study. This subsection 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.*

**Sec. 6.** 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 17 years of age or 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]~~ *satisfactorily completes a course of study* in the use of computers ~~[,]~~ *during the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade*, 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. *The course of study in the use of computers must be for at least one semester or trimester, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study. This subsection 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.*

**Sec. 7.** This regulation becomes effective on July 1, 2000.