

English Mastery Council Legislative Charges

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Responsibilities of the Council (1)

Senate Bill 504 was passed by the 2013 Nevada Legislature. This bill requires the creation of a statewide English Mastery Council (EMC) in order to improve the quality of English Language Learner (ELL) education in Nevada [NRS 388.409](#).

The EMC has 4 main areas of work which include the following:

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Responsibilities of the Council (2)

- **TESL:**
 - Review university courses of study to teach ESL;
 - Recommend improvement for any courses of study;
 - Make recommendations for the adoption of regulations concerning the requirement for an endorsement to Teach English as a Second Language (TESL); and
 - Submit TESL recommendations to the Commission on Professional Standards. [NRS 388.411](#)

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Responsibilities of the Council (3)

- **District Policy and Planning Criteria:**
 - Make recommendations concerning criteria for all district to develop their policy to serve ELLs;
 - Submit policy criteria recommendations to State Board; and
 - Review annually each district policy to serve ELLs.

[NRS 388.411](#)

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Responsibilities of the Council (4)

- **Standards and Curriculum:**
 - Develop standards and criteria for a curriculum for ELLs for consideration by the State Board. [NRS 388.411](#)

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Responsibilities of the Council (5)

- **English Proficiency & Academic Achievement**
 - In 80th legislative session Interim Education Committee proposed AB 92 :
 - Proposed extension until June 2022
 - Included fiscal note to support the work of the EMC
 - Proposed a new responsibility for the EMC:
 - *“To make recommendations to the State Board to improve the English proficiency and academic achievement of pupils who are not English learners and who have scored at or below the 25th percentile.*
- [NRS 388.411](#) Sec 1.7

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