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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

The Nevada Department of Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 21, 2023**, via [YouTube](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

1:20 P.M Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 389.450, NAC 390.430, NAC 390.440, and NAC 390.445—Diploma Requirements.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at NVBoardEd@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 775-443-5519, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department via email at NVBoardEd@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Thursday, September 20, 2023**.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the Department of Education and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <https://doe.nv.gov>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <https://notice.nv.gov>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <https://leg.state.nv.us>, and physically at the Nevada Department of Education Offices and with Nevada State Library and Archives. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: August 28, 2023

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC chapter 390.430, NAC 390.440, and NAC 390.445.

I, Jhone M. Ebert, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation regarding diploma requirements is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jhone M. Ebert".

Jhone M. Ebert
Superintendent of Public Instruction

NAC 390.430 Units of credit and grade point average required to receive advanced diploma. (NRS 385.080, 385.114, 389.018, 389.021, 390.600)

1. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of [NRS 390.600](#), have:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, earned a minimum of 18 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of credit; and

(b) Maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted, for all units of credit applicable toward graduation.

2. *For any pupil that graduates before July 1, 2028, ~~the~~ the units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:*

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1 1/2
<i>Economics</i>	1/2
American history.....	1
Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps {(Level III or Level IV)} or career and technical education.....	1
{Social studies} <i>World history or world geography</i>	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher).....	4
Physical education.....	2
Computer <i>science</i> education and technology.....	1/2
Science.....	3
TOTAL:	18

3. *For a pupil that graduates after July 1, 2028, the units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:*

<i>Required Course</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Units</i>
<i>American government</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Economics and financial literacy</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>American history</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps or career and technical education</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>World history or world geography</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>English, including reading, composition and writing</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Health education</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Physical education</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Required Course</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Units</i>
<i>Computer science education and technology</i>	1/2
<i>Science</i>	3
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>18</i>

~~[3.]~~ 4. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a course of study in computer *science* education and technology during the ~~[sixth, seventh or]~~ eighth grade, the pupil is not required to take the course of study in computer *science* education and technology and must only earn a minimum of ~~[17 1/2]~~ **18** units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 2. The course of study in computer *science* education and technology must be taught for at least one semester or trimester, as applicable, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study. ~~[Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring a school district to offer a course in computer science education and technology as part of the curriculum of a middle school.]~~

NAC 390.440 Units of credit required to receive standard diploma. ([NRS 385.080](#), [385.114](#), [389.018](#), [390.600](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil in the graduating class of 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021 must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to [NRS 390.600](#), 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 Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1
American history.....	1
Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education.....	1
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	3
Physical education.....	2
Computer education and technology.....	1/2
Science.....	2
TOTAL:	15

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil ~~[in the graduating class of 2022 or any graduating class thereafter]~~ **who graduates between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2028** must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to [NRS 390.600](#), have earned a minimum of 17 units of credit for

required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 23 units of credit. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
American government.....	1 1/2
<i>Economics</i>	1/2
American history.....	1
[Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education] <i>World History or World Geography</i>	1
College and career ready flex credit as described in subsection 5 6.....	2
English, including reading, composition and writing.....	4
Health education.....	1/2
Mathematics.....	3
Physical education.....	2
Computer <i>science</i> education and technology.....	1/2
Science.....	2
TOTAL:	17

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to receive a standard diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil who graduates on or after July 1, 2028, must, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed pursuant to NRS 390.600, have earned a minimum of 17 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 23 units of credit. The units for the required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

<i>Required Course</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Units</i>
<i>American government</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Economics and financial literacy</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>American history</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>World History or World Geography</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>College and career ready flex credit as described in subsection 6</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>English, including reading, composition, and writing</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Health education</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Physical education</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Computer science education and technology</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>17</i>

~~[3.]~~ 4. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a course of study in computer *science* education and technology during the ~~[sixth, seventh or]~~ eighth grade, the pupil is not required to take the course of study in computer *science* education and technology and must only earn a minimum of ~~[-~~

~~— (a) If the pupil is required to meet the requirements of subsection 1, 14 1/2 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 1.~~

~~— (b) If the pupil is required to meet] the requirements of subsection 2, [16 1/2] 17 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 2.~~

~~[4.]~~ 5. The course of study in computer *science* education and technology described in subsection 3 must be taught for at least one semester or trimester, as applicable, or the equivalent, and must not be taught as part of another course of study.

~~[5.]~~ 6. The course of study in college and career ready flex credit required by subsection 2 must include a:

(a) Level II or ~~[Level III]~~ *higher* course of study in a *career and technical education* program area prescribed pursuant to NAC 389.803;

(b) Fourth year of mathematics, which must include Algebra II or ~~[another course which follows such a course of study]~~ *higher*;

(c) ~~[Third]~~ *Fourth* year of social studies; or

(d) Third year of science.

~~[6.— Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a school district to offer a course in computer education and technology as part of the curriculum of a middle school.]~~

NAC 390.445 Units of credit required to receive alternative diploma. ([NRS 385.080](#), [385.114](#), [389.018](#), [390.600](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed by paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of [NRS 390.600](#), to receive an alternative diploma evidencing graduation from high school, a pupil in the graduating class of 2019, 2020 or 2021 must have earned a minimum of 15.0 units of credit for required courses and 7.5 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 22.5 units of credit. The units of credit for required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
Social studies.....	2.0
Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Level III or Level IV) or career and technical education.....	1.0
English language arts.....	4.0
Health education.....	0.5
Mathematics.....	3.0
Physical education.....	2.0
Use of computers.....	0.5
Science.....	2.0
TOTAL	15.0

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, to receive an alternative diploma evidencing graduation from high school, in addition to meeting the criteria prescribed by paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of [NRS 390.600](#), a pupil in the graduating class of 2022 or any graduating class thereafter must have earned a minimum of 17.0 units of credit for required courses and 6.0 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 23.0 units of credit. The units of credit for required courses must be earned in accordance with the following table:

Required Course	Minimum Number of Units
Social studies.....	2.0
Arts and humanities, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps [(Level III or Level IV)] or career and technical education.....	1.0
College and career ready flex credit as described in subsection 3.....	2.0
English language arts.....	4.0
Health education.....	0.5
Mathematics.....	3.0
Physical education.....	2.0
Use of computers.....	0.5
Science.....	2.0
TOTAL	17.0

3. The course of study in college and career ready flex credit required by subsection 2 must include a:

- (a) Level II or ~~Level III~~ *higher* course of study in a program area prescribed pursuant to [NAC 389.803](#);
- (b) Fourth year of mathematics;
- (c) Third year of social studies; or
- (d) Third year of science.

4. If a pupil satisfactorily completes a course of study in the use of computers during the sixth, seventh or eighth grade, the pupil is not required to take the course of study in the use of computers and must only earn a minimum of:

- (a) If the pupil is required to meet the requirements of subsection 1, 14.5 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 1; or
- (b) If the pupil is required to meet the requirements of subsection 2, 16.5 units of credit for required courses pursuant to subsection 2.

5. The length of the course of study in the use of computers described in subsection 4 must be at least one semester or trimester, or the equivalent thereof, and the course must not be taught as part of another course of study.

6. Academic content for the courses required by subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, must be based on grade-level content standards that are aligned with the alternate assessment prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of [NRS 390.600](#).

NAC 389.450 Prescribed courses of study for graduation. ([NRS 385.080](#), [385.114](#), [388.360](#), [389.021](#), [389.072](#)) In addition to the courses of study required in [chapter 389](#) of NRS, the State Board of Education prescribes the following courses of study for graduation from a public high school:

1. Arts and humanities, or career and technical education;
2. Health education;
3. English;
4. Mathematics, which may include the following courses of study:
 - (a) ~~Basic~~ **Discrete** mathematics;
 - (b) Mathematics for everyday living;
 - (c) Prealgebra;
 - (d) Algebra I;
 - (e) Geometry;
 - (f) Algebra II;
 - (g) Trigonometry;
 - (h) Analytic geometry;
 - (i) Precalculus;
 - (j) Calculus; and
 - (k) Probability and statistics;
5. Physical education ~~or personal fitness~~;
6. Science, which may include the following courses of study:
 - (a) Life science;
 - (b) Earth science;
 - (c) Physical science;
 - (d) Environmental science; and
 - (e) General science;
7. Computer **science** education and technology, for which at least 50 percent of the instructional time for the course is dedicated to computer science and computational thinking; and
- 8. Social studies, which may include the following courses of study:**
 - (a) American government;**
 - (b) American history;**
 - (c) World history;**
 - (d) World geography; and**
 - (e) Economics and financial literacy;**
8. Academic achievement, career exploration, and personal and social development.