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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation
October 16, 2026

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2026,** via Livestream Link and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City 89701 and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.** The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:03 A.M. Workshop T004-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.131 – Single subject majors and minors, 391.13105 – Single subject major involving music, 391.202 – Endorsement to teach computer technology-based applications and computational thinking. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel. This regulation will remove the secondary computer science endorsement, repeal NAC 391.13105 and remove the grade bands for introductory computer science endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

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 geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.** Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at COPS@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, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. 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 Commission on or before **Friday, November 13, 2026.**

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for Commission on Professional Standards in Education, posted on the Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage, Nevada's Public Notice webpage, the Nevada State Legislature's Administrative Regulations notices webpage, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. 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: October 16, 2026

RE: Workshop T004-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.131 – Single subject majors and minors, 391.13105 – Single subject major involving music, 391.202 – Endorsement to teach computer technology-based applications and computational thinking.

I, Victor Wakefield, 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 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. Comments have 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,

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

EMERGENCY REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

LCB FILE NO. T004-26P

The following document is an emergency regulation submitted

by the agency on 09/16/2026

The intent of this regulation is to remove the secondary computer science license as secondary computer science CTE license holders can teach this single subject area. NAC 391.13105 can be repealed because the secondary music assignment can be taught by secondary instrumental and vocal license holders. Per R039-25, the Department, with approval of the Commission, will move existing secondary music license holders to secondary instrumental & vocal licenses and existing secondary computer science license holders to secondary CTE licenses. A grandfather clause is not needed in regulation.

NAC 391.131 Single-subject majors and minors. (NRS 385.080, 391.019) The Board recognizes the following single subjects in academic education as majors or minors, which require 30 or 16 semester hours of credit respectively:

1. Anthropology.
2. Biology.
3. Botany.
4. Chemistry.
5. Composition and rhetoric.
~~6. Computer science.~~
7. Dance.
8. Dramatic or theatrical arts.
9. Earth science.
10. Economics.
11. English or American literature.
12. Environmental science.
13. Geography.
14. Geology.
15. Health education.
16. History of the United States and the world.
17. Journalism and communication.
18. Linguistics.
19. Physics.
20. Physiology.

21. Political science.

22. Psychology.

23. Reading.

24. Sociology.

25. Speech.

26. World languages.

27. Zoology.

~~**NAC 391.13105 Single-subject major involving music.** (NRS 385.080, 391.019) A major in a single subject consists of 30 semester hours in courses of study involving:~~

~~1. Musical instruments, including courses in:~~

~~(a) Basic music, including theory, harmony, singing by sight and developing a sensitivity to musical tone or pitch;~~

~~(b) The history or literature of music;~~

~~(c) Applied music;~~

~~(d) Music ensemble, including band or orchestra;~~

~~(e) Techniques for teaching and playing musical instruments; and~~

~~(f) Methods for teaching and playing musical instruments; and~~

~~2. Choral and vocal music including courses in:~~

~~(a) Basic music, including theory, harmony, singing by sight and developing a sensitivity to musical pitch and tone;~~

~~(b) The history or literature of music;~~

~~(c) Applied music in piano;~~

~~(d) Choral ensemble;~~

~~(e) Choral literature and methods for teaching chorus; and~~

~~(f) Elementary methods of teaching music.~~

APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

~~**LCB File No. R026-20**~~

~~Filed February 28, 2022~~

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

The intent of updating this regulation is to remove the grade bands for the introductory computer science endorsement so that the Department can issue the endorsement aligning with the educator's base license.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; requiring teachers to meet certain requirements to receive certain endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations relating to the licensure of teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) The Commission must also adopt regulations providing for the licensure of persons who obtain a license pursuant to an alternative route to licensure. (NRS 391.032) Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations to approve a course of study or training offered by an educational institution to qualify a person to be a teacher. (NRS 391.037, 391.038)

Existing regulations authorize a person to receive an endorsement to teach computer technology-based applications and computational thinking if he or she meets certain requirements. (NAC 391.202) **Section 1** of this regulation changes that endorsement to be an endorsement to teach introductory computer science. **Section 1** also expands the types of license a person may hold to receive the endorsement.

Existing regulations outline the requirements a person must meet to receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada. (NAC 391.253) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes a person to receive such an endorsement if he or she meets certain basic requirements and: (1) holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; (2) has at least 4 years of certain professional experience; or (3) receives approval to receive the endorsement from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates. **Section 2** further outlines the requirements a person must meet to receive approval from the Executive Director.

Section 1. NAC 391.202 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.202 To receive an endorsement to teach ***introductory*** computer ~~[technology-based applications and computational thinking]~~ ***science*** that includes issues relating to information technology, tools for productivity, communication and research and computational thinking ~~[.]~~ ~~*in kindergarten through grade 12,*~~ a person must have a valid ***elementary,*** secondary ***or special*** license ***, a valid license to teach special education*** or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education, and must have completed 9 semester hours of course work, consisting of:

1. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers methods for teaching computer science;

2. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers concepts in computer science; and

3. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers methods for teaching computer applications which include, without limitation:

(a) Word processing and the use of spreadsheets;

(b) Communication and collaboration tools;

(c) Internet research tools;

(d) Internet safety; and

(e) Proper keyboarding techniques.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.253 1. A person who holds an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada may teach pupils in grades 6 to 12, inclusive, who are enrolled in a course provided by Jobs for Nevada's Graduates, Inc. Such a person shall not teach other pupils for whom a separate license or endorsement is required to teach unless he or she holds the required license or endorsement.

2. ~~[To]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to*** receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada, a person must:

(a) ~~[Hold a bachelor's degree;~~

~~(b)]~~ Successfully complete a training program approved by the Department; ~~[and~~

~~(c)]~~ ***(b)*** Secure an offer of employment from the Executive Director of Jobs for Nevada's Graduates, Inc., the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the principal of an achievement charter school ~~[.]~~ ***; and***

(c) Show that he or she:

(1) Holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;

(2) Has at least 4 years of professional experience as a:

(I) Social worker;

(II) Case manager;

(III) Qualified trainer; or

(IV) Parole or probation officer; or

(3) Has approval to receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in writing from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, to receive approval from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2, a person must:

(a) Hold a valid substitute teaching license in this State; or

(b) Show proof of at least 4 years of experience as a qualified professional in a related field.

4. A person may be exempted from the requirements of subsection 3 to receive approval from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates if:

(a) The person holds a valid special license or provisional special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in this State;

(b) The offer of employment secured by the person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 is for a position within:

(1) A school district whose enrollment of pupils is 9,000 or less; or

(2) Any geographic area of this State for which the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates certifies in writing that no other qualified person is available to fill; and

(c) The Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates has given written approval for such an exemption.