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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/
STATE BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Explanation: Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

Authority: NRS 385.080.

Section 1. Chapter 389 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth, inclusive, of this regulation to read as follows:

Section 2. NAC 389.663 Units and grade-point average required to receive advanced diploma. (NRS 385.080)

1. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil who enrolls in the ninth grade during or after the 1999-2000 school year must, in addition to having passed the proficiency examination required by NRS 389.015, have:

- (a) Earned a minimum of 17 units of credit for required courses and 7 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of credit; and
- (b) Maintained at least a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted, for all units of credit applicable toward graduation.

2. 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 <i>or Occupational Education</i>	1
Social studies.....	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	3
Physical education.....	2
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science.....	3
TOTAL:	17

Section 3. NAC 389.664 Units required to receive standard diploma. (NRS 385.080, 385.110)

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 minimum of 15 units of credit for required courses and 7 1/2 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 22 1/2 units of credit. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

Required Courses	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1
American history.....	1
Arts and humanities <i>or Occupational Education</i>	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	3
Physical education.....	2
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science.....	2
TOTAL:	15

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a pupil enrolled in the ninth grade during or before the 1998-1999 school year, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, the pupil must, in addition to having passed the proficiency examination required by NRS 389.015, have earned a minimum of 1 unit of credit in American government, 1 unit of credit in American history, 1 unit of credit in arts and humanities, 4 units of credit in English, including reading, composition and writing, 1/2 unit of credit in health education, 2 units of credit in mathematics, 2 units of credit in physical education, 1/2 unit of credit in the use of computers and 2 units of credit in science, for a total of at least 14 units of credit for required courses. The units of credit required by this subsection are in addition to a minimum of 8 1/2 units of credit for elective courses that the pupil must have earned for a total of at least 22 1/2 units of credit.

3. If a pupil 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 minimum of 14 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 1 or 13 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 2. 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.

Section 4. NAC 389.688 Requirements for adult standard diploma. (NRS 385.080, 385.110) [Effective July 1, 2002.]

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 13 units for required courses and a total of 7 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 Courses	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1
American history.....	1
Arts and humanities <i>or Occupational Education</i>	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	3
Use of computers.....	1/2
Science.....	2
	TOTAL: 13

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 12 1/2 units in required courses.