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GUIDACE MEMORANDUM #17-28

TO: School District Superintendents

COPY: State Test Directors, Adult High School Program Directors,
Corrections Education Directors

FROM: Steve Canavero Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Adult High School Diploma EOC Assessments: Approved Recommendations

Current NRS 389.688 outlines the requirements to obtain an Adult High School Diploma (AHSD). This memo is to provide timely information on how AHSD programs can comply with the sun-setting of the High School Proficiency Exams while the state transitions from the EOC examinations being a high-stakes graduation requirement to a medium-stakes end-of-course final.

- **NAC 389.688 Requirements for adult standard diploma. ([NRS 385.080](#), [385.110](#), [389.805](#))**
 1. A school district may award an adult standard diploma to a person who:
 - (a) Withdrew from high school before the person's graduation and was not eligible to graduate with his or her class, or participated in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of school established by a school district pursuant to [NRS 388.537](#);
 - (b) *Has passed all required end-of-course examinations; (Emphasis added)*
 - (c) Has earned, in high school, in an adult high school program or in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of school established by a school district pursuant to [NRS 388.537](#), or waived, the units of credit required in subsection 2; and
 - (d) Is 18 years of age or older at the time of the award or is 17 years of age but less than 18 years of age and participates in an alternative program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of school pursuant to [NRS 388.537](#).

Effective immediately, to address subsection 1-b, a pupil shall be deemed to have passed requirements for end-of-course examinations, if the pupil passes the course with which the examination is aligned, in accordance with any established grading policy of the school district or charter school, as applicable.

Furthermore, AB 7 required that the State Board adopt a percentage of the grade the EOC final is to count toward the final grade for the associated course. Adult standard diploma requirements will align with the State Board approved implementation of EOCs as outlined in Guidance Memo #17-22 dated September 20, 2017.

- 2017-18 School Year –No percentage requirement, district discretion to set a percentage of the student’s final grade if it chooses to.
- 2018-19 School Year - 10% of course grade
- 2019-20 School Year - 15% of course grade
- 2020-21 School Year and beyond - 20% of course grade

AHSD Courses that will Require an EOC

At the September 12th State Board Meeting the Board approved the Department’s recommendation that an EOC final be administered in the associated courses:

- EOC Math 1 - Algebra 1 or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- EOC Math II - Geometry or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- EOC Integrated Math I - Integrated Math I or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- EOC Integrated Math II - Integrated Math II or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- EOC ELA - English 10 or an equivalent course that has been state approved

Impact on Students Who Did Not Previously Pass the EOC/High School Proficiency (HSP) Exam

Regardless of cohort, students who did not achieve the formerly required minimum level of performance on the EOC/HSP exams, but passed the class, are not required to re-take the EOC/HSP exams. This includes students did not take the aligned EOC/HSP exams.

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